

Pontesbury Festival 27 - 29 June 2025

Only two months to go until Pontesbury Festival.

The next newsletter will contain all of the information you need about the festival so make sure you save the dates and look out for posters and Facebook posts.

There will be exhibitions, performances, arts and crafts, sporty things and a family fun event on Mary Webb field on the afternoon of Sunday 29 June.

Something for everyone we hope.

Join us to celebrate our wonderful village.

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**DEADLINE for June 2025 issue is:
Wednesday 14th May 2025.**

Coloured copies of the newsletter can be read at
www.pontesburyparishcouncil.org.uk/pontesbury-newsletter

People from outside the Parish are interested in what's going on in our vibrant parish, so please bring your newsletter back to the Pavilion to be reread. Many thanks



PLANT SALE

**Saturday 3rd May 2025
10am to 1.00pm
Pontesbury Library, The Pavilion**

**PLANTS, SEEDLINGS, GARDENING
PRODUCTS & MAGAZINES**



**TEA, COFFEE & CAKE
& TOMBOLA**

Donations of plants, cakes, and tombola prizes are most welcome during library opening hours and from 2pm and 4pm on Friday 2nd May. Plants can also be left from 9am -10am on Saturday 3rd May, the morning of the sale.

Further information from pontesburylibrary.co.uk
Facebook: Use Pontesbury Library
yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk



Pontesbury Repair Café - Saturday 10th May
10.00-12.00 in St George's Church.

Rea Valley Foodbank AGM takes place at St George's Church, Pontesbury on Wednesday 14th May at 2pm.
All welcome

Pontesbury Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting in April, Councillors approved recommendations from the Facilities Working Group about refurbishing the bus stop at the top of Hall Bank; a new parish noticeboard for Lea Cross and support for all areas, in the purchasing and installation of defibrillators to improve coverage. Once the new defibrillator in Plealey is in place there will be some defibrillator training held in the parish. If you would be interested in taking part, please contact clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk.

‘Bins for boys’. This is a scheme by Lingen Davies to increase facilities across Shropshire for men with stomas. The parish council have installed a bin in the men’s toilet on School Green and been added to the Lingen Davies ‘Bins for boys’ map of available facilities.

The Council also set up a Biodiversity Working Group which will include Councillors and local residents. There has already been a lot of activity to increase biodiversity in the parish including the wildflower verges along the cycleway, tree & hedge planting, lot of talks on relevant subjects and conservation activities. The

group is hoping to hold a public event over the summer to find out more about what residents want to protect and enhance locally – watch this space.. The full case study of the achievements to date (which can be found on the parish council website) is being used, along with 3 others in Shropshire to flag up at national level, what good practice is happening at parish level to increase biodiversity across the country.

Local residents and councillors raised their concerns about the delayed improvements to the junctions on Hall Bank. The Parish Clerk and Cllr Nick Hignett have both contacted Shropshire Council to ensure that these vital improvements take place sooner rather than later.

A grant was given to the Pontesbury Festival committee for a significant spread in the June newsletter to promote all of the exciting activities that will take place from 27-29 June 2025.

Finally, Cllr Fletcher wished to thank Cllrs Neale Manning, Peter Heywood, Neville Lewis and Tony Mackenzie-Slight for all their hard work and commitment whilst on the parish council. In particular, Cllr Lewis, who has been on the council for decades and his knowledge and expertise, particularly as the Tree Warden, will be greatly missed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th May at 7.30pm at The Pavilion. This will be the first meeting of the newly formed Parish Council following the elections on 1st May. Councillors will be asked to join the various Parish Council committees and the hard work of the next four years will begin!

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 2nd June at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. There is not a Planning Committee meeting in May due to the elections and Bank Holiday. Any outstanding applications will be heard at the 12th May Full Council meeting. 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

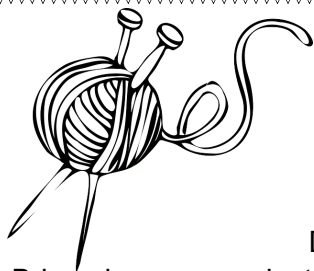
All meetings are at Arscott Golf Club, on the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm. For further information and contact details please visit our website, www.reavalleyprobus.org.uk.

Next meeting: 14th May 2025



the PAVILION

Pavilion News May 2025 - What's On



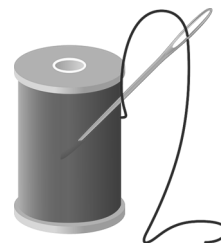
We hope to see you at the new time for

'Get Creative Group':

at The Pavilion from 2-4pm on
Monday 19th May 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 8th May 2025

at 2pm to 2.45pm

Pontesbury Library @ the Pavilion

Rhymes, stories and songs for
children under five years old

Pontesbury Carers Support Group

Friday 30th May 2025

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.



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

14th & 28th 2025 Time: 2- 4pm

May in the Library A reminder there are two
bank holidays in May, the library will be closed
on Monday 5th and 26th May, but still open on
the Saturdays.

