



BECOME A PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCILLOR

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the parish council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect our community to put themselves forward. Make a change and become a parish councillor.

There are still three vacancies for councillors, one in the Pontesbury ward and one in the Plealey ward and one in the Cruckton ward. The council are looking to co-opt three new councillors to fill these vacancies.

Make a difference – become a local councillor – if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please talk to one of the existing councillors or contact the Parish Clerk - clerk@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk, or call 01691 661157.

More information about the sorts of activities the council is involved in locally can be seen in the Annual Report of the Parish Council, in the centre pull-out of the June newsletter or online at www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk/pontesbury-newsletter.

You can also find more information on the parish council website www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk, including eligibility criteria for being a councillor & further information about the role of a parish councillor on the National Association of Local Councils website:

www.nalc.gov.uk/campaigns/becoming-a-councillor

To apply please email the clerk stating how you meet the eligibility criteria, why you want to be a councillor and what skills and experience you would bring to the role, by 5pm on 7th July 2025.

Pontesbury Repair Café is next open on Saturday 12th July from 10am to 12 noon in St Georges's Church. Don't forget to bring your items along early enough for them to be repaired. Thank you.

DEADLINE for September 2025 issue is: Friday 15th August 2025.

Coloured copies of the newsletter can be read at www.pontesbury-pc.gov.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

Do you need a few more hours work? Do you have some hours to spare where you could help the Pavilion team? If so, please get in touch with Nicki, Deputy Clerk via email deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk.

The Parish Council are looking for someone who could assist with opening and locking up the Pavilion in the evenings and when the Building Assistant is on holiday. Ideally, you would also be able to help with odd jobs around the building, but this is not completely necessary. If you think you can help, please do get in touch for details.

Pontesbury Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting in June was held at Cruckton Village Hall and Police Inspector Ben Tanfield was in attendance to answer parish councillor questions and concerns about the reduction in Police Community Support Officer cover. A new councillor Sarah Wallace-Johnson was co-opted for the Pontesbury ward. Sarah feels strongly that parish councils are a great way to be more involved with matters that are important on a local level. Sarah worked in museums for most of her career as a Natural Sciences Conservator and now volunteers for several wildlife organisations in the area such as Natural England, The Friends of Pontesbury Hill & The Stepping Stones Project. Recently Sarah has taken up the position of Project Coordinator for the Middle Marches Community Land Trust's Minsterley Meadows project. Sarah is keen to be involved with the Green Recovery Strategy for Shropshire and believes that parish councils can have a hand in the implementation of some of the actions arising from this, empowering local communities to make a difference to their environment. Sarah has previously been a councillor in the village of Rampton in Cambridgeshire, where she used to live and is now also a parish councillor in Minsterley.

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June is also the month when councillors sign off the accounts from the previous financial year and submit these accounts to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn. No issues were raised and the Audit return was submitted. Any elector can view the accounts by contacting the Responsible Financial Officer for the council on finance@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk.

The councillors also agreed to look for quotes to begin replacing the concrete poles for certain streetlights, replace certain pieces of play equipment and for upgrading the public toilets. The biennial tree inspection and survey will also take place later in the summer. Councillors approved a grant to the community of Plealey to supplement monies raised locally to install a defibrillator in the village.



The council have had some positive feedback from residents pleased with the refurbishment of the bus shelter at the top of Hall Bank. A big thank you to Nigel Pugh who was contracted to carry out the works.



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th July at 6.30pm at Habberley Village Hall.

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

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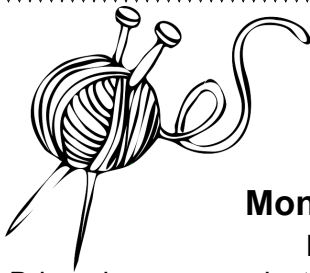
Rea Valley Probus Club

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 July 2025



Pavilion News July 2025 - What's On



We hope to see you at the new time for

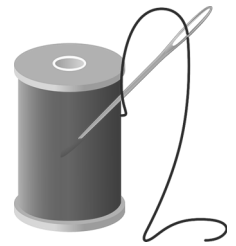
'Get Creative Group':

at The Pavilion from 2-4pm on

Monday 7th and 21st July & 4th & 18th August 2025

Drinks and biscuits are provided and there is no charge.

