

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

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BIG CHANGES AT THE SPORTS PAVILION – Work is underway

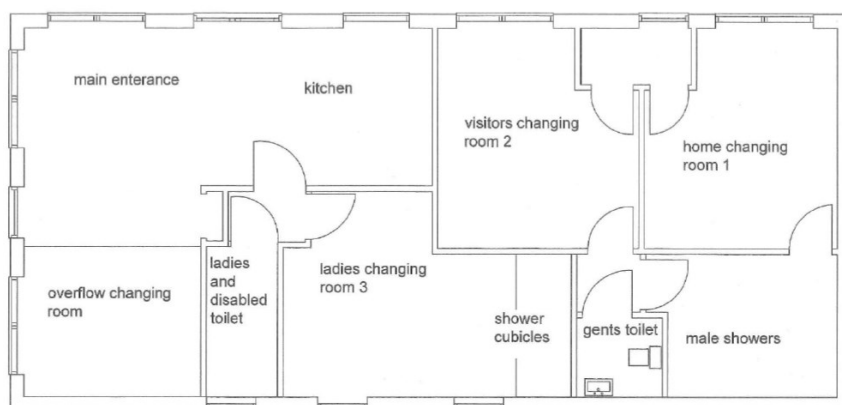
During the recent years the Sports Pavilion, situated on the cricket field in Pontesbury has become a hub for many people playing sports, it has now become clear that the building is very tired and dated & does not meet many of the regulations for public buildings.

There are a variety of different sporting groups using the facilities that include :-

- Cricket - Two adult Saturday teams, one Sunday adult team and one midweek team
- Junior coaching (8-15 yrs) for 60+ children on a Monday evening
- All Stars (4-7 yrs) junior coaching for 28 children on a Friday
- Matches for U11, U13, (week day evenings and Sunday mornings)
- Women and girls hardball team and softball team for 30+ players
- + hosting County-wide U11 softball festival & Women's softball festivals
- + hosting 2-3 Shropshire Cricket Board representative matches & County Over 50's
- Worthen Juniors U12 teams and new Women's team on Saturday and Sunday mornings
- Worthen Juniors summer training summer evenings
- Mytton ladies rounders team x 10 matches on Tuesday evenings (Plus additional team from Mary Webb in July 2023)
- Bowls – casual play and matches Monday evenings.



The pavilion opened in 1992 and has been an important asset to the community ever since. It's time now to give that asset some much needed TLC to ensure it is fit for purpose for future generations to enjoy.



Proposed Ground Floor

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

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The Project has started and a brief description of what we are aiming to achieve:

- To re-purpose the officials changing room and existing showers to create a third changing room for women & girls or juniors as required.
- To bring the existing changing rooms, toilets & showers up to required standards as recommended by ECB and FA. Installation of new sanitaryware, tiling, flooring, showers, hand dryers. Install energy efficient lighting
- To ensure safeguarding compliance
- To ensure suitable facilities for disabled
- Upgrade emergency exit signage and door locks
- To create a welcoming environment for players and spectators – team room and area in front of pavilion

We have already acquired a grant from ECB toward this but have a shortfall and we are busy fundraising to cover this.

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This building is an integral part of our community and as you can see used by so many, Sport is known to help with not just fitness but with our mental health and we are very lucky to have this wonderful facility in our community.

A huge thank you to Shropshire Homes for their generous donation towards the project.

A PLAN TO BE USED

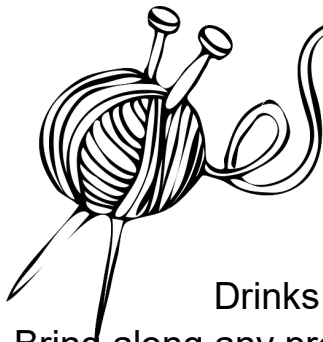
On 7 September Pontesbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Referendum Vote in which over 85% of the 491 voters supported the Plan. Following the declaration of the result the Plan is now in operation which means that when future planning applications for development in Pontesbury Parish are decided the Plan policies will be taken into account. Given that the finished Plan was based on extensive consultations with hundreds of local people it means that Pontesbury community will have a greater say than ever before in shaping and helping to decide future development. Change is inevitable, but the core purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to ensure it fits in with the character of our parish. So far, only a handful of Shropshire's parishes have a completed Neighbourhood Plan.

