

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter



Pontesbury Village Newsletter Distribution

Many of you may wonder just how the monthly newsletter is sorted and delivered to your door. The editions arrive at the Pavilion from the printers in boxes of about 250 copies. They are then sorted out into all the list of "paper rounds" and inserted into the rack which is then wheeled outside the Pavilion so that the large team of deliverers (44 committed volunteers) can pick up their 'round' when it suits them.

Chris(tine) and Jonathan have been doing all the sorting every month for a number of years – they've forgotten just how many. However, they have both decided that it is time to hang up their sorting hats and retire. So, Pontesbury is looking for a team of at least 2-3 people who would be prepared to sort out the village newsletters once a month. It is a very clearly defined role.

Pontesbury Parish Council wish to send hearty thanks to Christine and Jonathan for their dedication and reliability on sorting out the newsletters for the last however many years. Both Jonathan and Christine have agreed to sort the joint December 2024/January 2025 issue and therefore, the hope is that any new volunteers will be able to shadow the current team until they retire at the end of the calendar year – you will not be dropped in at the deep end!

The total commitment of each of the 'sorter's' would be between 2 and 2.5 hours per issue, usually during the last week of the month for 10 issues per year. This includes the hand deliveries to local shops & establishments..

If you would like to take on this role to help your community please contact Nicki Young, Deputy Clerk, Pontesbury Parish Council via email to: deputy@pontesburyparishpc.org.uk.

COME AND JOIN PONTESBURY PLAYERS
AND BE PART OF THE PANTO!

WANTED? ACTORS & BEGINNERS
AGE 10+ } ON AND OFF STAGE

Find out all about it /
at our



AT PONTESBURY PUBLIC HALL

Message us on facebook: Pontesbury Players

REHEARSALS : MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS
(1ST DRESS REHEARSAL : SUNDAY AFTERNOON 26 JAN)
PERFORMANCES : 29TH JAN – 1ST FEB 2025
(PLUS SATURDAY MATINEE)

COME AND BE PART OF THE FUN!

PLEASE NOTE: the December 2024 / January 2025 issue of Pontesbury Parish Newsletter is a joint issue - so please send ALL DATES for January 2025 events by the deadline of :

Friday 15th November 2024

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Friday 15th November 2024

Coloured copies of the newsletter can be read at www.pontesburyparishcouncil.org.uk/pontesbury-newsletter

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

Shropshire Council Matters - Pontesbury Parish area is represented by myself and Roger Evans on Shropshire Council:-

Garden waste - the new subscription service will begin on 4th November, by which date you should have received new (better quality) sticker(s) to place on green bins. The first year of paid service will run until 31st October.2025.

Recycling Centres - also from 4th November, remember to pre-book a slot if you are intending to use one of the recycling centres. All centres will remain open 7 days a week - to be reviewed in April 2025.

The Guildhall in Frankwell, is the new administrative centre for Shropshire Council following the decision,made in September to vacate Shirehall. Staff will begin moving to the new base in November. The future of the Shirehall Site has not been decided.

A new **swimming pool** is planned as part of an upgrade to the Sports Village in Sundorne. The proposed pool will be 8-lanes, 25 metres, and suitable for competitions, with seating for 250 spectators and space for 250 competitors. No decision has been made on the future of the Quarry Swimming and Fitness Centre.

Any questions on these,or any other matters, please contact myself or Roger to discuss.

Nick Hignett., Shropshire Councillor for Rea Valley - Tel No 0789 0055 198

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Pontesbury Parish Council - met on Monday 14th October in Pontesbury Pavilion Community Hub & Library. The Council received a presentation from the National Flood Forum, and will continue to work with them to set up a public meeting, potentially in February 2025. Anyone affected by flooding and wanting support and advice about practical issues such as insurance, can ring the National Flood Forum helpline: 01299 403055.

The Local Policing Team reported on the increased patrols in anti-social hotspots such as School Green/public toilets, play area, cricket fields and Hall Bank bus shelter. The team have also been into school and spoken to parents of pupils involved. The speed camera team have also been out in the parish recording the speeds of motorists.

Grants were made to Pontesbury Sports Association and Pontesbury Festival.

Resident's survey of Cruckton/Cruckmeole and Pound Lane. The Working group set up to analyse the results of the survey made a number of recommendations which were approved by Full Council and have been sent to Shropshire Council for consideration. The full list of recommendations can be found in the full minutes on the parish council website. www.pontesburyparishcouncil.org.uk . The next meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council is on: Monday 11th November 2024. The next meeting of the Planning Committee is on: Monday 4th November 2024. Both meetings take place at 6.30pm in The Pavilion, Hall Bank.