Bring along any project you are working on and have a chat with fellow creators. Everyone welcome.



Rhyme Time



Thursday 10th July 2025
Thursday 14th August 2025

at 2pm to 2.45pm

Pontesbury Library @ the Pavilion

Rhymes, stories and songs for children
under five years old



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

9 & 23 July / 6 & 20 August Time: 2– 4pm

Pontesbury Carers Support Group

Friday 25th July 2025

Matt Hignett, Financial Planning and the cost of
care. Matt is a Financial Advisor and member
of SOLLA

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.

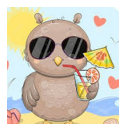


Sea Change Trust holds a free
Wednesday Family Drop-In at the
Pavilion Community Hub and Library
in Pontesbury between 10-12 (term-
time only) aimed at parents and carers of babies,
toddlers, and pre-schoolers. Everyone welcome.

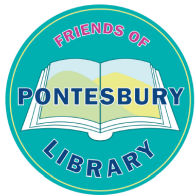
Summer in the Library. Story Garden is this
years Summer Reading Challenge. I'm sure most
parents will have heard about this or had children participate in previous years. The SRC is designed
for primary school children. You can sign up online from 5th July, but the big launch day for
Shropshire Libraries is Saturday 19th July. Come along to Pontesbury Library, sign up, collect your
leaflet and join in the crafting activity with Gill, all on the theme of stories and gardens. There will
also be other crafting dates through out the summer, a treasure hunt and hopefully, weather
permitting, activities on the patio. There will be a caterpillar craft on 24th July and more crafts with
Gill on 23rd August. For further information check online here, summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. For
local activities check our Facebook page

Shropshire Libraries will be celebrating it's 100th birthday this July. One hundred years since the
library authority was formed and the first head librarian appointed. There will be a display, old
photos and press cuttings.

Second hand book sales. We recently received a large donation of Shropshire books, on all topics
from archaeology to canals. They are on sale in the library for 50p, all donations go to FOPL.
We also have a trolley full of donated books for sale, very handy for taking on holiday, no
fines if you drop it the pool. ☺



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



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

Thank You to everyone who continues to support our efforts to keep Pontesbury Community Library open through our regular Library Lottery, fundraising events and donations. FOPL's contribution to Shropshire Libraries running costs has now risen to £4,000 pa.

FOPL AGM

At the AGM the new Chair Caroline Wright was appointed. She was welcomed by outgoing Chair Yvonne Davies who assured the AGM that she couldn't have wished for a better replacement. After a handover period in August, Caroline will begin her tenure in earnest from September.

The appointed officers for 2025/26 are:

Chair: **Caroline Wright**

Secretary: **Sue Smith**

Treasurer: **Bob Tune**

After the formal AGM business the meeting welcomed Nicky Green, Senior fundraiser from Severn Hospice. Nicky gave an interesting and heartfelt presentation about the history and current facilities of the hospice, and outlined their future plans. These included the new 'Hospice at Home' facility to support patients and carers in their own home, and future buildings improvements at Bicton and Telford. There were Severn Hospice volunteers in the audience, two of whom worked in the wonderful newly developed Refresh Café. Anyone is welcome to drop by the Severn Hospice at Bicton for a cuppa, snacks and cakes, not just hospice visitors. We wish Severn Hospice well in continuing this vital palliative care facility.

The next **Coffee Morning** is on 5th July, 10.30 – 12.30. Come along for coffee tea and delicious home-made cakes and a good chat, plus the lottery draw.