Pontesbury's Plan will sit alongside Shropshire's Local Plan which is the most important material planning concern for deciding planning applications for future development.

Therefore residents should consult the Plan when submitting planning applications or when commenting on other applications in our parish. The Plan has already been drawn upon to influence design in forthcoming applications and the adoption of the Plan means that our parish will gain a considerable increase in CIL money to spend on improving infrastructure. Whilst some voters were concerned with some aspects or omissions in the Plan it should be borne in mind that no policies could be included which duplicated Shropshire Local Plan and some much desired local changes do not come within the remit of Neighbourhood Plans. The Steering Group thanks the many hundreds of respondents who have helped to shape the Plan and who took the time to vote.

the PAVILION

Pavilion News October 2023 - What's On



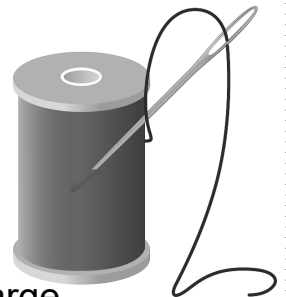
We hope to see you at the
'Get Creative groups' on:

**Thursday 5th & 19th October
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.



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

Friday 27th October 2023 - from 10.30am

Unpaid carers are 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.



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



**Pontesbury Dementia
Support Café**

Alternate Wednesdays in
the Pavilion

4th & 18th October @ 11am



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

Pontesbury Parish Council update The Parish Councillors hope you all had a good summer break and were able to enjoy some of the warmer weather. The Council had summer recess, which means there were no meetings, apart from Planning Committee, but Council work still continued behind the scenes.

Upcoming Parish Council meetings open to the public:

- Planning Committee on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Pavilion
- Full Council on Monday 9th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Pavilion
- Pavilion Committee on Monday 30th October at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.

If you would like to comment on any planning application, please come to a meeting or visit the online Shropshire Planning Portal: <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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

FRIENDS OF PONTESBURY LIBRARY

News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

Our September coffee morning and book sale were well attended, and the lucky lottery winners were:

1st Prize Caro Schiansky / 2nd Prize Gill Hollands / 3rd Prize Polly Osborne

On the 9th we joined forces with Pontesbury Emergency Climate Action Group to host a childrens' swap shop at the Congregational Church Hall, which proved very popular. Donations in advance provided a huge range of good quality clothes, toys, books and equipment and everything was free to take away and be loved and used again. We also took just over £200 in cash donations and refreshment sales. This event was such a success that we may consider running a similar event next Spring.

On 26th September and 3rd October, FoPL volunteers will be helping our librarians as they host visits from Minsterley Primary School, and on Saturday 7th October we will have our regular monthly coffee morning and lottery draw.

The next big FoPL event will be our Christmas Concert on 15th December in the Public Hall, when tribute act Andy 'Elvis' King will provide an evening of unmatched entertainment. Tickets at £12 each will be available soon in Hignetts, Connections, and online via Eventbrite. We expect a sell-out, so put the date in your diary and look out for ticket information and posters.

Go Green at the library this Libraries Week!

02-08 October 2023



Everyone enjoyed a great finish to the Summer Reading Challenge. Dave Edwards, local sports star, presented the medals and posed for photos with the children. Well done to all the children that completed the challenge, reading 6 books this summer and taking part in some of the events we held over the holidays. The felt making activity was by far the most popular, thanks to Gill.

2nd to 8th October is Green Libraries Week. It's the annual showcase for libraries. The FoPL monthly coffee morning on the 7th will have a climate group theme with a craft event for children in the week. Keep an eye out for posters and on Facebook for full details.

Pictured left - 2 of nearly 30 children presented with their National Summer Reading Challenge medals by local football star Dave Edwards.



Rhymetimes

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

The next
Rhyme Time
will be on
12th October
starting at 2pm.

Friends of Pontesbury Library
hold a Coffee Morning at the
Pavilion on the first Saturday of
each month.

The next dates are Saturday 7th
October, Saturday 4th November
& Saturday 2nd December.



Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

October 2023

Friday 13th October 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.