Green waste collection will be continued until 4th November. From this date residents will need to have subscribed to the Shropshire Council garden waste collections service, paid the annual fee and received their sticker in order for their garden waste bin to be collected. Also from 4th November any resident wishing to take rubbish to one of the Household Recycling Centres will need to book a slot online or by phone. More information is available on www.shropshire.gov.uk – click on Recycling and rubbish

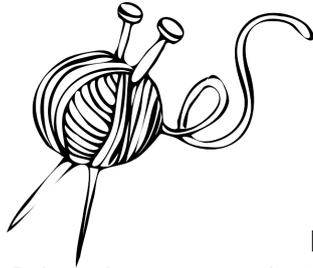
Rea Valley Probus Club

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, www.reavalleyprobus.org.uk. **Next meeting 13th November 2024**



Pavilion News

November 2024 - What's On



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

**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Thursday 6th & 20th November 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.



Rhyme Time

14th November

at 2pm to 2.45pm

Pontesbury Library @ the Pavilion

Rhymes, stories and songs for
children under five years old



Pontesbury Library Opening hours

Monday	10am -1pm	
Tuesday	10am -1pm	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday		2pm - 5pm
Friday	Closed	
Saturday	10am -1pm	
Sunday	Closed	



Sea Change Trust is a UK charity working in Shropshire to transform young futures through specialist psychotherapy.

On a Wednesday we hold a Family Drop-In at the Pavilion Community Hub and Library in Pontesbury between 10-12 (term-time only). Becky, Sara, Olga and Therese deliver these sessions, which are aimed at parents and carers of babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers. Here we always have a craft activity so children can get creative too.



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



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group

Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

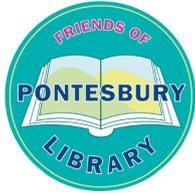
13th and 27th November at the new
time of 2- 4pm

Pontesbury Carers Support Group

Friday 29th November

Join us in a relaxed and informal meeting where we share information and chat with a cuppa and cake, starting 10.30am. It's all free with experts on hand to answer questions.

For all Pavilion enquiries please contact Anna at: admin@pontesburypavilion.co.uk



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

Minsterly School Visit We began the month of October with a visit from Minsterley Primary School. Their coach arrived at 10am, delivering a troupe of 23 hi-vis jacketed children aged four and five, with their teacher Mrs Karen Roberts and helpers. Once extricated from coats and jackets, the children participated in a number of activities led by Beverly and FOPL members. These included a talk about the



library, a search-and-find activity, bookmark making, listening to stories, and making their own books plus, of course, the essential refreshments. We hope all the children enjoyed their visit as much as the FOPL volunteers. and will feel encouraged to join.

Here's a photo of a thank you cards from Mrs Roberts' reception class (4-5year olds). Comments from the children included:

1. Thank you. I drew an owl. I like making a book
2. Thanks for letting us come.
3. Thank you very much for the snack and the biscuit.
4. I loved the books.

FOPL Lottery This months lucky winners were:

1st Prize - John Croxton / 2nd Prize - Fei Gao / 3rd Prize - Anne Wilson/Barbara Griffiths
Bonus Prize - Annie Draper

The lottery is drawn each month, Tickets are £1 per ticket per month. Forms available in the library.

Up-coming events

Coffee morning - 10.30 am till 12 noon - 2nd November 2024

Tea, coffee and delicious cakes and lottery draw.
We will also be welcoming a local author, and musician Laurelle Rond.

Laurelle is a writer who has contributed to several books, and has also written children's poetry. She will be talking to us about her book 'Pearly Eye' published in 2023, She is also a musician, playing piano, guitar and harp' and she will be bringing her harp with her to accompany some songs. Three of her albums – Grace, Forgiveness and Compassion can be found on Spotify, Amazon Music, You Tube and Deezer. She has also written a musical for Primary Schools on bullying – Hermanne Homunculus which was performed this year in Much Wenlock.



Rhyme time – Thursday 14th November 2-2.45pm For children, 0-4years and parents or carers.

'The wheels on the bus.....

'Hop little bunnies, hop..hop..hop'

and many more...

Thursday 7th November 11am-1pm

Free Creative Writing Workshop led by Sal Tonge and Jean Atkin.