The June lucky lottery winners were:

No. 125 Christine Norris / No. 106 Caro Schiansky

Lottery tickets cost just £1 each. Forms for purchasing them are available in the library.

Reading Challenge

The annual **Summer Reading Challenge for Children** will launch on the **19th July**, which coincides with the 100th anniversary of the formation of Shropshire libraries. Further information from 'The Library Owl'.

In celebration, the first **Children's Art and Craft Summer Workshop** will be on this date, **19th July**, **10.30am -12** and 2 other dates to follow. Watch out for Posters and further information on FOPL Facebook page! Come and make something to take home and maybe help to decorate the library for Summer as well.

The Spring Display is still up in the children's corner and if you helped to make it and would like to collect your daffodil or flying bird, come in on the 19th or ask the librarian at any other time.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



Community
Good
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Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

July 2025



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 11th July 2025 All are welcome to come along
10:30am to 12:00pm at The Plough Inn

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

..... other community news

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT BY Cllr NICK HIGNETT.

The new Shropshire Council Administration was formed at the meeting on 22nd May, with Councillor Heather Kidd elected as the new leader of Shropshire Council.

Induction training is now being given to all Councillors, essential to enable us to undertake our duties in a professional and correct manner. This is particularly important for the 50 new Councillors.

The next Shropshire Full Council meeting will be held on 17th July, when the aims and policies of the new administration will become clearer.

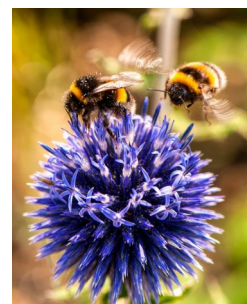
A key focus will be on dealing with a budget overspend, which is forecast to continue, in part driven by the ever-rising costs of Adult and Children's Social Care.

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West Shropshire Flower Club

Jane Furey's (Cowen) demonstration 'Animal Magic' focused on her favourite British animals. Her first arrangement gave a naturalistic interpretation of a hedgerow, mimicking natural growth within a framework of birch and hazel were groupings of dianthus, white allium and campanula, along with a small hedgehog she had fashioned from the bristles of a stiff brush. She used a straw collar to support a grouped handtied dormouse inspired arrangement. A grouped handtied is a modern, compact, stylish design that emphasizes the flowers by grouping them, using fabulous brown roses, cream hypericum berries, seed pods and eryngium as a thistle. To support the flowers in a foam free arrangement she used a framework of wedged contorted hazel pieces, into which were placed green alstroemeria and orange roses in a natural posy like design. The butterfly creation was a contemporary arrangement, with central willow uprights surrounded by tiers of snap-dragons, calla lilies, double pink peonies and astilbe, and used medalino stick hoops to create space and enclosure. Her 'bee' design was arranged in a vegetative style, mimicking the natural growth of plants, creating a wild, untamed look rather than a perfectly symmetrical arrangement, and using purple flowers (the bees favourite colour) with alliums, stocks and clematis. Using a ring of moss and twigs as a contemporary river bank, test tubes supported orchids within a tangle of jasmine, and in the middle she placed a small bowl of water with a very tongue in cheek small plastic duck.



All meetings at Westbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, visitors welcome £10. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 23rd July – Sioned Hughs – It's a wonderful world

St. George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk



Services and activities for July 2025

1st 2.30pm Tea Service
 3rd 3.30pm Messy Church
 6th 10.30am Holy Communion
 13th 10.30am Morning Worship without Communion
 & Children's Church
 3pm Cemetery Meadow Service
 20th 10.30am Holy Communion & Children's Church
 27th 10.30am All Age Family Service

Tea Break every Wednesday 2-4pm
 Coffee Stop every Friday 10-12noon

Pontesbury Baptist Church

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm – where we 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 July Rod Ward	Martin Wells
Sunday 13th July Mike Wells	Rob Jack
Sunday 20th July Mike Wells	Mike Wells
Sunday 27th July Mike Wells	Mike Wells

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

In addition, every service is streamed live via our church website, and recordings of previous sermons are available on the website and our YouTube channel.

