



# Pontesbury Parish Newsletter



**Pontesbury Players** want to give a big thank you to everyone who came to see our Panto sequel to Cinderella. Over five performances, there were brilliant audiences which meant we had great fun on stage.

If you'd like to join the group, on or off stage, then please contact us on our Pontesbury Players Facebook page. We'd love to hear from you.

<https://www.facebook.com/PontesburyPlayers>



## Pontesbury Repair Café

Saturday 14th March, 10.00 – 12.00

St George's Church

## Caretaker/estates person needed

Pontesbury Parish Council are looking for someone to do light caretaking at the Pavilion and maintenance jobs around the parish. There is work for the equivalent of a day per week on a flexible, self-employed basis.

If you are interested please contact Debbie Marais [clerk@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk) or tel: 01691 661157



## PONTESBURY PLAY AREA - CONSULTATION

Friday 13th March 2026 from 12 noon to 4pm in Pontesbury Pavilion

Come and let the parish council know how you would like the funding to be spent, which is allocated to purchase new equipment for the Pontesbury Play area.

Four play equipment companies will be at the Pavilion on 13th March advertising their play equipment for you to look at and to answer your questions. Each company has come up with different designs, or alternative apparatus, following a specification from the council, which has also had to follow the lines of the funding available.



This is your chance to shape the Pontesbury Play Area for the future - come along and have your say, refreshments will be available.



Coloured copies of the newsletter can be read at [www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk/pontesbury-newsletter](http://www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk/pontesbury-newsletter)

**DEADLINE for April 2026 issue is: Friday 13th March 2026**

**Pontesbury Parish Council** At the February meeting Councillors agreed the annual payment of £15,000 to Shropshire Council Library Service, towards providing a library in Pontesbury. Thank you to the Friends of Pontesbury Library who make a contribution of £4,000 towards this payment. It was also agreed that Cllr Hodges would write to the Shropshire Council portfolio holder for Highways to express concern about the flooding in Cruckton which is causing a lot of problems for local residents.

We apologise for the delay in opening the newly refurbished public toilets. They should be open by the end of March. A big thank you to Shukers for the great job that they have done, and we hope you enjoy the changes. Thank you for your patience during the closure of the toilets.

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th March at 6pm at Pontesbury Public Hall. This is the chance for electors in the parish to come and hear what the council and other local groups in the area are doing to support residents and to ask questions. Reports will be available on the parish council website before the meeting.

[www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.pontesbury-pc.gov.uk)

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The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 6.30pm at the Pavilion.

### New Play Area Equipment Consultation - Feedback Form

We value your input regarding the proposed new equipment for the play area. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback will help us ensure the play area meets the needs of our community.

#### Feedback Questions

How often do you or your children use the play area?

Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Rarely  Never

What age group(s) will be using the new equipment?

Under 5  6-12  12-15  Over 15

What do you think of the proposed new equipment?

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Are there any types of equipment you would particularly like to see included?

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Do you have any concerns or suggestions about the safety or accessibility of the new equipment?

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Any other comments or suggestions?

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Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Please return this form by 28th March 2026 to the following address or email:

The Pavilion Community Hub & Library, Hall Bank, Pontesbury SY5 0RF

Email: [deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk)

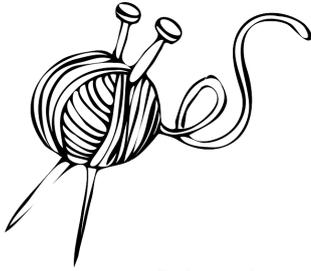
Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the improvement of our play area for all local children and families.

Blank Play Area consultation feedback forms can be collected from the Pavilion and either scanned and emailed back, or returned by hand.

## 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](http://www.reavalleyprobus.org.uk).

**Next meeting is the AGM: 11th March 2026**



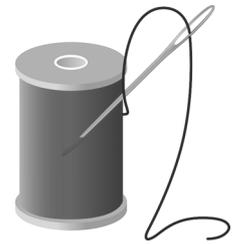
We hope to see you for  
**'Get Creative Group':**

at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on  
**Monday 2nd & 16th March 2026**

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.



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group  
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

4th & 18th March 2026 - Time: 2-4pm

### Pontesbury Carers Support Group

**Friday 27th March 2026**

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.

### March News from the Library Owl

We will 'Spring into the Library' this March, all things bright and yellow! A host of daffodils gathered to welcome our special guest on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. **Please note that the library will be pausing its service, at approximately 11.15am till 11.45am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** This will be all services, book borrowing, computers, and photocopying. Thank you for your patience while the event takes place.

As I mentioned in February, this is the National Year of Reading (**GO ALL IN**) Our colleagues in Ludlow library have created a '**Read-A-Lottery**' challenge. The challenge will promote reading in all its forms. Collect paw prints to enter a prize draw at the end of the year. Pop into the library to sign up and get more details.

Libraries are always looking for initiatives to be greener, borrowing books instead of buying reduces your carbon footprint. We are also now able to recycle pens. There is a box inside the library, which can be accessed when the Pavilion is open to the public. All types of pens are acceptable. When the box is full, we simply post them off and start again.

Sorry we had to cancel the February Rhyme Time, it will return on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

The Library Owl



Sea Change Trust

**Sea Change Trust** run a **FREE** therapist-led Family Drop-In support group at the Pavilion Community Hub and Library in Pontesbury on Wednesdays between 10-12 (term-time only). All caregivers and their children under 5 are welcome. Meet other families with young children and talk to our team of parent infant specialists whilst the children play.



### RHYME TIME



**Thursday 12th March**

**2pm in**

**Pontesbury Pavilion & Library**

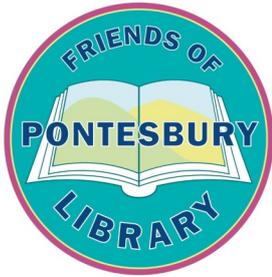
At Pontesbury Pavilion we want to put on an exhibition of framed gig, music, theatre or film posters, just to show the diversity of interest in our



community. These posters can be works of art in their own right, hopefully you'd like to be involved.

