

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

September 2024

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Pontesbury Community Vegetable Garden

“This is a garden for the community, run by the community,” says Bill Sample, the garden coordinator. “Our first growing season has produced far more quality food than we imagined, and we have managed to donate 36 trays of food to the Rea Valley Food Bank so far.”

I asked Bill and Phil Bradshaw, garden coordinator, what they felt the garden was all about. Here’s what they thought:

- we would like it to foster a community spirit in the village
- its fun! – gentle exercise with other people, tending plants for food in the fresh air
- fresh food is healthy, cheaper, nutritious and free from added on food miles and plastic wrapping
- our veg is grown without the use of peat based compost or chemicals to protect the planet and boost nature

We need more volunteers! Joining in could be a matter of ten minutes a week or half an hour a month, or any time you have to spare. There is no commitment to a regular time. This is what we need:

- People to water in dry spells
- Help with harvesting and taking food to the food bank, Wednesday afternoons
- Help for as long as you can spare on our regular work parties, Sunday afternoons, fortnightly 10am to 12pm, with a refreshment break.

No experience necessary, free training for would-be gardeners, tools provided, refreshments available Sundays. Free produce for volunteers!

Next Community Garden work party dates:

Sundays 8th & 29th September 2024

10am to 12 noon



Boxes for the foodbank

Our newest and youngest recruits!!

**PONTESBURY COMMUNITY
FOOD GARDEN**

HARVEST CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

1.00 - 4.00PM

**TRY BILL'S FAMOUS VEG
PAELLA!**

**APPLE PRESSING! - BRING YOUR OWN
APPLES TO MAKE JUICE**

**BRING YOUR OWN 12" PIZZA TO
BAKE IN OUR PIZZA OVEN.**

TEA AND CAKE

**TRY SOME SALADS MADE WITH
OUR OWN PRODUCE**

**LEARN HOW TO MAKE COMPOST
ON CRICKETERS
MEADOW GREEN AND
THE PAVILION**

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

September 10 Tuesday 7.30pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
 A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH
*Free entrance
 Donations welcome*

learn, laugh, live

THE THAI CAVE RESCUE – AGAINST THE ODDS

**A talk by Emma Porter and Mike Clayton
 Midlands Cave Rescue**

OPEN MEETING
 Members & non-members welcome

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

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Our u3a is hosting an evening Open Meeting on **Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm** at Minsterley Parish Hall. We are very honoured to have **Emma Porter** and **Mike Clayton** of the Midlands Cave Rescue talking on **The Thai Cave Rescue – Against All Odds**.

In June 2018, the world watched as a junior football team and their coach were trapped by flood waters in Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand, and no one knew if they were alive or dead. At the Thai government's request, the volunteers of British Cave Rescue Council supported the cave rescue mission, and against the odds, with collaboration from a huge team, all thirteen came out alive.

This presentation is about the "behind the scenes" of the most incredible cave rescue the world has ever seen.

u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

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The July meeting of **Pontesbury Parish Council** took place at Habberley Village Hall. The Parish Council co-opted a new councillor for Pontesbury Ward at the meeting – Tony Mackenzie-Slight from Pontesbury. A very warm welcome to Tony who has lived in Pontesbury for many years.

Amanda Cheeseman, Shropshire Council Public Health Development Officer, attended the meeting. Shropshire Council would like to know more about what you think will help shape the health and wellbeing of you and your community. Please think about all the things that help keep you healthy and well like housing, education, employment, community groups and activities, access to facilities, somewhere to be active and spending time with family and friends etc. Please share this survey with your friends and family. For more information about the Place-based Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) visit the Shropshire Council website to complete online, or there are some paper copies available in The Pavilion, Hall Bank. The deadline is 9th September 2024.

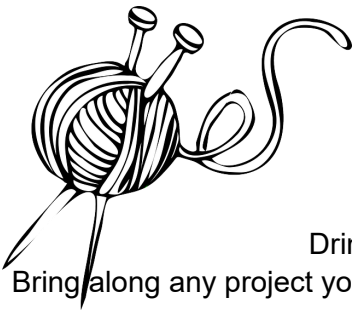
A number of residents attended the meeting to express their concerns about anti-social behaviour at the play area. A working group has been set up to liaise with the police and the local youth worker to try and address these issues in this well used and loved village facility. If you witness any anti-social behaviour in the play area or wider area please report the incident to the police by telephoning 101 or reporting it online at <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/>. Reporting incidents gives the police vital evidence. The Parish Council work closely with the police on issues affecting the local area.