If you'd like more information, please email: info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Methodist services for July:

6th July 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall
 13th July 6.00 pm Songs of Praise
 20th July 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall
 27th July 10.45 am with Mrs Helen Pearson

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES. JULY 2025.

Sunday 6th July at 10am Olwen Lethbridge
 Sunday 13th July at 10am Rev. Debbie Martin
 Sunday 20th July at 10am The Deacons
 Sunday 27th July at 10am Rev. Debbie Martin

Tuesday at 10am Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 10.30-12midday Coffee and Chat

Everyone Welcome.

St George's Open Air Meadow Service



For families and all ages – everyone welcome

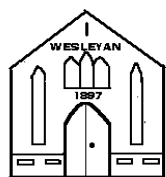
3pm – 4pm Sunday 13th July 2025

Celebrate God's creation with a treasure hunt, readings, songs and prayers.

Enjoy the meadow as it develops.
 A time for peace and reflection.

St George's Meadow, Pontesbury
 Cemetery, Bogey Lane

Bring a blanket and a picnic!



You are invited to join us for a

SONGS OF PRAISE

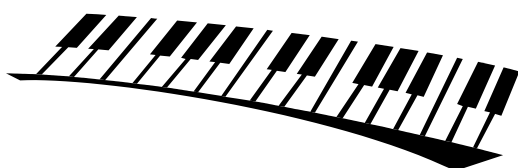
Sunday July 13th at 6.00 pm



Pontesbury Methodist Church

With Mr. Wesley Morris

Followed by light refreshments



Messy Church at St George's Church, 3rd July - term-time only. 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

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



Welcome to The Tea Break



Cuppa, cake, and a chat

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

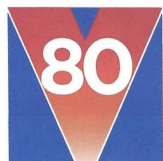
St George's Church
 Pontesbury





FLOWER FESTIVAL

A MOMENT IN TIME



Reflecting on moments which shaped our world since the 1940s

St Michael's Church

All Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6LB

Church open 12 - 14 July 10am-6pm

Summer concert Sat 12 July, 7:30pm

Ludlow Concert Band £9 per adult, children free

Songs of Praise Sun 13 July, 6:30pm

VE themed Tea Party Mon 14 July, 3pm



Proceeds and any donations for the work of St Michael's Church



Summer Concert tickets



via website or from Vines Church Stretton

Book Tea Party places

via website or ring Parish Office



www.strettonparish.org.uk 01694 724224

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA!



Saturday 23rd August

At 1pm

The Lindens, Hem Lane, SY5 0AL

Join us for a delicious homemade afternoon tea for just £25 per person.

Booking is essential by 1st August

Please let us know of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Please call or text to book
Rene 07795212162



I'm holding an Afternoon Tea to help improve the lives of people affected by breast cancer, now and for generations to come.

breastcancernow.org/afternoontea



Breast Cancer Now is a company limited by guarantee registered in England (3047600) and a charity registered in England and Wales (1080184), Scotland (SC045584) and the Isle of Man (1000).



SURVIVING & THRIVING IN RETIREMENT

Words of wisdom to entertain and amuse us from our u3a Chair, Janet Walsh, after the AGM.



Wednesday
16 July 2025



Time
2.00 PM



Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, SY5 0EH

Free entrance
Refreshments available
pontesbury.u3asite.uk

learn,
laugh,
live



On the 16th July 2025 at 2pm, Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a will be holding its AGM at Minsterley Parish Hall. The meeting will be brief and focused on essential business matters.

Afterward, we will enjoy an engaging talk from our outgoing Chair, **Janet Walsh**, on the topic of "**Surviving and Thriving in Retirement**," – a subject close to all our hearts! Janet's distinctive and concise insights are sure to entertain and captivate.

Both members and non-members are welcome.

Following the talk, refreshments will be served, providing an excellent opportunity to reconnect or learn more about our u3a.