Get in touch with Nicki, deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk to let her know you're interested.

Posters go on display in April 2026.



# news

## FROM FRIENDS OF PONTESBURY LIBRARY



The King's Award for Voluntary Service

### 10th Birthday for our Coffee Morning

Despite adverse weather conditions, a good crowd enjoyed the tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes at the February event. Coffee mornings have been a monthly event raising money for the library and providing a happy meeting place for **10 years!!!** A very big thank you to the organisers, helpers and cake makers and to everybody who comes along to support the library. What a great achievement!



### Lottery winners at February's meeting were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phil and Beverley Dunn, No. 43
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Pugh, No. 111
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Jones, No. 176

You can join the Friends of Pontesbury Library 100 Lottery Club for just £12 per year and forms are available in the Library and on our web-page:

[pontesburylibrary.co.uk/library-lottery-form/](http://pontesburylibrary.co.uk/library-lottery-form/)

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, see next column for details.

### Presentation of King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) Saturday 7 March, 10.30-12.30 Pavilion



A very special coffee morning, culminating in a visit by **His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Shopshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP**. She will be presenting FOPL volunteers with our engraved Kings Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) Crystal and Certificate from the King. We very much hope that all our valued regular customers will join us for this celebration, delicious home baking and hot drinks available as usual.

**IMPORTANT: For reasons of protocol, we request that everyone attending arrives by 11.15am.** Please note also that during the formal presentation, from 11.30am, there will be a pause in Library Service and in the serving of refreshments.

The Kings Award for Voluntary Service is the highest, lifetime honour bestowed upon local volunteer groups in the UK, equivalent to an MBE. Created in 2002 for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee, it recognizes exceptional, community-focused, volunteer-led groups that have operated for at least three years.

### Talk: Dangerous Miracle Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm Pavilion



### LIAM SHAW

Saturday  
14 March  
7:00 for 7:30 pm  
Pontesbury Pavilion,  
Hall Bank, SY5 0RF

### Dangerous Miracle

Join Liam for an engaging, accessible talk on his new book exploring how antibiotics transformed medicine - and why their future is at risk.

No scientific background required!



Book of the Week - September 2025

For full details see the poster.

Tickets are £10 from the Library, Hignetts, or online via TicketSource

With limited seating available and tickets selling fast, book soon.

### Annual Plant Sale Saturday 2 May, 10.30-12.30 Pavilion



This ever-popular event will offer all kinds of plants plus seedlings for sale at very reasonable prices, together with refreshments, a Tombola and sale of second-hand books. This year it takes place in conjunction with **Pontesbury's Green Day**, with other exciting events and stalls around the village focused on wildlife, gardening and eco-friendly living.

It's the very generous donations of plants and seedlings from our green-fingered library supporters that make this event so successful. So please can all gardeners keep Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in mind as we emerge from this very soggy Winter and dream of Spring!

TICKETS £10 from Hignetts, Pontesbury Library and TicketSource  
Raising funds to support Pontesbury Library

Thank you to everyone who supports our precious Community Library



Community  
Good  
Neighbours  
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

# News & Events

## March 2026



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

**Coffee Morning** - at the Plough Inn is on Friday 13th March start time 10.30 till 11.45

**Good Neighbours Community Luncheon** is Friday 27th March start 11.45 & finish 13.00 at Pontesbury Public Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the coffee mornings or Hignetts. The luncheons do not run after March as we all go into Spring with hopefully better weather!



### FOODBANK NEWS

**Thank you to Pontesbury Co-op for £250 for Foodbank costs**

Craig Pugh, Pontesbury Co-op's Manager enabled the Foodbank to gain this generous grant from the Co-op, which will go towards our running costs. We really appreciate Craig's help, the staff at the store and all the local support from our communities.



Jonathan Brown, RVF & Craig Pugh, Co-op

**Please keep donating** in date tinned and packaged food, toiletries, and cleaning products. All donations are very welcome; it is especially helpful if you can check our "Items in Need" on our website <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/donating/>

**Please help us by telling people about our Foodbank** as we know there are people out there that need our help. Do encourage them to take the first step. It's easy to get referred, or they contact us themselves, or you can contact us on their behalf. You are welcome to come along with them to their first Foodbank visit and stay for a hot drink and a chat. Our volunteers are friendly and non-judgmental, so please do try us.

**To use the Foodbank, get referred:** ask your local clergy, GP, school, nursery, social/health worker, housing provider or other support agency. See our website: <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/> or Facebook



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**EASTER SERVICES**

**@ Pontesbury Baptist Church**



**Good Friday 3rd April**

**Service at 11:30 am**

**Easter Sunday 5th April**

**Services at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm**

**All are welcome!**

[www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk](http://www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk)



### Lent Lunches

Every Wednesday 12:00 -1:00 pm

All four churches in Pontesbury warmly invite you to join us at St George's Church each Wednesday for soup and a roll, followed by a hot drink, all free of charge, and a reflection on the true message of Easter. No need to book ahead – just come as you are!