Hosted by the U3A Creative writing group, but open to all. See details in U3A news

Website

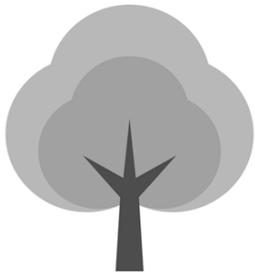
Our new website is now up and running. You can access it at pontesburylibrary.co.uk. The website explains the ongoing situation for Pontesbury Community Library and how you can support us without making a lifetime commitment.

A big thank you to Mike Fletcher & Yvonne Davies for bringing it to fruition and special thanks to Emma Lawrence for the design and new logo, based on the Library's colourways. Our day-to-day activities, news and reports about recent events with photos can all be found on the FaceBook page USE PONTESBURY LIBRARY.

At the funeral service of Bernie Rodenhurst £510 was collected which has been donated to the Deanesly Centre at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton where it will be used to benefit the patients on the ward.

Thank you for all your donations.

Warm wishes to everyone from Lil and family.



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

News & Events

November 2024



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 8th November 2024 All are welcome to come along 10:30am to 12:00pm at The Plough Inn

Gentleman's Club Play cards, read the paper and catch up with other men. Now running fortnightly Call Rob Davies on 07720 010353 for more info.

GN Community Luncheons started again in October.

29th November 31st January 28th February

All at the Public Hall – ticket only. Tickets can be bought in advance from Hignetts and any GN groups. GN would like to thank the Public Hall for their ongoing support.

The aim of the Rea Valley Community Good Neighbour Scheme is to link a volunteer with a person who may be in need of a Good Neighbour volunteer for:

* A friendly chat * A phone call * Doing small errands such as medication collection * Support to stay active and connected within the community * Sign posting to local support

Other coffee mornings and drop-ins in our community:



Welcome to The Coffee Stop



Fridays, 10 - 12 Noon

**St George's Church
Pontesbury**



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



FLOODS - If you have been affected by flooding please get in touch with the National Flood Forum helpline for advice and support on reinstatement and insurance - 01299 403055.

If flooding on the roads has meant properties are flooded, please report this to Shropshire Council via **FixMyStreet** - <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/drainage-and-flooding/report-a-flooding-issue/> . If you have concerns about flooding affecting insurance or house prices, please call the National Flood Forum helpline for advice on this.

St. George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk



Services and activities for November 2024

- 3rd 10.30am All Age Family Worship
4pm All Souls Service.
5th 2.30pm Tea Service
10th 10.15am Remembrance Service
17th 10.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church
24th 10.30 am Holy Communion

Coffee Stop every Friday 10-12noon.

Pontesbury Baptist Church

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

We meet every Sunday morning at 10:30 am and every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm to sing hymns of worship, hear the Bible read, pray, and listen as God's Word is preached.

10:30 AM 6:30 PM

- Sunday 3rd November Mike Wells Mike Wells
Sunday 10th November Mike Wells Martin Wells
Sunday 17th November James Williams Dave Bishop
Sunday 24th November Rod Ward Mike Wells

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 aged 11 and under 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 November 2024

- 3rd Nov 10.45 am Rev Brian Spencer with Holy Communion
10th Nov joining with St Georges
17th Nov at 10.45 am Mrs Fay Spencer
24th Nov at 10.45 am Mrs Helen Pearson

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SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ

Sunday 1st December

6:30 pm



Discover the extraordinary stories
behind the hymns
with Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served
Free of charge!

w.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

November 2024

Sunday 3rd November 10am Rachel Powell

Sunday 10th November 10 am Rev. Debbie

Martin

Sunday 17th November 10 am The Deacons

Sunday 24th November 10am Rev. Debbie

Martin

Advance notice

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm Carol Service.

Wednesday 10.30 - 12 Coffee and Chat and Fellowship all are welcome

A date for your diary!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Pontesbury Baptist Church

Sunday 22nd December 5 PM

All are welcome!



St. George's Church
Pontesbury

Christmas Tree Festival, December 6th - 8th

Entrance £3, children under 16 free

The Theme This Year is:
"Reduce, Re-use, Recycle"

Set up Wed 4th 9:00am - 6:00pm
Opening times

Friday 6th 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 7th 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday 8th 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Also:

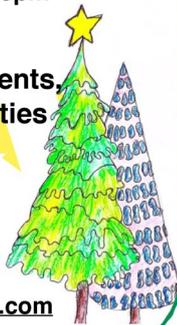
Stalls, Raffle, Refreshments,
Toilets, Disabled Facilities

If you would like to enter a tree
please contact

Marianne McCall

Phone: 07944 333830

Email: marianmccall.17@gmail.com



Pontesbury WI met on Monday 14th October and the guest speaker was Rosie Morris who talked about the History of Shelton hospital.



