



Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

“Do something brilliant today”

The u3a is a collection of over 1,000 UK charities, primarily for retired or semi-retired people, who want to enrich their minds, bodies and lives. Each u3a is self-supporting allowing members to create their own learning opportunities.

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a has over 20 different interest groups. You can walk, cycle, play table tennis and pickleball. Or learn about family, local, art and general history, literature, geology and Italian. Or take part in creative writing, poetry, photography, folk music, board games, gardening, playreading or have a jolly good discussion! There is something for everyone and if we don't have what you fancy, we can organise a new group if there is sufficient interest.

We also have regular Open Events with speakers on a range of fascinating topics where non-members can come along and find out more. Being part of a u3a allows you access to a wide range of online courses and groups run by the u3a Trust.

If you want to join our thriving and vibrant u3a; why not take that first step and come to an Open meeting, have a look on our website (u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley) or on the u3a notice board in The Pavilion library in Pontesbury or get in touch with our membership secretary, Steve Anderson, (steve.anderson.u3a@gmail.com or 07861 531186) for more information.



October 16

Wednesday 2pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
 A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH
Refreshments available
Free entrance

**learn,
laugh,
live**

FOLK MUSIC - FACT & FICTION

**Presented by
Mal Brown**

OPEN MEETING
Members & non-members welcome







u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members & non-members to the Open Meeting on the 16th October, where our speaker is the delightful **Mal Brown**, coordinator of our u3a music group, talking on **Folk Music - Fact & Fiction**.

Folk Music is not quite what you think! Come along and be educated and thoroughly entertained by Mal who will dispel urban myths surrounding 'folk music' (e.g. it is men in Aran sweaters singing about dead sailors, they all have beards etc.) and perform examples of songs & tunes to illustrate his findings.

Afterwards will be followed by refreshments.

Our u3a is a UK charity which helps retired and semi-retired people come together and learn for fun, with over 20 interest groups.

u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley 

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 is covered by 2 Shropshire Councillors. This month it is my turn to report on current matters.

First, the School Library Service, which subject to sufficient interest is to continue.

Many will be aware that a Green Bin collection charge is now in place. Please contact me know if you experience any difficulties

The recently published financial report covering the first three months of this fiscal year shows the council potential overspending by around £38.5m. With General Reserves of only £38.8m, this will leave just over £300k in reserves at March 31st 2025. When considered that the Councils total budget is over £750m and there are still potential of winter pressures ahead it is in very dangerous position. Legally, at the end of the fiscal year the council **must** show a positive or at the very least a zero fiscal balance. If it cannot, the government will send in specially appointed auditors who will put in place the necessary cuts and reductions that are needed.

There are still much - needed reductions.

One consideration being looked into is raising a loan of around £34m by selling a long leasehold interest. This would be by using the council's carparks as collateral. Typically this would be for a period of 125 years, whilst maintaining the freehold interest and making a payment indexed to inflation every year.

Shropshire Councillor Roger Evans Tel No 07811 992349

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October 2024

Pontesbury Parish Council

At the September parish council meeting Cllr Fletcher (Chair) welcomed your new parish councillor for the Pontesbury ward, Cllr Tony Mackenzie-Slight.

The council approved a grant for a new Parish Council noticeboard at Habberley Village Hall and for equipment for the apple pressing event to be held in conjunction with the community garden Harvest Celebration event in September.

One of the main concerns raised at the parish council meeting was the anti-social behaviour on School Green, at the Station Road play area and concerning the public toilets (see piece below). The Parish Council have been working closely with the local policing team and the Pontesbury Youth project worker and Greg Smith (Rector of St George's, where the youth group is based). There have been contact with some of the young people involved and their parents, a barbeque for young people was organised and the Cllrs ask anyone who witnesses anti-social behaviour to report the incidences using 101 or online, and by letting your local councillor or the Parish Clerk know.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 14th October, 6.30pm at The Pavilion. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 7th October at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk if you would like to attend and/or raise any issues.