Our u3a is part of a UK charity dedicated to bringing together individuals not in full-time employment for enjoyable learning or active experiences. We are local, friendly, and affordable, featuring over 20 interest groups covering a variety of activities, including history, literature and geology to walking, cycling, pickleball and table tennis.

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Ask the Animal Healer – Rebecca Rea

Therapeutic help for animals and people

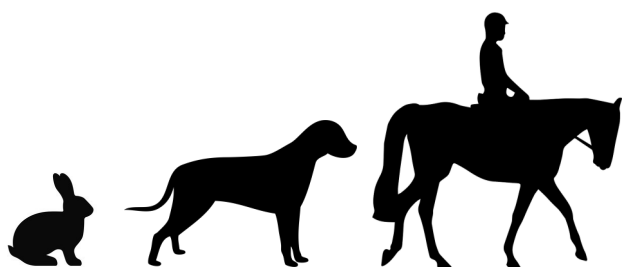
Dementia in dogs:

Sadly our animal friends suffer from many of the same physical and mental ailments that we do ourselves including Cognitive Dysfunction. In dogs there can be many changes in their behaviour such as barking at dusk and night-time, staring at walls, not eating or wanting to eat repeatedly, increased insecurity and fears, un-characteristic snappiness, bowel urinary weakness and agitation pacing around. This condition can be extremely distressing. Whilst there is sadly no cure for this condition, in my experience there is much that can be done to improve quality of life, slow down the decline and extend happiness until it is time to help your canine friend on his final journey. I use a range of healing techniques but some simple top tips would include, feeding your dog a grain-free quality diet to reduce inflammation; increasing Omega 3 oils is essential to enhance cognitive function and reduce inflammation, giving CBD oil which shows huge promise in lots of areas, considering supplements such as RenewMe Vitality and Cognitive support, and treatment through Homeopathy. In addition, keeping your friends' stress levels down is crucial by keeping routines steady, protecting your dog from over-stimulating and complex environments or people, and showing them kindness – remember they cannot help the changes they are going through and will be scared. I am obliged to remind customers that my healing work is complementary and not a replacement for appropriate Vet care. However, I am highly experienced so if I can help you please contact me. I also work with people.

www.theanimalhealer.life or email:

info@pathwaystohealing.life

www.pathwaystohealing.life



Well we certainly had an interesting meeting on 9th June with Caroline Wright talking to the group about Miss Lily Chitty, a renowned Pontesbury archaeologist, artist and botanist.



What a wonderful lady she was. She had a vast knowledge of Pontesbury and surrounding area where she would map archaeology fields. She was very well connected and published her

findings. What was extremely special for Pontesbury WI was that she was a member of our WI and in 1975 she was voted WI woman of the year. She died aged 85 and is buried in St George's Church yard, leaving much of her artefacts, historical information and art work to Shrewsbury Archives.

This month we had a wonderful afternoon tea at Mrs Jessica Pannett's (the old Merton Nurseries) where she showed us her vast collection of hostas. Mr Pannett kindly told us about his tree collection. This was a most enjoyable visit.

Our next WI meeting will be held on Monday 14th July. Michael McCarthy who despite his personal challenges has written a series of children's books. Our next craft club will be held on Tuesday 15th July at the Cock Inn, Hanwood at 10am to 1pm, (anyone is welcome to attend)

We are looking for new members of the WI so why not come along for free and see what we are about. If you would like more information contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 8th July

Victoria Graham – The Biscuit Club

There is no meeting in August

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on

The second Tuesday of the month

At Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

For those wanting to enter the Photography section of our Show (23 August) the subjects this year are:

- Insects
- Footwear
- Water
- Children

All prints are to be a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm, and be unframed. There is a maximum of three entries per person per subject. Entry forms and details of how to enter and show will be in the Show Schedule which is available at the Trading Post and in various shops in the village in June.