## Church Services - March 2026

### St. George's Church [www.st-george.org.uk](http://www.st-george.org.uk)



Services and activities for March 2026

1st 10:30 am Holy Communion  
3rd 2.30pm Tea Service  
5th 3.30pm Messy Church  
8th 10:30 am Morning Worship without Communion. Children's Church  
15th 10:30 am Holy Communion and Children's Church (Mothering Sunday)  
22nd 10.30am All Age Family Worship  
29th 10.30am Dramatised Passion (Palm Sunday) Group service.  
Tea Break every Wednesday 2-4pm  
Coffee Stop every Friday 10-12noon

### Methodist services for March

1st Mar Mr Mike Hallworth - Holy Communion  
8th Mar Mrs Helen Pearson  
15th Mar Rev Brian Spencer  
22nd Mar Mr Wes Morris  
29th Mar Rev Richard Hall

All services at 10.45 am

### PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES March 2026

Sunday 1st March at 10am David Gent.  
Sunday 8th March at 10am Rev. Debbie Martin.  
Sunday 15th March at 10am The Deacons.  
Sunday 22nd March at 10am Rev Debbie Martin.  
Sunday 29th March at 10am Rev. Debbie Martin.  
(Palm Sunday service to be held at Minsterley Congregational Church - NO service at Pontesbury).

Tuesday at 10am Prayer meeting.  
Wednesday 10-12 Warm space/coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome

### Pontesbury Baptist Church [www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk](http://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.

	Morning	Evening
1st Mar	10:30 am: Mike Wells	SONGS OF PRAISE
8th Mar	10:30 am: Mike Wells	No Service
15th Mar	10:30 am: Rob Jack	6:30 pm: Ben Jack
22nd Mar	10:30 am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Mike Wells
29th Mar	10:30 am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Mike Wells

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*.

For more information, please email:  
[info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk)

### WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Prepared by Christian women from NIGERIA

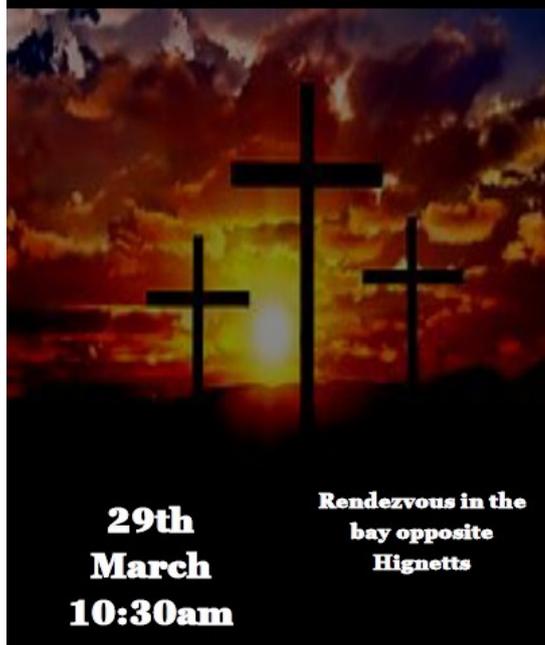
*"I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28-30*

**Friday 6th March 2.30pm**

**at PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Followed by refreshments  
Everyone is very welcome!

**Immerse yourself in the story of the first Easter**



St George's Church  
Pontesbury

### FREE ORGAN RECITAL

(Retiring collection for St George's)

WITH

**RICHARD WALKER**

ARCO, FRCO

On

**Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am**

Coffee and refreshments from 10.15am





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## Mufasa - The Lion King



Discover the journey that forged a kingdom. Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny.

**Marton Village Hall**  
SY21 8JT

**Friday 20 March**  
7.30 pm

**Tickets**  
Standard: £5.00  
Under 18s: £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



Information and Tickets at [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk)

**FLICKS  
IN THE  
STICKS**



Kieran Culkin, Jesse Eisenberg, Olha Bosova

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## A Real Pain

Mismatched cousins David and Benji reunite in Poland for a memorial tour honouring their recently deceased grandmother. The journey forces them to confront their strained relationship, clashing personalities - David reserved, Benji chaotic and their shared Jewish heritage. As they navigate historical sites and long-buried family wounds, the cousins face an emotional reckoning with the past and the possibility of finally repairing their bond.

**Haberley Village Hall**  
SY5 OTP

**Friday 13 March**  
7.30 pm

**Tickets**  
Standard: £6.00

Enquiries: 07977 127161

Doors open at 7pm. Complete your night out with FISH & CHIPS - £15 with ticket. Food served 7pm sharp. Pre-order by Thurs. midday by calling 07977127161. Tea/Coffee/bar available. Park along the road or pub area, village hall parking area is closed for the winter.



Information and Tickets at [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk)

**FLICKS  
IN THE  
STICKS**

## MARCHES CHOIR Cantorion Aberteifi MARCHES SINFONIA

St. John's Church, Bishops Castle  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026, 7:30pm



## BRAHMS Ein Deutsches Requiem



**MENDELSSOHN**  
Hebrides Overture  
Hear My Prayer



**BRUCH**  
Violin Concerto (Adagio)

Nicholas Morris ~ *Baritone*  
Rebecca Thurgur ~ *Soprano*  
David Gregory ~ *Violin*  
Alistair Auld ~ *Conductor*



Tickets £15 on 07806 433394 or online from TicketSource

Children and Students FREE

[www.marcheschoir.org.uk](http://www.marcheschoir.org.uk)



The Marches Choir, Cantorion Aberteifi and Marches Sinfonia present Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem, a choral masterpiece and requires a high level of stamina and emotional depth from both soloists and chorus. The programme opens with Mendelssohn's iconic Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave) that evokes the raw power of the sea and the dark grandeur of Fingal's Cave. This is followed by his 1844 choral drama Hear My Prayer, featuring the soaring, world-famous melody of "O for the Wings of a Dove". The first half concludes with the emotional heart of Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1, The Adagio.

Saturday, 21st March, 2026, 7.30pm, at St John's Church, Bishops Castle. Tickets £15, children & students free, available February 2026 from Ticket Source, phone 07806 433394, or on the door.