Public toilets We have had a spate of criminal damage at the public toilets which has resulted in a cost of over £2000 and the toilets being without locks for some weeks. This in turn has resulted in some further anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the toilets and surrounding area. The council are working with the police Mary Webb and the youth group to identify the culprits. Please bear with us, the locks and electrics that have been ripped out, are tricky to replace and it will take some weeks to sort out. In the meantime please report any anti-social behaviour via 101 or online, or contact the Clerk on clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk /01691 661157.

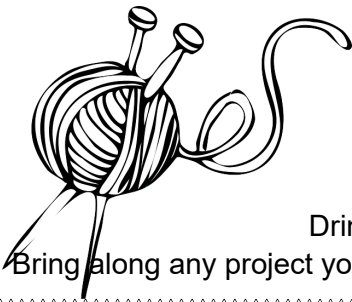
Defibrillators in the parish We are trying to build up a list of the defibrillators in the parish that are for use by the general public. This is the list we have so far. Please let us know if there are any others that we are not aware of. Pontesbury Public Toilets, The Pavilion- Hall Bank; Pontesbury Sports Pavilion (will be in place in a few weeks); Lawrence Park; Habberley Village Hall and Cruckton Village Hall—email clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk

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 9th October 2024**

the PAVILION

Pavilion News October 2024 - What's On

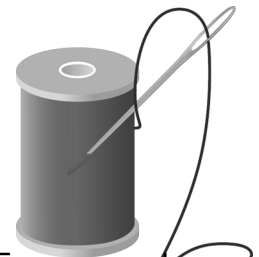


We hope to see you at the
'Get Creative groups':

**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Thursday 3rd & 17th September 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.



October Library News—It's Harvest time! We have had our own mini grocery stall this September, thanks to customers who have donated their surplus to raise money for the library. Cucumbers and apples have been very popular, together with some very unusual shaped tomatoes.

Books! We now have our own small collection of 'Classics' here in Pontesbury Library. Classics have always been available to borrow on request from the bigger libraries, but we thought we'd try out our own collection here. The friends kindly 'top-up' our books shelves with special collections we hope you will enjoy reading/ re-reading these modern classics.

Apologies for cancelling Rhyme Time last month. Join us for more Rhymes, dancing and marching this October. Thursday 10th at 2pm.



The Library Owl



Some of the classic books FOPL have recently purchased to replace worn out copies, together with a new collection of best sellers.



JENNA BLAIR YOGA
COMMUNITY

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...Play On
performing arts

Singing for Wellbeing with Kate Buttolph

Carers are warmly invited to join us for a series of relaxing and uplifting singing sessions. We will be led by Kate Buttolph. Kate is a professional singing specialist and community musician, who works with a variety of groups to share the health and well-being benefits of singing.

No experience needed. Just come and have fun!
You are welcome to come with the person you care for if you would like to enjoy this together. Refreshments will be provided.

Fridays 13 & 20 September | 4, 11 & 18 October
10:30-12pm

FREE with thanks to generous funding from Arts Council England

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Call Shropshire Carers Support Team: 01743 341995 or
Email: Shropshire.Carers@shropshire.gov.uk

The Pontesbury Pavillion
Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, SY5 0RF



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ENGLAND**



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group

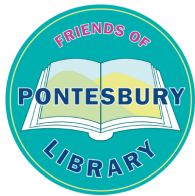
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

2nd, 16th and 30th October at the new
time of 2– 4pm

Pontesbury Carers Support Group Friday 25th October

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

A huge thank you to **Val Sinclair** and her band **Shades of Indigo** for a fantastic evening of music. Jazz, rock, folk, pop – something for everyone. As the lights went down the Library space at the Pavilion was transformed into a night club by hardworking FOPL Committee volunteers and assistance from Pavilion Assistant Anna Lawson. There followed a memorable evening of entertainment and raised funds to help keep our community library open. Colour photographs of the evening can be seen on our FOPL FaceBook page **Use Pontesbury Library**.



Congratulations to September Library Lottery Winners!

1st Prize.....Maureen Naven 2nd Prize.....Caroline Wright
3rd Prize.....Diane Hallett

If you haven't already joined our 100 Club Library Lottery, there's a minimum charge of just £1 per number per month. Buy as many tickets as you like to improve your chances! Fill in a form at the Library. Leave it at the library desk or pop into the postbox outside the Pavilion and we'll allocate your number(s) accordingly.