The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and we are there every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

July is the traditional time for haymaking on and around the Stiperstones although this is always very weather dependant, and in our case is complicated by other factors such as whether there are any nesting birds such as curlews around.

There are a couple of places left on the Introduction to Scything Course on the 27th July and this year we are hoping to hold the first ever bracken scything competition on the 1st August. Between these two dates we have a week of scything both bracken and grass for any volunteers proficient at using a scythe.

Bracken is becoming an increasing problem in upland areas for a variety of reasons. Farmers and commoners would have once harvested this resource to provide bedding for animals instead of straw and this would have limited its spread. Until recently it could be controlled through a specific herbicide, but that option is no longer available. To make matters worse warmer winters and increased airborne nitrogen is favouring its growth and spread. Much of the bracken on the Stiperstones is on steep rocky slopes and above heather which makes it almost impossible to control, so the more people we can encourage to cut it with scythes the better.

Scything, particularly with Austrian scythes is a very enjoyable pastime and as Levin said to his brother, after a day's mowing, in Tolstoy's Anna Karenina, *"You can't imagine what an effectual remedy it is for every sort of foolishness."*

Anyone interested should get in touch through our events email: Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

Finally, if anyone would like to join us for our family wildlife walk and picnic on Tuesday the 12th August, please book through Eventbrite using the QR code.

Bookings can also be made for our Stiperstones Stomp walk on Sunday the 17th August.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak

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REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MONTHLY WALKS AND EVENTS : JULY 2025

Saturday 19th July - Monthly Walk
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hope Village Hall Car Park - mellons.tortoises.threaten

Join our friendly Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) for a July Saturday walk, providing an opportunity to discover local flora and fauna together.

Free to attend and no booking required

Please note that there is no designated leader for these monthly walks. A meeting point is listed for each walk and the group will decide together on the day where they would like to walk.



We are also excited to offer two special events this month that focus on Swifts!



Join us as we support Carol Wood from the Shropshire Swift Group to explore where Swifts might be nesting in our local villages:

Monday 7th July - Swift Walk
8pm - dusk
Ford Village Hall - shaver.songbirds.rare

Friday 11th July - Swift Walk
8pm - dusk
Hanwood - Caradoc View - hugs.possibly.lushly

 **Shropshire Hills National Landscape**

These events are free, but donations are welcome. Pre-booking is essential as spaces limited. email: reavalleycwg@gmail.com

 **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/groups/reavalleycwg

 **More Information**
www.shropscwgs.org.uk/rea-valley-wildlife-group/



JOIN US TODAY!

Email: reavalleycwg@gmail.com

 Active and vibrant Whatsapp group also available





Celebrating 150 years of the Minsterley Show Society

**Join us on Saturday
16th August
Manor Farm,
Cruckton, SY5 8PW**

**2025 will be Minsterley Show Society's
150th Anniversary**

Don't miss out on the following:

Stannage Stunt Team confirmed as our 2025 Main Ring Event

This world record breaking stunt team have performed their shows all over Europe and the Middle East, recently returning from the Muscat Festival in Oman and the GT festival in Bahrain. These shows will generate great excitement and is a great crowd puller so don't miss this opportunity to see some of the UK's top stuntmen.

Grand Parade – An exciting opportunity to see some of our prize-winning livestock in the main ring.

Supreme Horse Championships – Another chance to admire the prize-winning horses in the main ring.

Village Green – All day family entertainment including Circus Workshop, Children's Arts & Craft tent and returning to the show are the "Animal Displays".

Arts & Crafts Marquee – A chance to meet some local exhibitors demonstrating their crafts and perhaps be inspired!

Food Hall – Taste buds at the ready ... come and meet some of Shropshire's food and drink suppliers and sample what they have to offer.

Horticultural Marquee – Whether you simply want to admire the talents of others or fancy trying your hand and entering, the Horticultural & Home Section classes have something for everyone.