The Working Group tasked with looking into the traffic/speeding issues in the Cruckmeole/Cruckton and Pound Lane areas would like to thank all of the residents who completed the surveys. We had a large number of responses and this has allowed us to build a picture of the opinions of the people who live in those areas, which will form the proposals that will be put to the full Council at the next meeting being held on Monday 9th September 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Hall Bank.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact Deputy Clerk deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk if you would like to attend and/or raise any matters. If you wish to comment on a planning application please use the Shropshire Council planning portal or pass your comments through Cllr A Hodges at ahodges@pontesburypc.org.uk. All new planning applications for the area are listed on the parish council website.

the PAVILION

Pavilion News September 2024 - What's On

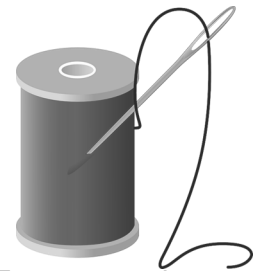


We hope to see you at the
'Get Creative groups':

at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Thursday 5th & 19th 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.



September news. The children's Summer Reading Challenge has been a great success. **'Marvelous Makers'** had everyone inspired and creative. **The Friends** put on some great crafts that were attended by loads of children. They will share some photos in their section. The children read 6 books over the holiday and collected stickers, a medal and certificate.

I'm sure everyone will agree it's been a strange summer, the chat in the library is often about slugs and pests, and poor crops. However, the patio has been in full bloom and successful, apart from the nasturtium, but the caterpillars that covered it were of great interest to the little children.

If you are looking for some new reading inspiration for autumn, libraries have circulating **Top Notch** collections, recommended and popular titles. Also handy if you don't have time to browse the shelves.

Rhyme time will be 12th September at 2pm.

The Library Owl.



JENNA BLAIR YOGA
COMMUNITY



...*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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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



Pontesbury Dementia
Support Group

Alternate Wednesdays in the
Pavilion

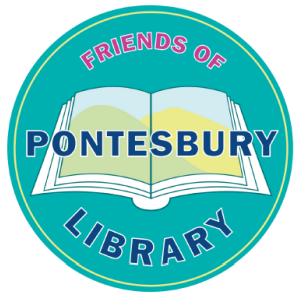
4th & 18th September at the
new time of 2- 4pm

Pontesbury Carers Support Group Friday 27th September

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

News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library (FOPL)

The FOPL AGM was held on 20th June, thanks to all who came and voted for our officers and a big thank you to Tin Soldiers who provided entertainment.

The library has been all-alive-o on Thursday afternoons during the school summer holidays, with craft workshops for children, linking in with the Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers'. At the time of writing two sessions have been held when lively children produced lovely painted pebbles and made stick puppets and entertained themselves and adults with puppet shows.

July's lottery winners were John Croxton, Val Whittal and Pat Hignett. Lottery tickets for the monthly draw cost a minimum of £1 each, but of course more chances if you buy more. The draw usually takes place at the monthly coffee morning at the library on the first Saturday of the month. Not only the excitement of the draw, but tea, coffee, very delicious cakes and a chance for friendly conversation.

SEPTEMBER 7TH A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Val Sinclair and guests will be at the library performing in the Shades of Indigo Musical Extravaganza. Doors open at 7pm and it's a BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets, £10, are available at the Library, Hignetts and Connections are limited..... so hurry. It's going to be an exciting evening ! Not to be missed! See Poster!!



And enjoy these photos of busy hands at the workshops.



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Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

September 2024



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 13th September 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. 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 say a huge thank you to the family of the 'late Bernie Rodenhurst' who have made a donation to our group. Bernie was a member of many of the clubs that we run and is sorely missed especially in the Gentlemen's Club.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM REA VALLEY FOODBANK — From **Tuesday 1st October**, The Rea Valley Foodbank will enter a new phase and operate as an independent service and our primary purpose remains to provide food for those in need in the Rea Valley (Pontesbury, Minsterley, Hanwood, Westbury, Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Worthen and beyond). A new referral system will therefore be in place from this date.

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

Referrers - you can now refer clients by emailing reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com. or call 07902 794653.

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.

Parcels will continue to be available from: Holy Trinity Minsterley, SY5 0AA on Tuesdays from 10am-12.00 and St George's Church, Pontesbury SY5 0PS on Thursdays from 10.00am-12.00pm

Referrers should indicate which session their client is going to attend.