Our November meeting will be an Open afternoon for our Christmas Craft fair. Everyone is most welcome to join us at 1.30 on Monday 11th November at Pontesbury Public Hall. All welcome.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday 9th December this will be our Christmas party with entertainment from Paul Ray.

The WI craft club will be held on November 19th and December 10th at the Cock Inn Hanwood. It is held at 10 o'clock on a Tuesday.

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

St. George's Church
Pontesbury

Free

Free

Messy Christmas

Saturday 21st December
3 pm - 4 pm

For families and friends
to enjoy an afternoon of
story, crafts and fun.

Free

Free

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 12th November

Ann Whysall

will demonstrate how to make table decorations for Christmas

Tuesday 10th December

The PWC Christmas Party with Food and Music

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

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

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Severn Hospice
here and at home
Registered Charity No. 512924

Lights of Love

Sun 1 Dec, 4pm
Severn Hospice, Bicton Heath

Scan here to learn more

Please join us for
Lights of Love – a time to
remember loved ones missed
at Christmas

To dedicate a light: pick up a leaflet,
visit severnhospice.org.uk/lights
or call 01743 236565

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Handel
Zadok the Priest

Vivaldi
Dixit Dominus and
'Winter' from The Four Seasons

Marches Choir
and Sinfonia

Alistair Auld - Conductor

7.30 pm, Saturday 23rd November
St John's Church, Bishops Castle

Tickets £15 on 07806 433394 and from TicketSource
Children and Students FREE

www.marcheschoir.org.uk

THE MARCHES
CHOIR
Singing our hearts out



arts alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS

The Trouble With Jessica
Cert: 15 - 89 mins



Fri 8th Nov - 7.30 pm
Habberley Village Hall
Admission: Adults: £6 Child: £4
Enquiries: 07977 127161

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Licensed bar, tea and coffee,
themed snacks designed to whet your appetite before the film
begins. Pay at the door or buy tickets online.

Sarah and Tom are in deep financial trouble. Their situation
takes a terrifying nosedive with the shocking behavior of
uninvited dinner guest, Jessica.

Starring: Harrison Evans, Sylvester Groth, Emily McCormick

The National Lottery
Film Forever



arts alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS

A United Kingdom
Cert: 12a - 111 mins



Fri 15th Nov - 7.30 pm
Marton Village Hall
Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50

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

A biographical romantic drama about Prince Seretse Khama,
later to become the first president of Botswana, who causes a
diplomatic stir when he marries a white woman from London in
the late 1940s.

Starring: David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike, Tom Felton, Laura Carmichael

The National Lottery
Film Forever

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Tree planting at Pontesbury Community Orchard

Parish Council Chair, Cllr Duncan Fletcher joined members of the Mary Webb Society on 20th September for a tree-planting ceremony at the Pontesbury Community Orchard. A St Milburga's White rare crab apple tree had been kindly donated to the Society by grower Ken Milner of Much Wenlock, and keen local member Sue King just knew that the community orchard would be the ideal spot for it. The tree was expertly planted by Siobhan Reedy, who will continue to tend it. Society secretary Anne Williams said, "We had a very happy afternoon in Pontesbury, where Mary Webb wrote *The Golden Arrow* while living at Rose Cottage (1914-16) and *Gone to Earth* at The Nills (1916-17). Mary Webb adored and was inspired by the Shropshire hill country and the people who lived there so Pontesbury is the perfect choice for our tree. We are very grateful to Siobhan and also to parish clerk Debbie Marais. They've both been enormously helpful.



Public Consultation about the further management of Pontesford Hill and Earls Hill

7-9pm, Tuesday 19th November in the Pavilion, Pontesbury. All welcome

When Pontesford Hill was gifted to Shropshire Wildlife Trust in 2016 their ecologists assessed the habitat and made a 'management prescription' to improve it. Since then SWT and the Friends of Pontesford Hill have organized weekly work parties implementing that plan.

Over the eight years there have been some unwelcome extra challenges: ash die-back disease, Storm Arwen and a changing climate. The Friends have broadened their interest to include the whole Reserve, including Earls Hill and the meadows. We have experimented with various innovations: using scythes to control invasive scrub, leaving more dead timber as habitat, and grazing with goats rather than sheep.