Coming Up . . .

Tuesday 1st October Minsterley Primary School Visit for their youngest children

Saturday 5th October Coffee Morning with Lottery Draw and speaker tbc

Thursday 10th October Rhyme Time For children & parents aged 0 – 4years, 2nd Thursday of every month 2 till 2.45. We'd love to make this a weekly event but we need more helpers to make this work. Interested to volunteer? contact yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk.

Saturday 2nd November Coffee Morning with local **author, poet & musician Laurelle Rond**

And finally I expect many of you have seen the headlines about the nationwide libraries' crisis in recent weeks:

"More than 180 UK public libraries closed or handed to volunteers since 2016, data shows"

"End of the librarian? Council cuts and new tech push profession to the brink Staff in England's public libraries under threat of being replaced by automated checkouts amid budget pressures."

In addition to the closures, around a third of the remaining public libraries have reduced their hours in the past eight years. As Michael Rosen has said 'Libraries are soft targets when money has to be saved' and this at a time when they are much more than a book- borrowing service, especially in a rural area like ours. On many days you'll see exercise classes, family support, arts & crafts workshops, U3A meetings, school visits and singing with little ones going on in the Pontesbury library space. It's a thriving meeting place, vital but not essential, which can make the difference between living and existing. That's what a library can do - enable us and the next generation to do more than simply exist, and it's why FOPL is determined to keep Pontesbury Library open and thriving for everyone.

Here's how you can get involved without having to make a life-time commitment:

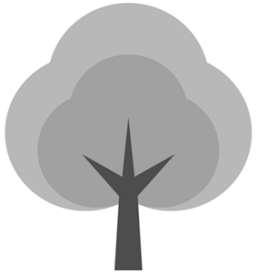
Visit the library as often as you can. Borrow books! The success of our library depends on the number of visits as well as the number of books borrowed.

Join FOPL - as a member – it's free! , or a **Trustee** helping to guide policy (info@pontesburylibrary.co.uk) or join the friendly **committee** who meet first Thurs each month at 6.30pm at The Pavilion

Use Social Media – like & share FOPL Facebook posts **USE PONTESBURY LIBRARY**

Join the Library Lottery 100 Club – minimum £1 per number per month

Support Events – enjoy a good time at fundraising concerts and community activities or **Donate** - every little helps!
Get in touch about any of the above yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk



Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

October 2024



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 11th October 2024 All are welcome to come along
10:30am to 12:00pm - 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 start again in October.

25th 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.

Good Neighbours would like to thank the Parish Council, The Public Hall Committee & Age UK for their ongoing support.

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



Rea Valley
foodbank

Supporting those in food crisis within the Rea Valley Community

AS FROM 2 OCTOBER, REA VALLEY FOODBANK ARE AN INDEPENDENT SERVICE

We will now be operating as an independent service after being supported by Shrewsbury Foodbank PLUS since September 2022. Our primary purpose remains to provide food for those in need in the Rea Valley (Pontesbury, Minsterley, Hanwood, Westbury, Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Worthen and beyond).

Clients will continue to use the same referral method by contacting Greg 07902 794653 or Richard 07922 830488 Or you can still be referred by your GP, schools, social/health workers and other support agencies.

Referrers (ie, GP's, schools, health and social workers) can now refer clients by emailing reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com or call 07902 794635. **Referrers** should provide their own contact details including a telephone number, as well as the client's name, telephone number and a brief outline of the need. And please indicate which venue their client will collect their parcel from.

Parcels will continue to be available from :

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley, SY5 0AA
Tuesdays between 10.00am-12.00

St George's Church, Pontesbury, SY5 0PS
Thursdays between 10.00am-12.00

We will obviously need more support than ever and food donations, along with pet food, nappies and toiletries, can be left at Pontesbury Coop, Minsterley Morrisons, St George's Church, Pontesbury Baptist Church, Minsterley Methodist Church, Holy Trinity, Minsterley and Pontesbury Congregational Church. As always we say warmest thanks for that and our thanks also to the One-Stop Shop in Pontesbury for their support.