**We need
YOU!**



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 get in touch, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you

Future Events

Luncheon Club Friday 27th October 2023
Public Hall from 11.45am to 1.30pm -
Two course lunch for £8 - tickets from Hignett's or
coffee mornings - entrance with Tickets Only please

Christmas Lunch Wed 20th December
The Corbet Arms, Uffington, £30 including coach & two courses

Identifying and Supporting Unpaid Carers

1. Who is an unpaid and family carer?

Anyone could be an unpaid and family carer:

- a 15-year-old girl looking after a parent with an alcohol problem
- a 40-year-old man caring for his partner who has terminal cancer
- an 80-year-old woman looking after her husband who has Alzheimer's disease

Often people don't think of themselves as carers but see what they are doing as part of their role e.g. mother, husband, son or friend

2. Identifying and Supporting carers

Being an unpaid carer can lead to:

- poorer physical and emotional health,
- social isolation,
- a need to give up work and financial difficulties.

It is important that unpaid and family carers are supported to take care of themselves and we all have a role to do this.

Carers often think they don't need support but helping people to build networks and get information, while the carer has the time and energy helps build their resilience for the future.

3. Shropshire Carers Team

Shropshire Carers team is a dedicated carer support team within Shropshire Council. We have friendly Carer Support Practitioners who can provide support and information, personalised for each carer.

We are **not a time limited service** and may be working with individual carers for:

- a short time
- longer periods of time,
- carers may dip in and out of our service depending on their needs.

8. THINK CARER!

The Shropshire Carer Team provides training and short talks giving tips on:

- identifying unpaid and family carers
- information about support available

If you would like to book a talk or training session, please contact **Margarete Davies**, Carers Lead Shropshire Council on 01743 255776 or by email: Margarete.Davies@shropshire.gov.uk



4. Shropshire Carer Team Offer

- 1:1 support
- Support Line – 01743 341995 (Mon-Fri – 9am-5pm)
- Regular contact to check on the carers wellbeing
- Personalised information and advice
- Signposting or referral to specialist advice and support – e.g., benefits advice, advocacy
- Assistance with planning ahead
- Local peer support groups both virtual and in the community
- Events and activities

7. Other Support for carers

Mobilise Shropshire provides online support for carers commissioned by Shropshire Council

A Wellness guide for carers information to maintain a carers wellbeing

Shropshire Choices - a website that provides carers information, including how to request a carer assessment

Shropshire Choices Support Finder 2023 - a directory for individuals, carers and families on local information.

6. Hospital Carer Support

A Hospital Carer Support Practitioner is available while the cared for person is in hospital. They provide discharge support, information, emotional support, signposting, face to face meetings and assessments.

They're easy to spot in their bright orange polo shirt with **CAN I HELP?** on the back! There are orange box files on each ward with information for carers.

Contact Michele on 01743 256879 or email Michele.Lee.Carers@shropshire.gov.uk

5. How to refer to Shropshire Carer Support

Carers can self-refer, or referrals are by staff working in statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations.

Contact Shropshire Carers support line on 01743 341995 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) or email: Shropshire.Carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Who can you refer today?

Shropshire Carer Support
Identifying and supporting carers

8th September 2023

Pontesbury Congregational Church Services for October 2023

All services start at 10am

1st October - Deacons
8th October - Rev. Debbie Martin
15th October - Rev. Richard Cleaves
22nd October - Rev. Debbie Martin
29th October - Jan Hocking

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

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

Services and activities for October

1st 10.30 am Morning Worship
3rd 2.30 pm Tea Service
8th 10.30am Harvest service
Holy Communion
15th 10.30 am Holy Communion
22nd 10.30am Holy Communion
29th 10.30am Holy Communion
(Group Service)
29th 4pm All Souls Service.
Everyone welcome.
A time to remember those we have lost.



St George's Church **All Souls Service** **Sunday October 29th** **At 4pm**

A time to think of lost loved ones
with a sensitive service of remembering.
Everyone is welcome.

Pontesbury Baptist Church www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk
We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

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

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.