We will need the support of our friends more than ever. Food donations 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 and we extend our warmest thanks for that. Our thanks also to the One-Stop Shop in Pontesbury for their support.

We are incredibly grateful to Foodbank Plus in Shrewsbury who have been our fantastic and most generous partners in the first 18 months of operation. We are also indebted to Minsterley Parish Hall who have offered the Foodbank storage space. 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 September 2024
1st 10.30am All Age Worship
3rd 2.30pm Tea Service
8th 10.30a.m Morning Worship with Hymns
15th 10.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church
22nd 10.30 am Holy Communion
(29th 10.30am Holy Communion at Hope)
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 1st September Mike Wells SONGS OF PRAISE
Sunday 8th September Mike Wells Mike Wells
Sunday 15th September Mike Wells Rod Ward
Sunday 22nd September Rob Jack Mike Wells
Sunday 29th September Mike Wells Scott McMahon

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, Pontesbury

**Sunday 1st September at
6:30 pm**



Discover the extraordinary stories behind the hymns!

with Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served free of charge!

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

September 2024

Sunday 1st September Deacons

Sunday 8th September 10am. Rev Debbie Martin

Sunday 15th September 10am. Wesley Morris

Sunday 22th September 10 am. Rev. Debbie Martin

Sunday 29th September 10 am Rea Valley Congregational Churches, Service of Celebration

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

St George's Church, Pontesbury

For the Love of Flowers
An Evening with Anne Whysall

Saturday 12th October, 7pm.
Tickets £10 per person
To include refreshments

For tickets contact
Mary Worrall: 01743 791069
Marianne McCall: 07944 333830

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 BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to The Coffee Stop

Fridays, 10 - 12 Noon
St George's Church
Pontesbury

**The Methodist Services
September 2024**

1st September 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall (includes Holy Communion)

8th September 10.45 am with Mr Wes Morris (Harvest Festival)

9th September 7pm Harvest Supper

15th September 10.45 am with Mike Hallworth

22nd September 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall

29th September 10.45 am with Mrs Fay Spencer

SPONSORED SING!



St George's Church Benefice Choir

Invite you to their **COFFEE MORNING AND**

SING ALONG On Saturday 28th September, 10.00 – 12.00 in the church,

Refreshments will be served

Pontesbury WI met on the 8th of July . Our guest speaker was Jessica Pannett who talked about summer gardens and gardening tips for success. She ran her nursery for many years. She is known for growing Hostas. Jessica judged our flower of the month competition. The results were a hat trick for Lena Rowson taking 1st 2nd 3rd place. Our competition this month was for the most interesting old photograph. Maxine Pittaway was 1st, Lena Rowson 2nd, Irene Windows 3rd. Our raffle for beautiful flowers was won by Margaret Marsden. 2nd was Edith Pinches who won a book. Edith was very lucky and also won the speakers raffle prize a lovely wild flower bouquet.

Pontesbury WI will be going on a trip on the 11th September to Oakgate nursery for afternoon tea. Our next WI meeting will be on the 9th of September, our guest speaker will be Gill Castle talking about Mexico. The WI craft club will be held at the Cock Inn Hanwood on Tuesday August 20th our Wi meetings are held on the second Monday afternoon of the month at 2pm at Pontesbury Public Hall. Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903 for further information.

West Shropshire Flower Club

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

The next meetings are: **25th September** –Donald Morgan 'A world of Colour'

23rd October— AGM **27th November**—Delyth Price 'Here comes Christmas'

July meeting saw Becca Morris (newly qualified demonstrator) with her 'Around the World' demo. Starting with GB she went for a chicken wire supported foam-free arrangement using garden plant material and showcasing GB flowers. Stocks, hydrangeas, glads, dahlias, phlox and Astrantia looked the picture of a country garden. Her Latvian red and white design, laid out in a contemporary parallel striped style as the flag was inspired by a visit to the country with young farmers, many years ago. She used a large grey pot as a base to pay homage to the Rock of Gibraltar and Spain which was her first holiday with her husband. Lush greenery with white lilies/hydrangeas, green anthuriums and pink roses. Her triangular USA design reflected the flag with stunning blue hydrangeas mixed with red roses and carnations between shooting stars of white hebe. Her last design related to Africa, a place she would love to visit, with the colours of the savannah. In a base of exotic looking foliage and grasses, she placed yellow Kniphofia, orange Gerbera, dusky orange Leucospermum, russet Hypericum berries and an exquisite yellow rose tinged with orange.



Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 10th September

Charlie Bell from The National Trust
'The Stepping Stones Project Revisited'

Tuesday 8th October

Michael & Brian McCarthy
will tell us about 'Overcoming Adversity'

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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NATURAL ENGLAND - Notes from the hill

The wet weather year has had some strange effects on the hill this year and affected our management too. There has been a lot of grass growth, but very little window of good weather so our hay fields are still awaiting their annual cut. This can be good for late flowering species such as devil's bit scabious, which is the species I am featuring this month. It would seem to have been a good year for most plants and the bracken has been growing strongly. Unfortunately, we no longer have the option of controlling it with the herbicide Asulox, so we continue to look for an alternative method and have trialled a few ideas although carrying out anything above heather and bilberry is going to be difficult.

Last month we had a good turnout of scythers over a week of scything where a lot of bracken and thistles were cut on the grassland areas of the reserve. We also managed to cut a couple of local meadows and hold a competition, with the hay going off as green hay for local meadow restoration projects.

The featured species from the twelve Stepping Stones Species Action Plans this month is the devil's bit scabious. Named due to its short rootstock, which was allegedly bitten off by the Devil because he was annoyed at the healing properties of the plant. The name scabious comes from the latin scabere, meaning to scratch from its traditional use to treat skin conditions such as scabies.



It is a late flowering plant that is found particularly in wet meadows and marshes and used to be very common in the Church Stretton area along with the butterfly that is usually associated with it, the marsh fritillary. An account from 1884 mentions a swarm of butterfly larvae in this area of countless thousands blackening the ground. Unfortunately, this butterfly is now extinct in the whole of the West Midlands.

All of the Species Action Plan species have champions and in the case of the devil's bit scabious it is the Marches Meadow Group. The group has been collecting seeds from their member's meadows with the intention of growing them on as plugs that can then be planted out into suitable sites. They are also looking to do the same with other meadow species that are restricted in their distribution and therefore unlikely to spread widely.

The last opening of the Blakemoorgate cottages this year will be on Sunday 15 September, between 11am and 3 pm.



Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmooeak

Community Climate Connectors: Volunteers Wanted!

Local charity, Marches Energy Agency are looking for Shropshire-based individuals who are interested in helping everyone in their community to keep warm, save energy and cut carbon. By joining our charity as a volunteer, or one of the many community groups we work with, you will make a real difference in your local community by providing tailored energy advice to those in need.

We can offer comprehensive training in energy efficiency provided by our expert in-house energy advisors in order to help you become a Community Climate Connector in your local area. These sessions are completely customisable to suit your needs and interests, but could include how to:

- Conduct home visits to give basic energy efficiency advice to householders.
- Provide and install low-cost measures into people's homes (e.g. LED bulbs, draught excluders etc).
- Use thermal imaging cameras (subject to availability).
- Conduct Home Energy Audits using our HEAT app to identify opportunities to save energy, carbon, money.
- Signpost householders towards grant funding opportunities.
- Be carbon aware through our carbon literacy training which is delivered in collaboration with Save Our Shropshire.

We are also able to provide marketing resources, social media and event support, and administrative tasks with our in-house team of marketing experts.

Please note that all volunteering opportunities are subject to a fully funded DBS check.



If you would like more information on how to get involved, please contact the Project Manager via telephone; 0800 677 1307 (option 5) or email; office@mea.org.uk

CRUCKTON ART GROUP

We start our new art year on September 5th on THURSDAYS 2pm to 4pm at CRUCKTON VILLAGE HALL .

People of all abilities are very welcome, come and join us for a cup of tea and biscuits

Our term is 10 weeks long, including 4 sessions with a professional tutor,

Cost is £45.00 for the term or £6.00 each tutored session.

Our Spring term starts February 6th again ten weeks with four tutored sessions.

We do have some materials available for beginners.

For more information contact Richard Martinali 01743 790245 or Chloe Calder 01743 860703

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, reavalleyprobus.org.uk.