You can view the 2016 plan in the Pavilion, on the Friends of Pontesford Hill Facebook page, on the website at <https://pontesfordhillfriends.co.uk/plans/> or by scanning the QR code:

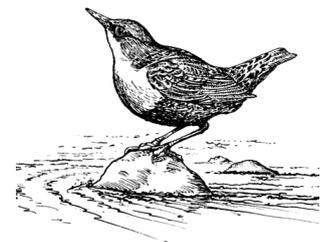
We'd like to hear your views on where we go from here. We will never have enough time and money to do everything, but what are the priorities? Come and join the discussion.



NATURAL ENGLAND - Notes from the hill

The wet weather continues into the autumn and winter, has there ever been a year like it for rain? It is apt that this month's featured species from the Stepping Stones species action plans is a bird that thrives in watery environments, the dipper.

A bird of upland streams and rivers, the dipper is a uniquely adapted bird that is as much at home below the water as it is above it. The dipper has the claim to fame that it is Britain's only aquatic songbird, and this is due to a variety of adaptations such as its strong flipper like wings that allow it to swim in fast flowing water and strong claws that can grip to the slippery underwater rocks allowing it to walk along the streambed. It has extremely dense feathers which give it its plump appearance, and these are extremely well oiled from a large preen gland, which give it a silver bubble like appearance when swimming underwater. It has special flaps on its nostrils to prevent water entering when it dives, and it can alter the shape of the lenses in its eyes to focus above and below the water. Finally, it also has very high levels of red blood cells which stores lots of oxygen in its blood to allow it to dive for long periods.



Dippers were chosen by the stepping Stones as a key species in this area because they are indicators of clean waters in our upland rivers. They feed for the most part on caddis and mayfly nymphs which only live in clean, well oxygenated rivers. Pollution and sediment load are key threats to dippers, as can be acidification from large scale conifer planting, but nesting sites are also important and locally there has been some success in putting up nest boxes for dippers. Although dippers are not found on the Stiperstones, some of our actions to slow the flow of water coming off the hill should help reduce high rates of flow which can damage nest sites and reduce low flows which can prevent the birds from feeding.

Back on the Stiperstones we have a new reserve ranger, Anna starting in November, and we are also working with Leeds Beckett University on a project looking at recreational impact on nature reserves. Sam, who is also starting soon, will be working with us on the latter project and will be trialling amongst other things different forms of signage around the site. His main focus will be on the effects of the increasing use of mountain bikes on sites such as the Stiperstones, so he will be particularly interested in talking to any local bikers.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak

November
20

Wednesday 2pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH

Refreshments available
Free entrance

OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

Strange Meetings

By Shaun Higgins



Wilfred Owen's story

In his own words

A dramatic presentation telling the life of a great war poet, revealed through his poetry, letters, and his humour

SPIKE ROSE PRODUCTIONS

At this time of the year when we pay tribute to the fallen, Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a are honoured to have **Shaun Higgins** perform *Strange Meetings* at our Open Meeting on the 20th November. This story documents the final 15 months of the life of Wilfred Owen, beginning with his admission to Craiglockhart Hospital with shell-shock, his auspicious meeting with (and befriending of) Siegfried Sassoon, the resulting flourish of poetry, his return to France, and his final and fatal battle in November 1918.

Owen's story is one of hidden strength, fragility and the tragic cutting-short of huge potential. This first-person perspective is alive with language and wry humour, bringing to life his thoughts and inspirations.

All welcome; the meeting is open to members and non-members and will be followed by refreshments and the chance to catch-up.

PONTESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Conkers Pontesbury CE Primary School held a Conker Competition this term. We began with a 'Conker Competition assembly' and with only a handful of children knowing what the game of conkers were, it appeared that the staff were more excited than the pupils. We demonstrated how to play conkers safely and by the end of the assembly, the children were very excited. Our main rule was 'To have FUN!' Some of the children and families collected conkers over the weekend that followed, and donated some to school too. We then held a week of conker matches and games with little workshops to develop conker skills further. It was a brilliant week and we certainly all stuck to our rule of having fun!



Remembrance

The school plan to visit the war memorial on 11th November to pay their respects to all who have fallen or been affected by war, with a particular tribute to those from Pontesbury.