TABLE TOP SALE

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Saturday 4th November 2023

10am – 12 Noon

Methodist Services for October 2023

1st Oct with Rev John Jennings
8th Oct with Rev Richard Hall
15th Oct with Church Members
22nd Oct with Mr Mike Hallworth inc Holy Communion
29th Oct with Church Members

All services are at 10.45am

St. George's Church, Pontesbury



Art Exhibition and sale by local artists

Bake Cakes and goodies galore

Crafts from local people

October 13th 10-6, 14th 10-6, 15th from 12:30



St George's Church in Pontesbury is seeking to recruit a new Choir Director to work with our dedicated group of a dozen choristers. The choir sing three times a month at our 10.30 communion services and on other special occasions. They are accustomed to practising once a week and are very open to learning new material. The post is suitable for an experienced musician or a younger person seeking to take on leadership responsibility for the first time. While the ability to play the keyboard or organ is desirable, it is not essential. Please contact Revd Greg Smith on 07902 794653 for an informal discussion. A job description and application form are available from our administrator at officepontstip@gmail.com

Pontesbury WI



Pontesbury WI met on the 11th of September and our guest speakers were John & Wendy Lightfoot from Shropshire Barn Owl Group. John gave a very interesting talk about Barn Owls in Shropshire and the volunteers who encourage Barn Owls to breed in the county. John says we now have over 220 Barn Owls in Shropshire.

Although we did not have a meeting in August we had a lovely day out at Dorothy Clive Gardens. The gardens were really beautiful, but also intimate, informal and inspiring and best of all the sun was shining all day and the lunch was first class. Due to the success of this visit to the gardens plans are afoot for the next outing.

John and Wendy Lightfoot judged our flower of the month competition: 1st place went to Maxine Pittaway; 2nd Lena Rowson; and 3rd Sue Ward. Joan Rogers won the raffle prize donated by Sue Brookes., the second prize was won by Barbara Raybould. Our hostesses and cake providers were Barbara Scott, Marion Burgess and Irene Windows.

This week we held our chutney competition. We were picking the Pontesbury WI representatives for our Inter-WI Competition Day at Westbury and the entry for our Shropshire WI open day this coming Saturday. Our representatives will be Lena and Rosemary - well done ladies.

On the 5th September we held our monthly WI craft club, meeting at The Cock Inn, Hanwood. This month we made pop up cards and items ready for our craft stall at the open day. Our WI craft club is usually held on the morning of the third Tuesday of the month at 10am to 1pm, with our next meeting on the 17th October and will be an open meeting for anyone to attend.

The next WI meeting is on 9th October and the guest speaker is Leslie Scase, talking about Victorian Punishment. Our WI meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall.

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.....

Tuesday 10th October

Ruth Allen will be bringing IKER and
telling us about

'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'

Tuesday 14th November

Anne Whysall – Pontesbury's gifted
florist- will help us to make our own
Christmas Swags

We will also be holding a sale of
cakes to raise money for Macmillan
Nurses

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

West Shropshire Flower Club Brigitte Mantons demonstration was based around 'Brollogy', a book about umbrellas. Her first arrangement was based on the umbrella from Mary Poppins, which she placed adjacent to a chimney shaped flower pot. The Pooh Bear design had the wooden umbrella handle rising from a black based, around which were arranged sunflowers with orange and red gerberas. She created a foam free design for the cocktail umbrella, a dish holding chicken wire was placed within a large cocktail glass and gypsophila was used as the bubbles spilling over the glass, with purple lisianthus, roses and clematis rising within the froth and of course paper cocktail umbrellas. Her last design was based on a wonderful Japanese parasol, which she interpreted in an arching display in a multi-coloured design. Meetings are at Westbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, visitors welcome. The next meetings of the West Shropshire Flower Club - 25th October 2023 – AGM

22 November 2023 – Mark Entwistle – Believe in the Magic

Repair Cafe dates for 2023

Saturdays 10.00 - 12.00hrs (second Saturday of the month on alternate months)

11th November in St George's Church Pontesbury

Repairs need to be
bought early to give
the volunteers
chance to repair
while we are open.

Date for your Diary: Christmas is coming and so is the

Shrewsbury Brass Band : Friday 15th December an evening Christmas concert in St. George's church, Pontesbury.