We are especially grateful to those new supporters who have pledged monthly donations, which have enabled us to embark on this new exciting phase of our journey. Financial donations may be made to Rea Valley Foodbank 51-61-06 76841804 Reference - Donor

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



Services and activities for October 2024

1st 2.30pm Tea Service
6th 10.30am All Age Family Worship
13th 10.30a.m Morning Worship with Hymns (**Harvest**)
20th 10.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church
27th 10.30 am Holy Communion

Coffee Stop every Friday 10-12noon.

Welcome to
The Coffee Stop



Fridays, 10 - 12 Noon

St George's Church
Pontesbury



St George's Church, Pontesbury

Are holding their **annual Christmas Tree Festival** on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December 2024.

This year's theme is Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. If you would like to enter a tree, please contact me for details:

Marianne McCall on 07944 333830 or

email: marianmccall17@gmail.com

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 6th October Mike Wells Mike Wells

Sunday 13th October Mike Wells Ben Jack

Sunday 20th October Rod Ward Martin Wells

Sunday 27th October Mike Wells Rob Jack

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

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

6th Oct 10 am Harvest Festival Helen Pearson

13th Oct 10am. Rev Debbie Martin

20th Oct 10am. The Deacons

27th Oct 10 am. Rev. Debbie Martin

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

Saturday 5th October 6.30 pm Concert and Harvest Supper with the Corovian Singers tickets £12 from Hignetts of Pontesbury

The Methodist Services October 2024

6th Oct 10.45 am with Rev Brian Spencer

13th Oct 10.45 am with Rev Sheila Macinally

20th Oct 10.45 am with Church Members

27th Oct 10.45 am with Dr John Woolley

A Welcome
Brew

COMMUNITY DROP-IN

Tuesdays 10.30am - 12pm

A place to come along, grab a drink and have a chat. Free refreshments and activities.

All ages welcome



Pontesbury WI met on Monday 9th of September, our first meeting after our Summer break. We really enjoyed catching up over tea/coffee and lovely cakes. Thank you to our hostesses. After refreshments we held a quiz which was won by "The Squares". Congratulations ladies. Our competition to fill an egg cup was jointly won by Maxine Pittaway and Lena Rowson. 3rd place also went to Lena. Maxine made her eggcup into a pin cushion. Lena idled hers with tiny flowers. The flower of the month was won by Shona Wood. 2nd place was Lena Rowson and 3rd place Maxine Pittaway. Well done all. Our next meeting will be held on the 14th of October. Rosie Morris is due to talk about the history of Shelton Hospital. Our next craft clubs will be held on the 15th of October. We are going on a trip on the 9th of October to Oakgate Eldine Garden Centre. We are extremely busy at present preparing for our Open Afternoon due to be held on the 11th of November, this afternoon will be our Christmas Craft fair. We will have many stalls. Refreshments will be available with many cakes. Everyone from the local community is welcome to join us. The sale starts at 2 o'clock. Our WI meeting is held on the second Monday afternoon of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall. Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791906 for further information.

West Shropshire Flower Club

Meetings are at Westbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, visitors welcome.

The next meetings are: 23rd October— AGM 27th November—Delyth Price 'Here comes Christmas'

The August meeting of the flower club was our Club evening where we welcomed visitors to come along for free and find out about the club. We had demonstration from two of our members who are demonstrators. Penelope Harrison kicked things off with an informative demonstration on how to create a Pavé arrangement, a low design with flowers and foliage on short stems grouped together very tightly and compactly along with other accessories. She had created box filled with damp sand, to avoid using floral foam, and used different flower forms and colours of foliage along with areas covered with slate and sections of bamboo to create visual interest. Lizzy Harratt followed with 'Flowers for a friend', 3 arrangements that could easily be created for someone special. Her Pot au Fleur (a mixture of plants and cut flowers) had a bowl planted with foliage plants into which she sunk water filled test tubes to hold the gladioli and dahlia cut flowers. She then showed how to make a hand-tied arrangement and dress it up with cellophane wrapping. Her final design showed how to take a basket and use a lunch box and some chicken wire inside it to create a support for a voluptuous arrangement, starting with the foliage she created a framework for the flowers, lilies, hydrangeas, zinnias and roses. It would be a very luck friend to receive any of these gifts. The demonstrations were followed by a cream tea to tempt in new members.