Sports & Activities



Pontesbury Sports Association

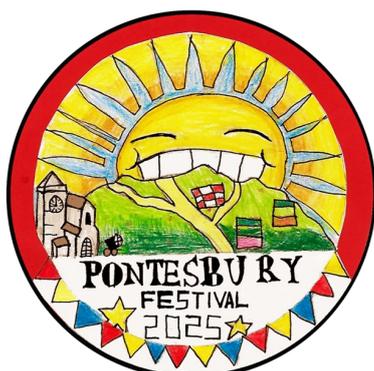
The Sports Association have been donated a Defibrillator by The Henry Angel James Memorial Trust and this is now up and running at the sports ground.

The Pontesbury Sports Association have also been busy laying drainage pipes in the car park area in an effort to help with the drainage problem. The PSA would like to say a huge thank you to Matthew Dorricott 'The ExcavationMan.com' who gave up his Saturday for no payment to lay the pipework.

Work is continuing to improve the building and the facilities all the time.

Football news

Worthen Ladies and Men's playing at the ground through the winter any support is appreciated



Festival Logo designed by Rosie (age 11)

PONTESBURY FESTIVAL

Exciting plans are being developed for the

Pontesbury Festival, which will run from 27th-29th June 2025. Planned events include concerts, an art exhibition, a writing competition for all ages, a forties Tea-dance, Shrewsbury Brass Band, pickleball, a photo exhibition and many activities for children. Please circle that weekend in your calendars now. Anyone is welcome to join the planning committee, which next meets on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm. at Pontesbury Congregational Church. To make contact with the Festival team, please ring 07902 794653 or email pontesburyfestival@mail.com

Rea Valley Woodcarvers meet weekly, term-time only -

Every Thurs

7pm -9pm

Minsterley Parish Hall



Monday Night Badminton Club

7pm – 9pm

£28 per term

Mary Webb School Pontesbury, SY5 0TG

A fun social club, a small amount of Badminton experience required.

Members must be 16 or over.

7-9pm in the Sports Hall.

Please come along and give this fun club a go.



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deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk for enquiries regarding advertising or to submit an article - please forward your colour adverts by this date.

NOVEMBER 2024 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Regular Weekly Events			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Rd
Every Mon	6.00-7.15pm	Yoga	Ponts Congregational Church
Every Mon	7.00-9.00pm	Monday Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Tue	10.00 - 12.00	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30-1200	A Welcome Brew	Baptist Church
Every Tue	2pm	Tai Chi	Public Hall
Every Tue	8—9 am	Pilates for Core Strength	Public Hall
Every Wed	10.00-12.00	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments	Pavilion - Term-time only
Every Wed	10.30-12.00	Coffee/Chat and Fellowship	Pontesbury Congregational Church
Every Thur	10.00-12.00	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Thur	2pm	Short mat bowls	Pontesbury Public Hall
Evert Thu	7-9pm	Rea Valley Woodcarvers (Term-Time Only)	Minsterley Parish Hall
Every Thur	7-9pm	Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Fri	10.00	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
Every Fri	10.00-12.00	Coffee Stop	St George's Church
Every Sat	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Yockleton Village Hall
Monthly Events			
Sat 2nd	10.30 -12.30	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
4th Nov		Panto Read	Public Hall
Mon 4th	6.30pm	Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Thu 6 / 20th	11.00-13.00	Get Creative Group - free & refreshments	Pavilion
Fri 8th	4pm	New Walking Group meet	School Green
Wed 13/27	2-4pm	AGE UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Fri 8th	1030-1200	Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Fri 8th	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks "The Trouble with Jessica"	Habberley Village Hall
Mon 11th	1.30pm	Pontesbury WI Christmas Fair	Public Hall
Mon 11th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Full Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 12th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 13th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 14th	2pm	Rhymetime for children 0-4years/parents	Pontesbury Library in the Pavilion
Fri 15th	7pm	Flicks in the Sticks "A United Kingdom"	Marton Village Hall
Tue 19th	7-9pm	Pontesford & Earls Hills Consultation	Pavilion
Wed 20th	2pm	U3A - Strange Meeting	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 23rd		Marches Choir presents Vivaldi & Handel	Bishops Castle
Wed 27th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Festival Planning Meeting	Congregational Hall
Fri 29th	10.30-1200	Pontesbury Carer's Support Group	Pavilion
Fri 29th	11.45-13.30	Good Neighbours Community Lunch	Public Hall
DECEMBER			
Sun 1st	4pm	Severn Hospice Lights of Love	Severn Hospice, Bicton Heath
Sun 1st	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Baptist Church
Fri 6th to Mon 8th		Pontesbury Christmas Tree Festival	St George's Church

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