Apologies to Pontesbury Girl Guides, just to confirm that the correct contact email address to get in touch with Guide Leader, Jenny, is pontesburyguides@hotmail.co.uk

November Newsletter deadline is 13th October 2023, all info to deputy@pontesburyipc.org.uk

Pontesbury Primary School

As the new term starts, we say goodbye to Mr Richard Langford who has resigned as headteacher from Pontesbury CE Primary School

Mr Langford was a dedicated headteacher who successfully led the school for eight years. He was passionate about ensuring our children received the best education. He cared about each child, had high expectations for all and delighted in their successes both in and out of school, academic or non-academic. He ensured that the school was always an inclusive, happy, and safe place where children could thrive, knowing that their well-being was key to them enjoying school and achieving their goals. Thank you Mr Langford from all at Pontesbury CE Primary School - past and present.

For the benefit of new families to our school and a reminder to others we strongly encourage parents to follow this **VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM**.

Linley Terrace is very congested at the beginning and end of the school day. A voluntary one-way system is operated outside school in the morning and after school, to minimise danger to the children.

Parents are asked to approach school via Habberley Road and Linley Terrace, and not to travel in a clockwise direction against the main stream of traffic.


Please remember that although we suggest a voluntary one way system in Linley Avenue/ Linley Terrace, this is only known by our families and some of the neighbours, visitors to the area will not be aware of this.



The Mushroom Event. The event begins at 11:00am with a welcome drink and gallery walk exhibiting three visual artists: SIIGART, KIMPIFFY, and ELECTRIC SHEEP STUDIO.


At 11:45 there is a choice of activities, one remaining in the Hall for a talk with Joshua Renicks, Microbiologist, Mycologist and mushroom farmer. Josh shares his passion at festivals and public events across the country, teaching cultivation classes to children and adults alike. The second group will venture out into The Stiperstones and South Shropshire Hills, to forage local mushrooms, accompanied by local enthusiast and resident of the village, Siobhan Reedy.

Lunch will taken at 1:30pm until 3pm, a selection of mushroom based dishes lovingly prepared by local cook and village resident, Sara Conde. Following lunch, we make our way across the road to the pub and embark on a musical journey with resident DJ BOYG1RL_ who will perform a deep listening set from 3.30pm to 5pm. MixiD#777 invokes the mage's number, an esoteric symbol of magick and chance: this set incorporates ethnic motifs through a contemporary vision designed to engulf the audience in hypnotic sounds. Taking us into the night, we present a dynamic duo, The RoJ LiGht and Scarecrow. Both based in Dublin, come together to sing you an impressive range of traditional Irish folk music.



REGENERATIVE FARMING:
OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

Lizzie and Jane Hulton-Harrop tell their fascinating story of an imaginative agricultural project on the Stiperstones



Wednesday
2pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
Refreshments available
Free entrance


u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

learn, laugh, live

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members and non-members to come along to our next Open Meeting, for a fascinating talk on **Regenerative Farming**.

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

- 20 plus interest groups in our local u3a; something for everyone
- start at any level
- a warm welcome



u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

Rea Valley Probus Club

Meeting Dates:

11th October
8th November
13th December

Venue & Time:

Arscott Golf Club at 1pm



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



Are you a 'Rusty Ringer'? Can you help?

Do you know how to ring church bells? St. George's Pontesbury is looking for anyone who used to ring and would like to brush up their skills, to join our team of ringers.

If you are interested please email sheilaroybower@gmail.com

We need 3-4 more ringers in order to revive Thursday evening practices and to ring on Sunday mornings. The sound of church bells ringing in Pontesbury is likely to become a thing of the past without more local ringers.

COMMUNITY APPEAL

We urgently need in-date tinned and packet food, both men and women's toiletries, pet food and nappies (all sizes)

Numerous Rea Valley households have needed our help during these unprecedented times, and we have so far given out 7 tons of produce. However, our incoming food/hygiene donations have fallen short of that at just 2 tons and, so far, Shrewsbury Foodbank Plus has made up the shortfall. While we may never be independent, we would love to provide more of our own locally donated items. If you are able to help us support those facing hardship, then please drop any donations that you can spare into St George's church. Many thanks.