Next meeting 11 September 2024

Pontesbury MBC

The MBC (Men's Breakfast Club) was set up in the village over 10 years ago as a group for men when there were very few opportunities for men to get together for a light social meet once a month. The club meets on the last Saturday of the month for a light breakfast, friendly easy fun quiz and then a talk from a wide variety of organisations and individuals. All this we manage to squeeze in to 90 minutes starting at 8:30am

Coffee or tea is provided along with a prebooked option of bacon roll or croissant and all for a very reasonable price. We aim to run with a small surplus each month after paying for food etc and this is used for speakers' expenses where applicable or to give to local charities when sufficient funds are available. There is no age limit, upper or lower but most current members are in the 'mature' bracket. We currently meet at the Horseshoes PH so, if you would like more information, why not drop me a line and I will add you to our mailing list, quite often you will not find out who the speaker is until you turn up, I can however guarantee no 2 months are the same, from authors to aviators, charities to cheesemakers, Antarctic surveyors to Saharan survivors, musicians to mariners, we have (and continue to have) had them all, though I don't think we have had cheesemakers yet.

Phil. Email: - Mr.p.a.lambert@btinternet.com

PONTESBURY PLAYERS is a long established drama group, entertaining local people with plays throughout the year and our annual pantomime in January.

There are both senior and junior sections and often we put on joint performances. We are always on the lookout for new members and would welcome you into this fun and friendly group.

It might be that you are an experienced performer or a complete beginner, it doesn't matter, everyone is welcome. In addition to performers, we are always looking for people to help out backstage. Interested? Give our Chairman, Steve Thomas, a call on 07779091068. Watch this space !!

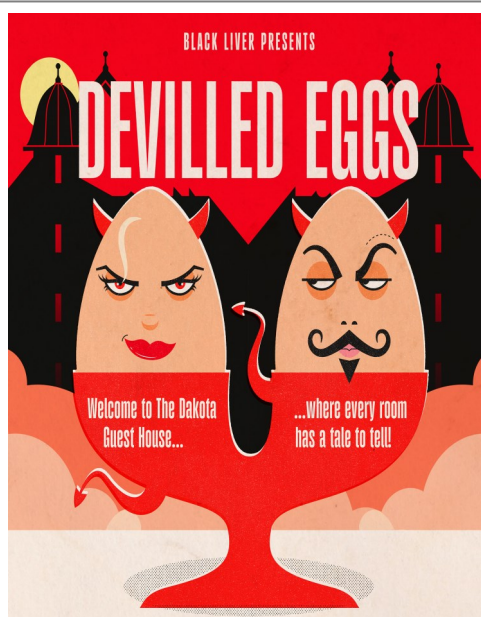
TIN SOLDIERS invite you to a
CONCERT

at PONTESBURY PUBIC HALL

on **SATURDAY 12th October at 7:30pm**

Tickets £10 (includes £2 for local causes) from Hignetts or contact Rob on 07720 010353 to reserve

BYO food, drink and glasses



Devilled Eggs
Habberley Village Hall.

Saturday 5th

October 7.30pm

Tickets £12.

Online booking

www.artsalive.co.uk and

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Ladies in Lavender

Cert: 12 - 99 mins



Fri 20th Sep - 7.30 pm

Marston Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50
Enquiries: 01743 792790 or 07810 230860

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.

When a semi-conscious young man washes ashore in a close-knit Cornish village, the daily rhythm of two sisters is disrupted. With Daniel Bruhl, Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Directed and written by Charles Dance. Based on a short story by William J Lock.

Starring: Daniel Bruhl, Judi Dench, Maggie Smith



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

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MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL



FUNDRAISER EVENT

TALK ON BARN OWLS

Minsterley Parish Hall, Tuesday 17 September, 7-9pm

Come and hear the Shropshire Barn Owl Group talk about how Barn Owls are faring in the county.

SBOG over the last 22 years have installed 530 nest boxes around the county. Please come along and see if their nestboxes have made a difference.

We will learn about the main reason for Barn Owl decline and what we can do to help these beautiful birds increase and thrive.

Photo (c) Geoff Hall

Can you help us purchase Minsterley Meadows for future generations?

We have an exciting opportunity to purchase two flower-rich meadows on the outskirts of Minsterley, Shropshire to safeguard them for future generations. Amongst many other species, the meadows support the largest colony of green-winged orchids in Shropshire which has led to their designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the government's nature conservation body, Natural England.

The meadows adjoin Callow Lane and are well used by local people. The meadows would be owned by the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, a local community-led Trust dedicated to helping create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside. The Marches Meadow Group would help manage the meadows.

This appeal is supported by Minsterley Parish Council, CPRE Shropshire, Friends of Pontesford Hill and other local groups.