Severn Hospice  
here and at home

21 March 2026  
Mary Webb School, Pontesbury

**Pontesbury Potter**  
30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
13 miles of meaning!

Take part in our sponsored 13-mile hill walk

Sign up now & support your local hospice!  
[severnhospice.org.uk/events](http://severnhospice.org.uk/events)

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## Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

The Trading Post re-opened on 7th February with a good stock of seed potatoes, onion and shallot sets and various pea, bean and beetroot seeds. We received our bulk load of multi-purpose compost, which has a reduced peat content, and this is on special offer for the purchase of three bags or more. We also have two varieties of peat-free potting compost and a good stock of growbags, as well as three grades of John Innes potting composts and ericaceous compost, plus various fertilisers.

The **Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30 pm in the Len Simpson Room of Pontesbury Public Hall.** We are looking to appoint a new Chair and someone to look after the publicity as well as new people to join the Committee. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Association then talk to anyone at the Trading Post on a Saturday morning and/or come along to the AGM. Refreshments will be available after the main business of the meeting is concluded.

We now take payments by card (debit or credit) as well as by cash to make life easier for us all.

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

Date to save in your diary -

Thu 21st May - 7.00-9.00pm - Pontesbury Gardeners' Spring in to the Garden - Public Hall.



The **Rea Valley Transport Scheme** has now been up and running since the end of September. In that time, we have transported nearly 30 patients to a variety of venues including Shrewsbury Hospital, Pontesbury Surgery and Gobowen. The scheme, which is entirely free, is designed to get patients to the Doctors, dentists, hospital, opticians and other wellbeing services. We can never guarantee to be able to help but have been able to respond positively to most requests. To request transport, please contact our scheme administrator, Emma, at [reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com](mailto:reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com) or by calling 07468 115939. She works Monday-Friday 10-2.30 and 3.30-5. We do not operate an answer-machine service, so please call back if you receive no answer. If possible, please give us a minimum of a week's notice of when and where your appointment is.



Open Meeting

# THE LAST MISSION

by Andy Hill



A compelling and unmissable account of the last mission of a WWII bomber that ended over Norway in 1945. u3a member Andy Hill, shares uncovered research, eyewitness testimony, and insights from his visit to Arendal in Norway - alongside the personal story of his grandfather, who served on the flight.



**Wednesday**  
18 March 2026



**Time**  
2.00 PM



**Minsterley Parish Hall**  
SY5 0EH

Free entrance  
Refreshments available  
[pontesbury.u3asite.uk](http://pontesbury.u3asite.uk)

**u3a**

Pontesbury  
& Rea Valley



**u3a** Pontesbury  
& Rea Valley

At our next Open Meeting on **Wednesday 18th March 2026 2pm** at Minsterley Parish Hall, we'll be welcoming u3a member **Andy Hill** who will present **The Last Mission**, an absorbing exploration of the final flight of a WWII bomber brought down over Norway in 1945. Andy pieces together a vivid and moving account of the operation.

The story is also a deeply personal one. Andy's grandfather served on the aircraft, and although family memories provided fragments of the tale, it was only through extensive research—and the help of a dedicated group of Norwegians who have spent years investigating wartime crashes—that the full narrative came to light.

Informative and reflective, this talk offers a unique perspective on a wartime story that still resonates today.

Following the session, refreshments will be provided, offering a chance to catch up or learn more about our u3a. **Members and Non-Members are welcome.**

Our u3a is part of a UK charity dedicated to bringing together individuals with a focus on those not in full-time employment for enjoyable learning or active experiences. We are local, friendly, and affordable, featuring over 25 interest groups covering a variety of activities, from history, literature and geology to walking, cycling, pickleball and table tennis ...

## Ask the Animal Healer – Rebecca Rea

Therapeutic help for animals and their people

Horses/Ponies are Herd animals known to be able to form deep social connections, often for life. They play together, groom each other, inter-relate and even stand watch over each other at night. They communicate through touch, vocalisation, their senses and their energy. They need connection.

Being kept alone often causes immense distress and big results. Because they are unable to escape their suffering some shut down completely, becoming dead eyed and with minimal interaction. This is deep distress and depression but it can easily be ignored and judged as 'just a quiet no trouble horse', this also happens to dogs. This is called 'learned helplessness'.

Others can resort to repetitive self harm such as biting their body, rubbing themselves sore, cribbing ie yanking obsessively on a solid object, or they can become reactive or aggressive. And stress = physical ill-health, eg immune disorders, arthritis and pain, gastric issues, behavioural problems, injuries, cancers.

What can you do? Talk to nearby horse/pony owners and see if a field sharing arrangement can be made... it may even save you money too. Some animals can bond with other animals a little bit, eg a sheep or donkey if you can introduce them etc... though it will never be the same as they are different species with different needs. Let them have contact with nice safe humans and remember you may not always be able to spot their distress yourself. But there is such a lot that can be done through diet, supplements, complementary remedies and healing approaches. If you would like some support please get in touch. I work on a donation basis so that no animal has to go without help.

[www.theanimalhealer.life](http://www.theanimalhealer.life)

07785 527973



Bizarre range using the statuesque orange tropical flower *Heliconia psittacorum* with red hypericum berries & yellow roses placed within 2 large red spathes and divided by black ting-ting & boarded by black painted manipulated aspidistra leaves. Portmeirion Botanic Garden range was just that with a variety of garden spring flowers, tulips, narcissi, anemones, stocks & ranunculus springing from a picnic basket. Lustreware setting with monstera leaves sprayed gold, continued the effect of iridescence with frosty pink chrysanthemums & multi coloured anthuriums. Showing how adaptable the theme was when using Moorcrofts – For the love of orchids, to produce a simple foam free design using orchids in small tubes set into a slice of timber & supported by coiled tape, simple but effective. She finished off with Poole Pottery iconic range of mid-century British studio pottery Delphis, known for its vibrant, abstract designs characterized by bold colours like fiery reds, oranges & yellows. The demonstration was a bright joy on a cold dreary January evening.