The Rea Valley Foodbank supports anyone unable to meet their food bills and will provide a weekly parcel of food and other household goods. You need a referral to ensure that your parcel meets your needs, but it's really easy, just call

Greg 07902 794653 OR Richard 07922 830488

Alternatively GP's and schools are able to make referrals

Our teams give you a warm welcome when you come to either of these two venues to collect your parcel

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley Tuesdays 10am-12.00

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

Financial donations are also welcome: The Rea Valley Foodbank / 51-61-06 / 76841804

The reference is: Donor

If you would like more information then please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk



Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

Our Show was held this year on Saturday 26 August. Although held indoors the weather brightened up in the afternoon and encouraged a good number of visitors. Although the number of entries was lower than normal, probably due to the weather affecting flower growth, the quality of them was as high as ever. Sadly, some of our regular exhibitors are no longer with us, but there are an encouraging number of new exhibitors. There were several people that indicated that they may enter a few items next year so we hope that they will – this is a community event and needs the community to participate. Although we are a garden-based club, as can be seen from the results, we don't restrict exhibits to flowers and vegetables: there are very interesting classes for handicrafts, art and photography and cookery, so, please, give it a try next year. The winners of cups and awards were:

Best Exhibit, Flower Section	Betton Lakelin Cup	Margaret Mitton
Most Points, Flower Section	Baker Yates Cup	Julie Owen
Best Exhibit, Sweet Peas	Dot & Des Evans Memorial	Margaret Mitton
Best Exhibit, English Rose	Bromley Powell Cup	no entries
Best Exhibit, one Fuchsia	The Holyoak Cup	Chris Neil
Best Exhibit, Petite Exhibit	Joan Jones Cup	Myfanwy-Stelfox-Manley
Best Exhibit, Floral Art Section	Banksian Medal	Julie Owen
Most Points, Floral Art Section	David & Ann Cup	Julie Owen
Best Exhibit, Vegetable Section	Bill Stephens Cup	Dave Perry
Best Vegetable Exhibit	N.V.S. Medal	Dave Perry
Most Points,	Vegetable Section Bennett Cup	Dave Perry
Most Points, Flower and Veg Sections	Barnett Cup	Dave Perry
Best Exhibit, Fruit Section	Jack Newnes Cup	Anne Chislett
Most Points, Cookery Section	The Committee Award	Mary Richards
Best Exhibit, Handicraft Section	The Hignett Award	Leigh Howard
Most Points, Needlework	The Jean Swann Cup	Joyce Dixon
Best Exhibit Item carved from wood	Shropshire Woodcarvers' Club Perpetual Trophy	Phil Cross
Best Exhibit, Painting or Sketch	E & J Simpson Perpetual Trophy	Myfanwy Stelfox-Manley
Best Exhibit, Photography	John Lakelin Award	Mike Howard

The Trading Post is now open until the end of October, every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon, so for those putting the 'garden to bed' for the winter we have enough potting composts and feeds to help you along.



ATHERTON TRUST INVITES GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Atherton Trust holds funds to provide financial support to those in need in the Pontesbury, Hanwood, Longden and inclusive parishes. The Trust is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations and invites applications, which should be addressed in the first instance to Paul Adams, Atherton Trust Secretary, who will assign a relevant Trustee to help formulate and document the application.

Grants are made to individuals and families who encounter financial difficulties which conventional support organisations do not cover eg Social Services etc.

Grants are usually paid directly to the supplier of the goods or services requested.

The Trust also supports community groups, social clubs, sporting clubs, charities, village halls...etc who need specific funding to start up a new activity, purchase/replace equipment or to meet unexpected expenditure ..eg building repairs.


The activity should respond to community need within its designated area. The Trust intends to be open minded about the types of activity it will support

In the first instance please contact our Secretary Paul Adams who will help clarify what we are able to support, and will assign one of our Trustees to help you formulate your request and to help fill in the necessary paperwork.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence and in accordance with the privacy regulations defined in the General Data Protection Act.

Paul can be contacted by email to pauladams797@btinternet.com.

JFK HAS BEEN SHOT
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?