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

WANTED? ACTORS & BEGINNERS
AGE 16+ ON AND OFF STAGE

Find out all about it /
at our **PANTO READING**

MON 4TH NOV

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!

Pontesbury Women's Club

If you would like an entertaining Tuesday evening come along to our meetings
Tuesday 8th October
Michael & Brian McCarthy
will tell us about 'Overcoming Adversity'
Tuesday 12th November
Ann Whysall
will demonstrate how to make table decorations for Christmas

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

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

Deadline for November 2024 edition is Monday 14th October - please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk. When submitting an article, please remember the 250 word limit and a photograph if you have one. Please only send .jpg, .png or Word pictures - no .pdfs please!

The goats are gone: what next? Open meeting on 19th November.

The six Golden Guernsey billy goats which were grazing the Earl's Hill scree have now moved on to pastures new. The summer experiment was very successful: we have demonstrated that goats can graze on the Hill wearing GPS collars and NoFence technology, and that we have an enthusiastic team of local volunteers willing to watch over them. Thank you to everyone involved. Next year will present a whole new set of challenges for Shropshire Wildlife Trust's management: should we continue to graze with goats, with cattle or with sheep (despite dog attacks)? Do we need more fencing? Should we fell more trees, plant more trees, or both? Should we preserve the Hill as it is or try to return it to its past state?

The Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill would like to hear your views on all these issues. Please join us in an open public consultation in **The Pavilion on Tuesday 19th November from 7-9pm.**

MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL DEADLINE

A lot has been happening since our first public meeting way back in January. Following a second public meeting and the campaign launch we have had numerous local fundraising events, including raffles and a stall at Minsterley Show. At the time of writing we have raised £135,262 towards our total of £240,000 but we need to find the rest by mid-October. Could you possibly help us to reach our goal by making a pledge either by email at: info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk via our website: <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/> or by sponsoring an orchid? If you purchase one of Sarah Jameson's delightful cards (a painting of a lovely purple Green-winged Orchid) for £5 all the money raised goes to support the Minsterley Meadows Appeal. To order please email: [in-fo@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk).

Many thanks, Members of: Minsterley Meadows Working Group; Middle Marches Community Land Trust; Marches Meadow Group

St. George's Church extended churchyard—Appeal for help

This burial ground has been known for many years as 'The cemetery'. A cemetery is land owned by any person/ persons other than the Church of England. Extended church yard means that it is an extension of the church yard surrounding the church itself.

The actual church yard to St. George's church is closed and has been taken over by the county council for maintenance. The extended church yard remains the legal responsibility of the parish church and needs a lot of attention. Over the years we have tried different ways of care. Many people have expressed concerns, when different ways have been used. One type of care has never been right for all people and most are reluctant to offer help. This sacred land is used by all people of the Parish but the cost is borne solely by St George's Church members. It is a legal obligation to maintain the area but the church cannot sustain these costs. Last year the cost to cut the areas was £6,404. Income from funerals was £3244.

Now, as church wardens of the church, we would like to offer a couple of ways in which this sacred land can be cared for. One idea is that the older part of the area would be left to grow wild and be cut once a year. (the area now in use would be cut twice a year). The second idea is that we could raise enough money to cut paths to the main areas and then the rest be left as meadow. The last area which is given over to a meadow at this minute would also just need cutting once. The church cannot afford to pay for complete cutting. We are holding a coffee morning in the village hall in the New Year. If you wish to make comments or offer help please come along and talk with the rector or the church wardens. We therefore would welcome your thoughts and your help and donations. There will be a meeting early next year. If you wish to offer help please telephone 01743791069. Mary Worrall/Marianne McCall, Church wardens.