All meetings at Westbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, visitors welcome £10

Wednesday 25th March - Bridgette Manton – It's all in the stars

## Pontesbury Women's Club

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Rebecca Rea –Healing & Therapy for Animals

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

2026 AGM

details to follow

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on

The second Tuesday of the month

At Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Pontesbury WI met on 9th February where we welcomed a number of guests who came along to hear our guest speaker Caroline Wright, who gave us an excellent talk about snowdrops. The members and guests were overwhelmed



by her knowledge of the Snowdrop. Her talk covered historical, geographical, and botanical details. From poetry, to pictures, to ornaments the snowdrop had been portrayed in many ways, but

Caroline thought there was none more beautiful than the simple snowdrop coming out of the ground.

Our next meeting will be held on 9th March when our guest speaker will talk about arthritis, we will also be shown some exercise techniques to help with mobility.

Our March Craft Club will be held at the Cock Inn Hanwood on 17th March at 10am to 1pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

For further information about our WI contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903.

Maxine Pittaway events organiser

**West Shropshire Flower Club** At our January meeting our very own Jane Tully demonstrated new designs, inspired by Ceramics. There was no pottery on show giving the inspiration for wonderful flower designs. From Wedgwoods Jasperware with 2 parallel placements in the colours pink antirrhinums & blue agapanthus with a hint of white chrysanthemums to Clarice Cliffs

All meetings at Westbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, visitors welcome £10

Wednesday 25th March - Bridgette Manton – It's all in the stars

## Garden Allies

The days are getting longer, and in spite of the wet weather we've been having recently early spring flowers have appeared as usual – Snowdrops and Crocuses, Hellebores and even a few Daffodils are telling us that winter is in retreat. Time to think about the coming growing season in the garden, for food or flowers.

An eternal question for gardeners – how to prevent carefully reared and nurtured plants from being eaten by garden “pests.” It's tempting to bring out the chemical killers, but they often don't just kill the “pests.” There are many garden creatures who are our allies, and if encouraged will rid us of unwanted garden dwellers. These creatures are natural pest control. So no need to get out the insecticide sprays and poisonous pellets. Here are some garden friends who can do the job naturally.



**LADYBIRDS** and their larvae eat aphids, (green and black fly), and red spider mites. Each ladybird larva will eat up to 5000 aphids. Attract these allies by planting yarrow, alyssum, penstemon, fennel, cinquefoil and tansy.



**PARASITIC WASPS.** These don't sting, and lay their eggs on other insects. The larva then eats the host. They prey on a variety of insects including caterpillars, sawfly and aphids.



**LACEWINGS** are insects with long, transparent wings. Their larvae are voracious aphid eaters. Lacewings like yarrow, dill, angelica, coriander, cosmos, fennel and dandelion.



**GROUND BEETLES.** Also voracious predators. They like slugs and snails. Like all beetles they like places to hide during the day, like leaf litter, log piles or large stones.



**HOVERFLIES.** These harmless insects, which don't sting, feed on nectar and pollen, and are useful pollinators, but their larvae also eat aphids. Plant nectar rich plants for the adults like alyssum, marjoram, mallow, poached egg plant, marigold, dill, California poppy (eschscholzia)



**SOLDIER BEETLES** like to eat aphids and caterpillars. Plant golden rod, catnip, hydrangeas, tansy.



**HEDGEHOGS** are great slug eaters. They have suffered from the use of slug pellets in gardens as they too are poisoned as a result. If you want a hedgehog in your garden, don't use them, and make sure that if your garden is fenced there are some places where a hedgehog can get in and out.

Other creatures pollinate our flowers and crops for free.



**BEES.** Bumble bees, honey bees and all the 200 plus species of solitary bee pollinate plants. Bumble bees and solitary bees will happily live in gardens if they have the right conditions. Some live in holes in the soil or lawn or look for small holes to make a nest. Bees like nectar and pollen rich flowers like lavender, marjoram, geranium, foxglove, poppy, rosemary, viburnum. They can also be attracted by putting up a "bee hotel" in the garden.



**SMALL BIRDS,** especially great tits and blue tits consume a huge number of caterpillars in the nesting season. A brood of great tits for instance will devour up to 10,000 caterpillars before they fledge! (BTO statistic). Help attract these birds into your garden by feeding with seeds and nuts through the winter, putting up nest boxes in safe places, and allowing caterpillars food plants such as nettles and hawthorn.



**THRUSHES** like to eat snails. They will choose a place in the garden as an "anvil" to break the snail's shell to get at the soft creature inside. Thrushes nest in tall older trees but will visit gardens if there is enough for them to eat and cover for them to hide. Thrushes have also suffered from the use of slug and snail poisons used in gardens, and are now not as numerous as they once were.

Happy natural gardening!

# Rea Valley

## Curlew and Other Birds Survey



We have been surveying Curlews since 2014.

The survey area is divided up into 26 2x2 kilometre squares (see the map on the Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group website [www.ShropsCWGs.co.uk](http://www.ShropsCWGs.co.uk)). Participants take on one of the survey squares, and make three visits, about 3 hours each, around 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May and mid-June.

We need to improve coverage of squares with Curlews. The 7 Curlew territories found in 2025 are shown on another map on the website, but we need to cover them more thoroughly, in case any were overlooked in 2025. We need more helpers please.

The Curlew population appears to have gone down by half since we started in 2014.

Participants are also requested to mark observations of Lapwing, Kestrel, and Cuckoo, and breeding evidence for Red Kites, on their survey maps, but that's an optional extra.

The survey is easy to do. Participants stay on public rights of way, unless landowners' permission is obtained to leave them. Simple instructions and a map of the square to record observations are provided, and there will be a fieldwork training session for those that want to come on the last weekend in March.