Minsterley Motors- kindly provide a complimentary bus to and from the showground



From very modest beginnings the Show has grown from produce Classes

inside the old Village Hall, with a few sheep and ponies outside, to a dynamic multi-class exhibition of all the very best in modern Agriculture. We now present high-class Livestock and ultra-modern machine and the Horse Section is a Tour de Force. All this now requires a 50 acres site.

My earliest memory goes back to 1958, trudging after my mother, weighed down with buckets of flowers, trays of eggs and a multitude of various fruits. Since then, the Show has had various homes. We were 15 years at Plox Green with the Potter family, 9 years at Poulton with the Jones's, 3 years at Dales of Park Farm, and 1 year with Sutton Summers. The Hamer family hosted the Show from 1994-2023 and now we are at our new site at Cruckton courtesy of the Vance family.

Over the years we have faced many challenges, including Foot & Mouth, Charity Commissioners and the dreaded Health & Safety regulations. We have succeeded due to diligent members and proud hard-working volunteers. I must mention and thank our many Sponsors, who year after year continue to support us with great generosity. This enables us to maintain and improve the Show.

Going forward we will continue to support the local community and put on a Show that entertains and gives value for money.

Please put the date of 16th August 2025 in your calendar and join us for a great day out. Everyone will be most welcome.

Yours, Phillip Dudleston,
President 2024/2025, Chairman 1999-2001

Minsterley Show Timetable 2025

Minsterley, Opp Crown & Sceptre	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:00	15:30	16:30
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	09:35	11:05	12:35	14:05	15:35	16:35
Hanwood, Cock Inn	09:43	11:13	12:43	14:13	15:43	16:43
Minsterley Show	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00	17:00
Hanwood, Opp Cock Inn	10:17	11:47	13:17	14:47	16:17	17:17
Pontesbury, Shop	10:25	11:55	13:25	14:55	16:25	17:25
Minsterley, Crown & Sceptre	10:30	12:00	13:30	15:00	16:30	17:30

Please join us in Celebrating
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Sports & Activities

Pontesbury Sports Association will be holding:

'The Taffy Memorial Cup' on Sunday 24th August

Fun will start from 10am with Pontesbury Cricket Club, Pontesbury Legends, Worthen Juniors Men & another team yet to be announced.

Barbeque & Bar - plus activity in the afternoon.

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PONTESBURY RUNNERS

Weekly Social Run - Intermediate/Advanced Runners (Over 16's only)

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Session for Graduates of Beginners/Returners Courses (Minumum Age 16 Years)

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For more information on Pontesbury Runners and RunTogether please visit www.groups.runtogether.co.uk/
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WHAT'S GOING ON? - Everything – that's what!!



- Walking Tennis - Fridays 11am
- Social Tennis – Fridays 9.30am
- 'Back on Court' – Free taster sessions
- Junior Coaching – Thursday afternoons
- Monthly Breakfast Tournaments
- Adult Group Coaching Sessions
- 'Court Cardio Fitness' – Thursdays 9.30am
- Club Night Social Tennis – Mondays 6.30pm
- 1-2-1 Coaching Sessions
- County Based League Matches
- Annual Quiz & Dinner
- **AND MUCH MORE TO COME!!!**

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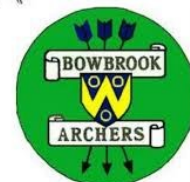
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The Mary Webb School Archery Club

The Mary Webb School Archery Club meets every Friday afternoon, after school hours during term time, shooting on the field during the Spring and Summer months and in the Sports Hall during Autumn and Winter. The Club is run by coaches and experienced archers from two local clubs: Bowbrook Archers and Long Mynd Archers.



LONG MYND ARCHERS



Recently, members of the Club took part in the Newbies National, a competition for archers new to the sport with two years or less experience, run by Long Mynd Archers. Four archers took part and all shot very well, with one coming away with a gold medal for his age group.