Pontesbury Gardeners' Association

Garden & Craft Show Our annual Show was held on Saturday 24 August. Poor weather conditions this year resulted in a lower number of entries in the Flower, Fruit and Veg categories but the Art, Handicraft and Cookery sections were well supported. It was good to see that there was lots of new exhibitors, some of whom are new to the village, so we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

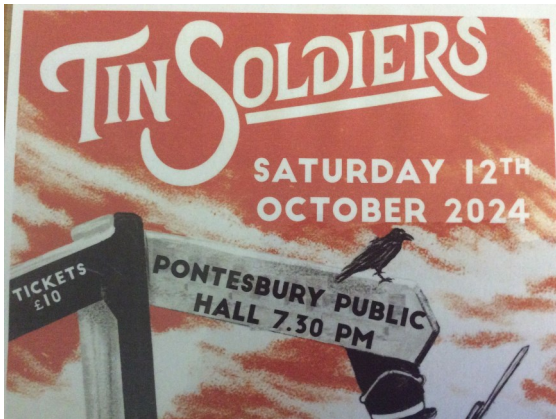
Xmas Meal - This will be held on the evening of Tuesday 3 December. As our usual venue is no longer available we are looking into an alternative and will let people know as soon as we can. It would be good to gauge the level of interest so if you are calling in to the Trading Post please let us know if you would like to attend.

The Trading Post — We will be closing for our winter break at the end of October so be sure to call in and get everything that you will need for the garden over the winter months. We will be open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon until the end of the month, and will be able to take bookings for the Xmas meal after that.

Concert and Harvest Supper with

Cornovian Singers

At 6.30 on Saturday 5th October, Pontesbury's new choir, the Cornovian Singers, will be presenting 'Times and Seasons', an evening of choral music with a harvest flavour. This fundraising event for the historic Congregational Chapel in our village will be an entertaining and informative blend of Christian music, Church history and folklore/rural traditions. The music includes an attractive variety of choral music from the 14th century to the present day, including some new compositions. Tickets are £12 – including a delicious Harvest Supper after the concert, available from the Chapel, from Hignett's, or from Wendy on 0782-415-5418.



Tickets £10 (includes £2 for local causes) from Hignetts or contact Rob on 07720 010353 to reserve. BYO food, drink and glasses

arts alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Swede Caroline

Cert: 15 - 97 mins

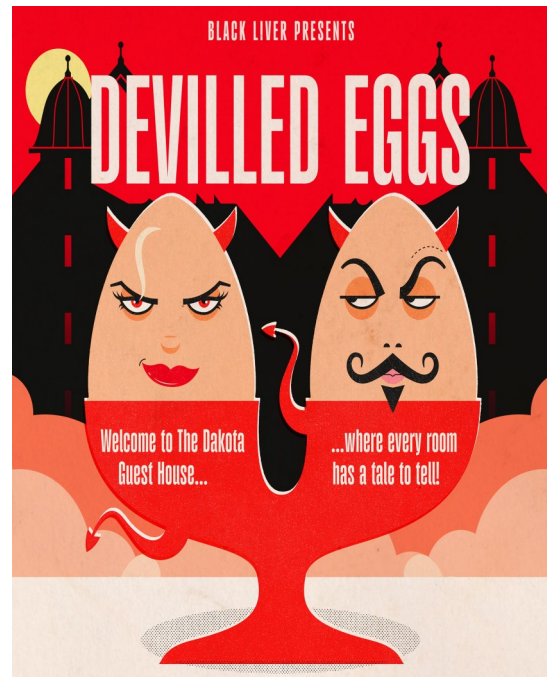
Fri 11th Oct - 7.30 pm
Habberley Village Hall
Admission: Adults: £6 Child: £4
Enquiries: 07977 127161

Themed refreshments: Mulled cider/apple cake. Licensed bar and tea and coffee. Doors open for 7pm for 7.30pm.
Pay at the door or buy tickets online.

In this hilarious British mockumentary, we follow Caroline, a competitive giant vegetable grower, as she readies herself for the big annual National Veg Championship. However, Caroline finds her life turned upside down when her prized marrow plants are stolen.

Starring: Jo Hartley, Aisling Bea, Ray Fearon

The National Library of the Moving Image
Film Forever



Devilled Eggs Habberley Village Hall.

Saturday 5th October 7.30pm. Tickets £12.

Online booking www.artsalive.co.uk and 01743 790179

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Pontesbury Primary School


Welcome back to all of our pupils and families and a special welcome to all of our new starters. After enjoying the summer, we are back, refreshed and ready to learn!