A meeting will be held at Minsterley Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026, to consider the 2025 results in more detail, and make plans for 2026. All welcome, but it's not necessary to attend. if you intend to come, please email Leo Smith for more information beforehand.

The results are fed into the Shropshire Ornithological Society's Save Our Curlews Campaign. See <https://www.shropshirebirds.com/index/bird-conservation/save-our-curlews/>

**We need more helpers, please.**

**If you're interested, or want more information,  
email Leo Smith ([leo@leosmith.org.uk](mailto:leo@leosmith.org.uk)) or ring 07791 901732**

### REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

EVENTS : 2026



Join our friendly members at one of our fantastic specialist events. Experts will be on hand to help us identify and understand what we are seeing.

Free to attend but booking essential. Book via [reavalleycwg@gmail.com](mailto:reavalleycwg@gmail.com)  
Donations welcome.



Sat 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Marvellous Mosses  
(with Dan Wrench)  
10am-1pm  
Meet: Pontesford Hill Car Park



Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Wildflower Walk -  
Beechfield Dingle  
10am-1pm  
Meet: Brockton



Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Birdsong for  
Beginners- Nature's  
free concert  
9:30am-12:30  
Meet: Pontesford Hill Car Park



Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May  
A morning with Great  
Crested Newts & Moths  
07:30am-09:30am  
Meet: Habberley



Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Evening Bat Walk  
9:15pm - dusk  
Meet: Poles Coppice Car Park



Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Dragonfly Picnic (with  
Sue Rees Evans)  
10:30am-2pm  
Meet: Habberley Village Hall



Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Swift Talk & Walk  
(with Julie Cowley)  
8pm - dusk  
Meet: Minsterley Village Hall



Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Swift Walk  
9pm - dusk  
Meet: Brockton



Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Bat & Moth Night  
8.30pm - dusk  
Meet: Snailbeach Car Park



Sun 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Fantastic Fungi (with  
Rob Rowe)  
10-1pm  
Poles Coppice Car Park

### REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MONTHLY WALKS : 2026



Join our friendly Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group at our monthly local walks - providing an opportunity to discover local flora and fauna together.

**Free to attend and no booking required.**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan  
10am - 1pm  
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Saunter

Mitchell's Fold Car Park  
cabbages.update.quantity

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
10am - 1pm  
Snailbeach  
Woods  
Walkabout

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works.plenty.ecologist

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar  
10am - 1pm  
Earls Hill  
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Pontesford Hill Car Park  
marginal.owns.transcribes

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Apr  
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hedge.scales.freshest

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May  
10am - 1pm  
Buxton Hill  
Stroll

Viewpoint Car Park Tankerville  
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Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jun  
10am - 1pm  
Minsterley  
Mooch

On street, Minsterley  
mush.harsh.factories

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jul  
10am - 1pm  
Hinton Hike

Station Road Car Park, Pontesbury  
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Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug  
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Plod

Pulverbatch Car Park  
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Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sep  
10am - 1pm  
The Hollies  
Bimble

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Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
10am - 1pm  
Hope Valley  
Amble

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Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
10am - 1pm  
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Excursion

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# THE BOG VISITOR CENTRE

## 2026 Season

**The Visitor Centre reopens for the 2026 season on Wednesday 1st April**



The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England presents a unique landscape of rocky tors and heathland that has a rich natural history and geology. Lead and other minerals provided reason for centuries of human occupation in which industry The Bog played an important part. It is a privilege and pleasure to pass on information of these aspects to visitors and to provide guidance on the range of walks, long and short, that are available for them to enjoy.

Our team of staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors from near and far with information and refreshments. A wide range of local crafts are available to purchase as are books, maps and walk leaflets.

### OPENING HOURS - please note we are closed Bank Holidays

MONDAY	Closed
TUESDAY	Closed
WEDNESDAY	12 noon – 4pm
THURSDAY	12 noon – 4pm
FRIDAY	12 noon – 4pm
SATURDAY	11am – 4pm
SUNDAY	11am – 4pm

**Craft workshops and group meeting are welcomed to hire the Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays and evenings.**

**Contact details** for our Secretary Lin Brown 01694 781634 [bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk)

### Staffing The Bog Visitor Centre

Staff work their first 26 hours voluntarily and additional hours after that are paid at the minimum rate for those who chose to be paid.

**Under 18 £8.00**

**18–20 £10.85**

**Over 21 £12.71**

Our pool of volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 80+ needs expanding and we are looking for people who would enjoy interacting with our visitors. New recruits receive comprehensive training during their induction period. If interested please email Lin Brown our secretary [bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk)

Students make a considerable contribution to the successful operation of the Centre at weekends and during the holidays and are **paid for all their working hours** at the appropriate rate for their age.

**Shropshire Hills Forum & Field Visits** This year, the Shropshire Hills Forum & Field Visits is at Clun Memorial Hall, Wednesday 29th April, 10am – 3.30pm. It aims to be a welcoming and inspiring event, themed around:

- Celebrating a decade of community conservation
- Thriving in Balance with Nature in the Shropshire Hills
- A shared vision for the catchment of the River Clun

The event includes speakers and structured activity, along with plenty of time for informal networking and afternoon activities. Field trips include a walk On Whinberry Hill to hear about a community project to restore heathland habitat, a farm visit to see the work on the ground to retain and slow water whilst improving water quality and biodiversity, and a Clun Town Heritage Walk.

The Forum is built around sharing ideas and knowledge, and will showcase some of the brilliant work happening locally to help protect and regenerate this special landscape.

The event is free, a donation towards catering costs is appreciated and booking is required. To see the programme and to book your place please visit our website at [www.shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk). Or contact the Shropshire Hills National Landscape team by email: [shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk), or telephone 01743 254740.

To enquire about display space to showcase work/activity you're involved in which is helping to look after the Shropshire Hills landscape, please get in touch using the email or telephone number above.