There are further competitions lined up for the Summer: the Heritage shoots are half-day events tailored for the newer archers and with the emphasis on enjoyment as much as the competition. The most recent was held at Long Mynd Archers' Church Stretton field (after this Newsletter went to press) and coming up on 3rd August will be one at Bowbrook's field at Withington.

If anyone is interested in sampling the sport Long Mynd Archers are holding Have-a-Go events at their field from 10 to 12 noon on Saturdays 12 July and 9 August. This costs £10 for a one-hour session and no booking is required – just turn up and have-a-go!

For more information visit: www.longmyndarchers.co.uk or www.bowbrook-archers.co.uk.

TAI CHI in Pontesbury - Tai Chi is held each Tuesday at The Public Hall – 2-4pm

Whether you are new to Tai Chi or are already an enthusiast, you are welcome to come along to:

The Pontesbury Tai Chi Group. 2-4pm Tuesdays at The Public Hall, Pontesbury

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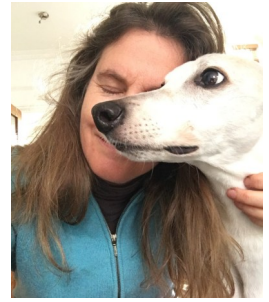
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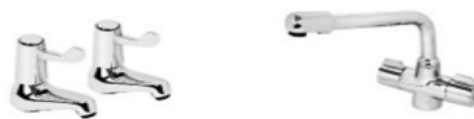
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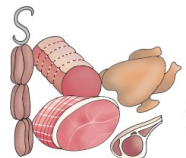


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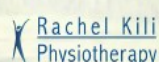
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JULY & AUGUST 2025 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Regular Weekly Events			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Rd
Every Mon	6.00-7.15pm	Yoga	Ponts Congregational Church
Every Mon	7.00-9.00pm	Monday Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Tue	10.00 - 12.00	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30-12.00	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 Wed	2-4pm	Tea Break - tea, cake and a chat	St George's Church
Every Thu	10.00-12.00	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
First Thu	3.30-5pm	Messy Church Spring	St George's Church
Every Thu	7-9pm	Rea Valley Woodcarvers (Term-Time Only)	Minsterley Parish Hall
Every Thu	7-9pm	Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Fri	10.00	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
Every Fri	10.00-12.00	Coffee Stop	St George's Church
Every Sat	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Yockleton Village Hall
Monthly Events			
Sat 5th	1030-1230	FOPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion Community Hub & Library
Mon 7th & 21st	2-4pm	Get Creative - FREE just bring along your projects	Pavilion
Mon 7th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Planning Committee	Pavilion
Tue 8th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 9th	1pm	Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Wed 9th & 23rd July	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Thu 10th	2-2.45pm	Rhyme Time	Library
Fri 11th	10.30-12.00	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Sat 12th	10.00-12.00	Pontesbury Repair Café	St George's Church
12th - 14th	Various	Stretton Parish Flower Festival (see page 7)	All Stretton, St Michael's Church
Sun 13th	3-4pm	St George's Open Air Service	Cemetery, Bogey Lane, Pontesbury
Sun 13th	6pm	Songs of Praise	Pontesbury Methodist Church
Mon 14th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 14th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Habberley Village Hall
Wed 16th	2pm	u3a AGM & talk	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 19th	10.30-12.00	Summer Reading Challenge - activities & games	Pavilion Community Hub & Library
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 25th	10.30	Carer's Group	Pavilion
AUGUST			
Mon 4th & 18th	2-4pm	Get Creative - FREE just bring along your projects	Pavilion
Wed 6th & Wed 20th	2-4pm	Age Uk Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
SAT 16th	ALL DAY	MINSTERLEY SHOW (see pg 10 for bus times)	Manor Farm, Cruckton SY5 8PW
Sat 23rd	1pm	Afternoon Tea in Aid of Breast Cancer	The Lindens, Hem Lane SY5 0AL
Sun 24th	10am	Taffy Memorial Cup - day of sport & activities	Sports Association

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