Donations to the Minsterley Meadows fund can be made here or in cash on the day

There is no fee for this talk but would you please book your tickets via: [confer-ence@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](mailto:conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk).

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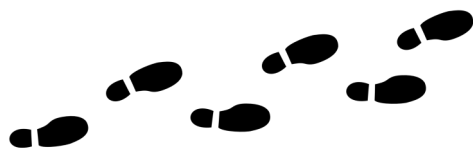


Sports & Activities

NEW WALKING GROUP –

Organised By Jess
(Good Neighbour Group)

Friday 13th September
Young, old, families & pets
welcome
4pm from School Green
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Pontesbury Sports Association has seen many changes over the summer months with the inside of the building completed. We have had a Fire Risk Assessment and are slowly bringing the building into the 21st Century. We are looking to buy a defibrillator soon. The field has had some drainage problems so along with Trevor Evans and thanks to contributions from the Atherton Trust this has now hopefully been resolved.

The summer has showcased cricket, rounders and bowls and although on occasion the weather has not been the best, games have managed to go ahead. There are five teams now playing rounders from the PSA, every Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It has been great to see the ladies in action. Cricket has been played on Saturdays and Tuesday evenings with bowls on a Monday and Thursday.

Plough Girl's rounders team

On the 25th August a day of Sport was held at the Ground with football being played in memory of 'Taffy Thomas'. Money raised from the day will buy a defibrillator. The Sports Association would like to thank Howard & Ann Thorne for their support for this event.

Worthen Juniors Ladies and Mens now start the Football Season with teams playing most weekends – please come along and support them.



Mytton rounders team



We urgently needed Cub Scout Leaders

We urgently need Cub Scout Leaders to help out at the pack in Pontesbury, Shrewsbury. The pack, which consists of 24 x 8-10½ year olds, meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:45pm but, at present, has just 2 leaders trying to keep it all going. Without some help the pack will have to close.

Cub Scout leaders help run the meetings, plan adventure, crafts and skills evenings to enhance the lives of young people, providing them with new experiences which they may not get from school and home.

Cubs usually:

- go for walks in the surrounding countryside,
- learn about cycling and go on bike rides around the local area,
- do backwoods cooking
- develop crafts of all kinds
- learn to read maps
- learn first aid and how to call the emergency services
- Take part in community events
- go camping



Just a few hours a week is all it would take to keep this thriving pack going. Please don't let 40 years of Cubs in Pontesbury just fade away.!

Please contact us

reavalleycubs@yahoo.co.uk

If you are not happy working directly with the children but could offer your support then we have admin roles - treasurer, data input and general.

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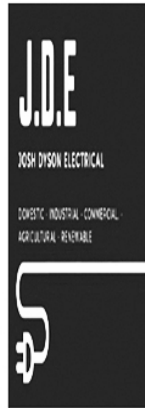
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SEPTEMBER 2024 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Regular Weekly Events			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate runners)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Road
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	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			
Sun 1st	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Baptist Church
Mon 2nd	6.30pm	Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 4/18th	2-4pm	AGE UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Thu 5th & 19th	11.00-13.00	Get Creative Group - free, refreshments provided	Pavilion
Sat 7th	10.30 -12.30	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 7th	7 for 7.30pm	Val Sinclair & Shades of Indigo Extravaganza	Pavilion
Sun 8/29th	10am	Pontesbury Community Garden sessions	Community Garden behind Ark nursery
Mon 9th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Mon 9th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Tue 10th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Tue 10th	7.30pm	U3A	Minsterley Parish Hall
Wed 11th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Fri 13th	4pm	New Walking Group meet	School Green
Fri 13th	1030-1200	Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Fri 13th	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks—Local Hero	Habberley Village Hall
Fri 13/20th	1030-1200	Singing for Wellbeing	Pavilion
Sat 14th	1000-1200	Pontesbury Repair Cafe, St. George's Church	St. George's Church
Tues 17th	7-9pm	Minsterley Meadows talk on barn owls	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper	Cruckton Village Hall
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks—Ladies in Lavendar	Marton Village Hall
Sat 22nd	1-4pm	Community Garden Harvest Celebration	Community Garden behind Ark nursery
Wed 25th	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 27th	10.30-1200	Pontesbury Carer's Support Group	Pavilion
Sat 28th	10.00-12.00	Sponsored sing with St Georges Benefice Choir	St George's Church
Sat 28th	8.30am	Pontesbury Men's Breakfast Club	Horseshoes Inn

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