## LITTER LETTER 2 - from "The Bottle Tops"



We'd like to start on a positive note, but things haven't improved in the country lanes, there is still plenty of litter hiding in the hedgerows.

Glass bottles, for example, will lie there for many, many years to come because glass is totally non-biodegradable - wonderful for the archaeologists of the future, but dreadful for the environment. Yet glass

bottles are totally reusable and easily recyclable.

We are fortunate here in Pontesbury: you can buy full cream milk in bottles from Hignett's and then take you empties back when buying more. Or you can have a Cotteswold Dairy milkman deliver milk and fresh juice in bottles to the doorstep - & they collect empties too!

Of course, most of the bottles found on verges and in hedgerows are not milk bottles. What a shame that we no longer have refunds on returns but they can still be recycled .....

New glass is made from four main ingredients, none of them is in short supply yet, but they still have to be mined, quarried or collected before glass can be made. One source suggests that for every 1,000kg of glass recycled, we save 650kg of sand, 205kg of soda ash, 190kg of limestone and 80kg of feldspar. Worth doing for that alone!

Add to this the energy savings (especially as recycled glass melts at a lower temperature than the raw materials) and that emissions of harmful gases and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere is reduced, you can see that **Recycling Glass is a Win-Win Situation!**

Recycle bottles and jars in your recycling waste collection bins or take them to a recycling point. Here's a warning though, don't be tempted to throw your 'Pyrex' bowls into the same bin, heat resistant glass hinders the melting process.

On behalf of Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group "The Bottle Tops" are appealing to everyone in the local area to **SPREAD THE WORD, DON'T SPREAD THE LITTER!**



## Minsterley Eisteddfod

On the weekend of **Saturday March 21st and Sunday March 22nd** Minsterley will host a wonderful weekend of entertainment. Starting on Saturday morning and continuing throughout the day contestants, young and old will have the opportunity to perform and share their talents on stage at Minsterley Parish Hall. The day will hold a delightful mix of recitations, vocal solos, instrumental solos, group work in speaking, singing and playing and choirs. Some classes, earlier on in the day, have set pieces but many are own choice resulting in an amazingly varied programme covering every genre.

We have written work on display in the Callow Room with poems, stories, limericks and hymn words where you will also find our café providing hot and cold drinks, freshly made sandwiches and an array of cakes.

We are open all day to the public to come along and enjoy this unique festival and celebration of the arts and we would love to see you there.

We always conclude our weekend with a celebrity concert and this year we are delighted to be welcoming back the very popular and award-winning Rhos Male Voice Choir under the baton of James Llewelyn-Jones with soloist Aled Wyn Davies. However, this year our concert is extra special because it is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend Bronwen Evans. Bronwen was a leading light of our volunteer run Eisteddfod giving her heart and soul to its success. She was the first one there on Eisteddfod Day and the last one to leave at night and worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure everything ran smoothly. During the evening, we will celebrate Bronwen's love of the arts in all its forms and especially her commitment to encouraging young people starting out on their performance journeys.

Tickets for this event at £20 & £15 are available by phoning Jill Blyth on 01743 791908 or via our email [minsterleyeisteddfod@gmail.com](mailto:minsterleyeisteddfod@gmail.com)

Information about our event, what we have to offer and how you can become involved are available on our website [www.minsterleyeisteddfod.com](http://www.minsterleyeisteddfod.com)

## NEWS FROM MARY WEBB - February 2026

The endless rain this month has invited students to entertain themselves in doors. Reading, playing board games and conversation have been the order of most breaks and lunchtimes. Fortunately, we have a fantastic library stocked to the brim with everything an inquisitive mind could need.



This month, Yr11 Food technology students have been doing their practical exams producing delicious dishes, one of the highlights being a traditional Cullen Skink soup.

Yr11's were also in the spotlight this week when our Drama students performed for the school and their parents and carers.

Yr10 students studying GCSE Geography went on a field trip to Carding Mill Valley comparing the upper and lower course of the Ashbrook. The water was much faster and more ferocious than earlier visits and most students (and staff) went home with wellies full of water.

We are looking for members of the community to come into Mary Webb on 17th March to talk to small groups of Year 9 students about how you use maths in your job/ college course/or hobby. If you can help, please contact the school for more details.

13th February brought half term, a time for reflection and reset for our students, a chance for fresh starts and renewed focus on their return.

**PONTESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL** has started the year with a bang with lots of great learning both in and outside of school.

We celebrated Children's mental Health week and the focus was 'This is my place' so we began by finding out all about where/what groups our children belong to. We explored what it meant to belong to Pontesbury CE Primary School. The children split into their houses (which mixes ages and classes up) and shared some lovely activities. Mrs Giles also created some lovely videos with our children discussing some of the themes around belonging.



We are always looking to develop our ambition for an irresistible curriculum. Here is a taste of what we have been up to:

We sent our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team to compete in a competition against 16 other schools. All the children showed a great ability to dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge! We were thoroughly impressed with their dodgeball abilities, behaviour and honesty.

Our Year 1s have been writing 'Missing Zog' posters which are pinned up around the school and had lots of description about who Zog is and what he looked like.

Year 6 have been visited by local artist Lyn Evans, whose art work they studied last term. She was very impressed with the art the class had produced and spent time answering lots of wonderful questions from the children.



Our Year 2s (aged 6 & 7) spent an overnight stay at Conover Hall. They had lots of fun taking part in activities (such as tunneling, sensory trail, zip wire, laser maze and a campfire) and getting to grips with bunkbeds in a dorm full of friends - this meant that even with minimal sleep, they had maximum fun and adventure. We were really proud of how they all had a go at every activity.

Our school council are very excited to be taking part in the Pontesbury Meadow Project and have met with parish councillors to decide on a site in the village. In the next few weeks, we will be hosting a planting day at school and then a 'planting out' day in May.