My thanks go to all of the residents of Pontesbury who remained vigilant over our site during the holidays. The school hosted a holiday club over the summer (run by Crossbar) and this was attended by many children from Pontesbury and the local area – it looked fun and was full of activities. This is available again during the October half-term.

Please note the change to our school day which now starts slightly earlier at 8:35am (10 minutes earlier than in previous years).

We are seeking to add to our amazing team of volunteer readers to listen to our children read. Most of our volunteers pop in for an afternoon a week to support but we can be flexible to suit you. If you would like any information, please ask at the school office or contact us on 01743 790226. Please note, persons applying will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

We are now taking bookings for prospective parents and pupils for 2025/26 starters to come and visit our wonderful school before applying. Please call the office on 01743 790226 to book a visit.



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Sports & Activities



Pontesbury Sports Association On Sunday 25th August the Sports Ground hosted the 'Taffy Thomas Memorial Cup' The day was a huge success with lots of people coming along to enjoy celebrating Taffys love of football.

Pictured is Brians wife Betty who was presented the cup to the winners - Pontesbury Cricket Club.

Money raised from the event will go towards a defibrillator at the Sports Ground and help towards the costs of the upkeep of the building.

Thank you to every one for your support.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

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NEW WALKING GROUP –

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Friday 11th October

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welcome

4pm from School Green
1.5mile gentle stroll



Pontesbury Runners leader and coach, David Crosby, has won an English Athletics regional award.

David was runner up in the West Midlands Regional Volunteer Awards for his contribution to athletics and running and received his award at a special ceremony in Birmingham. Members of Pontesbury Runners, who nominated him for the award are delighted that his hard work has been recognised.

Since moving to the village three years ago, David has established a social running group which meets every Monday, has run several courses for new and returning runners to get to a 5k goal and has regular sessions for 'graduates' of his beginners running groups.

Monday evenings regularly attract around 14 runners and many members of the groups have taken part in local park runs, longer races, and marathons.

David gives regular postings on Facebook with hints and tips and advises members coming back from injury or experiencing difficulties.

In addition he has organised social evenings and Christmas dinners with awards and quizzes. He recently surveyed the group and discovered that most members were strangers before and have now formed tight knit friendships, banding together for informal runs and walks.

If you would like to know more, join the Pontesbury Runners Facebook site.



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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—7.15pm	Yoga	Ponts Congregational Church
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 from 10th	2pm	Short mat bowls	Pontesbury Public Hall
Every Thur	7-9pm	Badminton Club	Mary Webb School
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			
Wed 2/16/30th	2-4pm	AGE UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Thu 3/17th	11.00-13.00	Get Creative Group - free & refreshments	Pavilion
Fri 4/11/18th	1030-1200	Singing for Wellbeing	Pavilion
Sat 5th	10.30 -12.30	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 5th	7.30pm	Black Liver presents Devilled Eggs	Habberley Village Hall
Sat 5th	6.30pm	Concert/Harvest Supper with Cornovian Singers	Congregational Chapel
Sun 6/20th	10am	Pontesbury Community Garden sessions	Community Garden behind Ark nursery
Mon 7th	6.30pm	Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 8th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 9th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thur 10th	2pm	Rhymetime for children 0-4years/parents	Pontesbury Library in the Pavilion
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Tin Soldiers	
Mon 14th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Full Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Mon 14th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Wed 16th	2pm	U3A—Mal Brown, Folk Music Fact and Fiction	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 11th	4pm	New Walking Group meet	School Green
Fri 11th	1030-1200	Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Fri 11th	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks—Local Hero	Habberley Village Hall
Fri 11th	7pm	Flicks in the Sticks— Oppenheimer	Marton Village Hall
Sat 12th	7pm	For the Love of Flowers	St. George's Church
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 25th	10.30-1200	Pontesbury Carer's Support Group	Pavilion
Fri 25th	11.45-13.30	Good Neighbours Community Lunch	Public Hall
Fri 25th	7pm	Stuart Carter an evening of songs	Habberley Village Hall
Sat 26th	8.30am	Pontesbury Men's Breakfast Club	Crown & Sceptre, Minsterley
Sat 26th	7.30pm	Halloween Party in memory of Alan Hughes	Pontesbury Public Hall

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