THE BOB-KENNEDY Experience

'An intriguing, thought-provoking and powerful play.'
Cambridge Independent

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY RUSSELL LUCAS
DIRECTED BY SARAH-LOUISE YOUNG

Habberley Village Hall, Friday 13th October,
7.30pm. Tickets £12 adults, £6 children.
Tickets www.artsalive.co.uk or 01743 790179

PONTESBURY PLAYERS PRESENT ~
AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF: ★

LAST TANGO IN PONTESBURY
Flying Ducks Comedy Play by David Tristram

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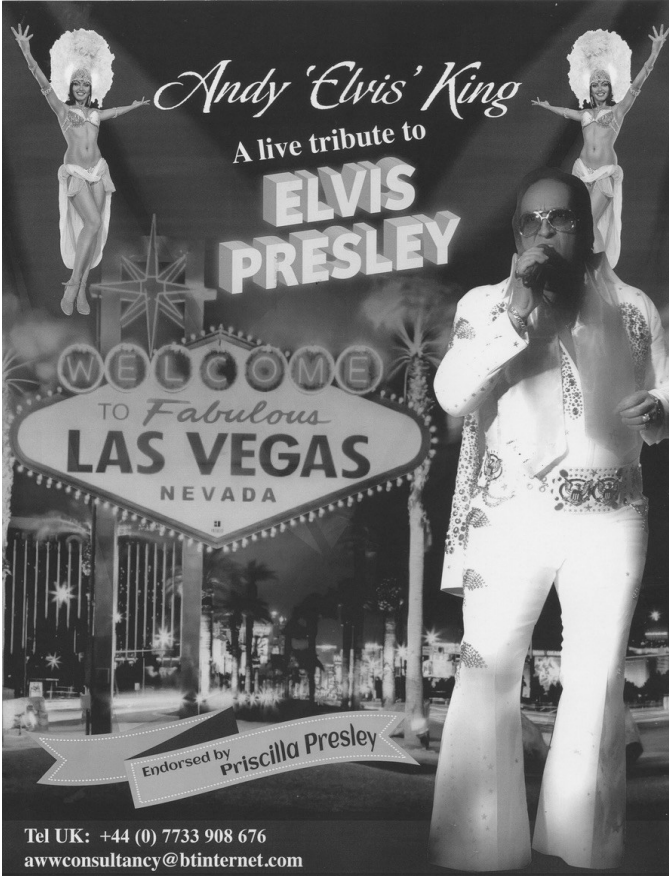


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OCTOBER 2023 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 Term-time only	1000-1200	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments	Pavilion
Every Thu	1000-1200	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Fri	10am	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
1st Saturday every month	1000-1200	FoPL Coffee Mornings	Pavilion / Library
2-8 October	Library Hours	Go Green at the Library	Pavilion
Mon 2 Oct	6.30pm	Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 4th Oct Wed 18th Oct	11am	Dementia Support Café	Pavilion
Thu 5 Oct Thu 19 Oct	11am	Get Creative Group	Pavilion
Sat 7 Oct	11am - 1pm	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Mon 9 Oct	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Mon 9 Oct	2pm	Pontesbury WI - A Talk on Victorian Punishment	Public Hall
Tue 10 Oct	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club - Hearing Dogs	Public Hall
Wed 11 Oct	1.00pm	Probus Club Meeting	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 12 Oct	2pm	Rhyme Time - stories & songs for pre-schoolers	Pavilion / Library
Fri 13 Oct	10.30-12.00	Community Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
13-14 Oct 15 Oct	1000-1800 from 1230	St George's Art, Bake & Crafts	St George's Church
Fri 13 Oct	7.30pm	The Bobby Kennedy Experience	Habberley Village Hall
Sun 15 Oct	11am	The Mushroom Event	Habberley Village Hall
Wed 18 Oct	2pm	U3a - Talk on Regenerative Farming	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 21 Oct	7pm	Last Tango in Halifax by Pontesbury Players	Public Hall
Wed 25 Oct	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club AGM	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 27 Oct	10.30am	Carer's Coffee Morning - join us for free refreshments & expert help	Pavilion
Fri 27 Oct	11.45am	Community Good Neighbours Luncheon Club - Tickets Only	Public Hall
Sun 29 Oct	4pm	All Souls Service	St George's Church
Mon 30 Oct	6.30pm	Pavilion Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Sat 4 Nov	1000-1200	Congregational Church Table Top Sale	Congregational Church
Sat 4 Nov	7pm	Minsterley Eisteddford presents An Autumn Evening of Song	Trinity Centre, Meole Brace

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