# Sports & Activities

## Tai Chi in Pontesbury 2-4pm on Tuesday in The Public Hall

Are you feeling in need of a little gentle exercise after the festive season?

Tai Chi is amazingly effective for many health issues or just for enjoyment!

Our group is suitable for beginners or for those with experience.

Come along on Tuesday afternoon and see what you think.

## SHORT MAT BOWLS

2pm every Thursday

in the Public Hall

2026 - from 8th January until the  
end of March.

Newcomers welcome.

Ring Jan James 01743 790417 for  
further info

## Pontesbury Runners

Pontesbury Runners will be running an 8-week Beginners/Returners running course starting on Wednesday 18 March 2026. The 8-week course of coached sessions is for beginners/those returning to running (aged 18 or over) and will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm.



Pontesbury Runners is run by David Crosby, a UK Athletics/England Athletics qualified Coach in Running Fitness (CiRF) qualified to provide a safe and enjoyable running experience for young people aged 16+ and adults of any ability. David is DBS checked, insured by UK Athletics, and lives in Pontesbury. Pontesbury Runners is a local Run Together group which is part of England Athletics.

For more information or to sign up for the course please go to the Pontesbury Runners group page on the Run Together website - <https://clubspark.englandathletics.org/PontesburyRunners> - or join the Pontesbury Runners Facebook group - search 'Pontesbury Runners' and click 'Join'.



## Pontesbury Sports Association

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**Deadline for April 2026 edition is Friday 13th March 2026** - please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to [deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk). Please send .jpgs or .png - no .pdf docs - thank you.

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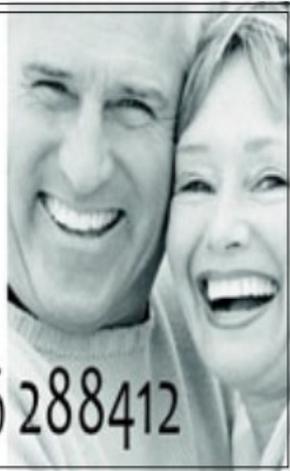
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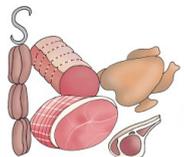


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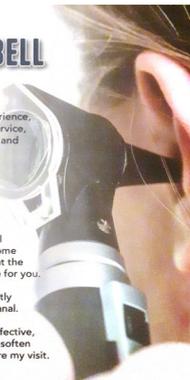
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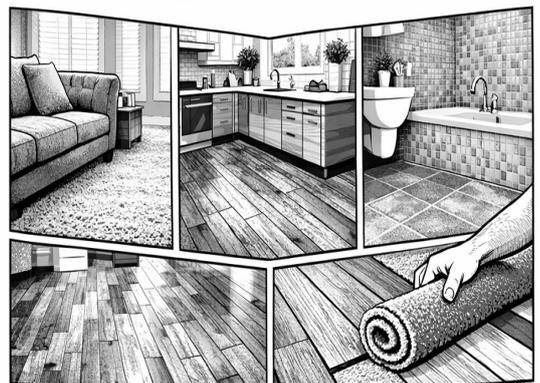
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# MARCH 2026 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Regular Weekly Events</b>			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (experienced runners)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Rd
Every Mon	6.00-7.15pm	Yoga	Pontesbury Congregational Church Hall
Every Mon	7.00-9.00pm	Monday Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Mon	7.30-8.45pm	Yogalates	Pontesbury Congregational Church 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	2-4pm	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 under 5s - free session	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
<b>First Thu</b>	3.30-5pm	Messy Church Spring	St George's Church
Every Thu	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Public Hall
Every Thu	2pm	Cruckton Art Group	Cruckton Village 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	9.30-12noon	Pontesbury Gardeners Open	Trading Post
Every Sat	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Yockleton Village Hall

## March 2026

Mon 2nd & 16th	11am-1pm	Get Creative Group - FREE - bring along any project	Pavilion
Mon 2nd	6.30pm	Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 4th & 18th	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Fri 6th	2.30pm	World Day of Prayer	Pont Congregational Church
Sat 7th	10.30-12.30	FoPL Coffee Morning & presentation of King's Award	Pavilion
Mon 9th	2.00pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 9th	6.00pm	Pontesbury Annual Parish Meeting	Public Hall
Tue 10th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 11th	1.00pm	Probus Club AGM	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 12th	2.00pm	Rhymetime @ the Library	Pavilion
Fri 13th	10.30-11.45	Good Neighbour Scheme Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn, Pontesbury
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>12noon-4pm</b>	<b>PLAY AREA CONSULTATION</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>
Fri 13th	7.30pm	Film Night - A Real Pain	Habberley Village Hall
Sat 14th	10.00-12noon	Repair Café	St George's Church
Sat 14th	7.30pm	FOPL Talk - Liam Shaw: Dangerous Miracle	Pavilion
Sun 15th	10am-1pm	Rea Valley CWG Walk - Earls Hill Lope	Meet at Pontesford Hill car park
Mon 16th	7.30pm	Curlew Survey	Minsterley Parish Hall
Wed 18th	2pm	u3a - The Last Mission	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Film Night - Mufasa: The Lion King	Marton Village Hall
Sat/Sun 21/22	All day	Minsterley Eisteddfod	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sun 21st	7.30pm	Marches Choir - Brahms Sinfonia	St John's Church, Bishops Castle
Sun 21st		Pontesbury Potter	
Wed 25th	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 27th	10.30am	Pontesbury Carer's Group	Pavilion
Fri 27th	11.45am	Good Neighbour Scheme Community Luncheon	Public Hall
Sun 29th	10.30am	Celebrate the First Easter Story	Meet opposite Hignett's

## APRIL 2026

Thu 2nd	7pm	Pontesbury Sports Association AGM	
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