The travelling Lily Chitty exhibition was very
popular, if you missed it, the accompanying
video can still be found on the Shropshire
Museums & Archives Youtube channel. May
is Local and Community History Month, we will
be highlighting our local studies collection and
dip into the books for some interesting stories.
Perhaps this will give some of you inspiration for
a story or poem for the Festival Writing
Competition. See the FoPL piece for
more details.

Rhyme Time will be at 2pm on

8th May.

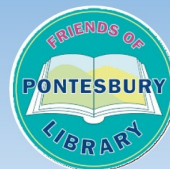
The Library Owl



Please join us for Friends of the Pontesbury Library Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd May at 6.30 pm

The Pavilion



Followed by talk from our guest speaker

Nicky Green

Senior Fundraiser, Severn Hospice

*Nicky will be talking about her role and the positive impact
Severn Hospice has made in the local community on families
and their loved ones in the last 35 years*

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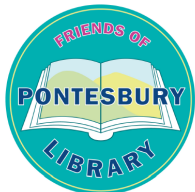
We're proud to have been
at the heart of your
community for 35 years
In that time, we have
cared for more than
48,000
local people facing heartbreak

**Severn
Hospice**
here and at home

Last year, almost 3,000 local
families living with incurable
illness received our care

Followed by nibbles and cold refreshments

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



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

DATES for your DIARY

SPRING PLANT SALE Saturday 3rd May from 10am til 12.30pm (see poster on front page)

Donations of plants, seedlings and tombola prizes gratefully received during library opening hours from Tuesday 29th April, on Friday 2nd May 2–4pm in the Pavilion garden and on the morning of the sale 9–10am. As usual there is the FOPL coffee morning and the 100 Club Library Lottery will be drawn at 11am. It will be a wonderfully busy morning. NOT TO BE MISSED!

FOPL AGM Thursday 22nd May 6.30pm at the Library

We're delighted to welcome Nicky Green from Severn Hospice. She will speak about the history of the organisation and answer any questions you may have about this charity, so vital in these times of health crises.

FOPL & PONTESBURY FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION (see poster right)

I asked Library Manager Beverley Link why a FOPL Writing Competition? I asked the right person because it was Bev's idea as FOPL's contribution to the Pontesbury Festival! Beverley Link, Library Manager, explains:

'I follow the Queen's Reading Room, a wonderful site promoting reading & books (thequeensreadingroom.co.uk) So, with the Festival in mind, I got the idea mentioned there from the BBC 500-word writing competition, about a side of A4 in 12pt - but you can write less of course. And you can write poetry, prose, fiction or non-fiction, anything really. A member of the u3a Creative Writing Group thought of the theme 'It happened in Pontesbury . . . ' which leaves the way open to research Pontesbury's history, think of myths, legends around the area as well as original stories. I've put up a library display featuring local authors and others who've written about the area to inspire us all.'

The deadline is 31st May and results will be announced and prizes given on Festival Saturday afternoon, 28th June from 2pm at the Pavilion Community Hub & Library. You don't have to live in the village to enter. One lady got in touch to see if her grandchildren who live away could enter. The answer is YES!

And finally . . .

Congratulations to our April 100 Club Library Lottery Winners!

1st *John Croxton - No. 139*

2nd..... *Wendy Jane Walton - No. 70*

3rd *Miles Davies - No. 17*

FOPL continue to make the case to keep our library open. Here's what you can do to help:

- ◆ Become Library members, if you're not already. It's free to join!
- ◆ Join the 100 Club Library Lottery for just £1 per number per month
- ◆ Support Library events, like the upcoming Spring Plant Sale
- ◆ Let us know suggestions for speakers and events to help fundraising

And please encourage family, friends and neighbours to do the same. **THANK YOU**

Pontesbury Festival Writing Competition

Maximum 500 words with no lower limit

Closing date Saturday 31st May

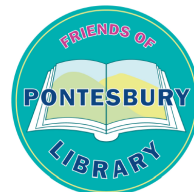
It happened in Pontesbury.....

Writing style is up to you — let your imagination fly!

Entries welcome from all ages with prizes for both adult and children's age categories

Organised by Friends of Pontesbury Library

Full details and entry forms from Pontesbury Library or online at pontesburylibrary.co.uk





Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events May 2025



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 9th May 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

West Shropshire Flower Club

Jackie Jones demonstrated 'It's a dogs life' for our March meeting, where she depicted breeds in flowers. Her Egyptian styled arrangement for the Pharaoh hound, was a rustic display of gold and purple in a rush basket using a range of foliage with differing forms exotic forms, gold gerberas and alstroemeria and iris. We were all wondering what would come next using the blue bowl with a straw doll swathed in gingham – Toto of course! She created a magical whimsical arrangement within a framework of twigs and pussy willow, then an abundance of rainbow colours, cream stocks, massive pink gerberas, orange freesias, red alstroemeria, with pink and yellow lilies. Dalmatians were obviously a black and white affair using a plume of dyed pampus with a line of large white chrysanthemums and white roses within variegated silver foliage, and with a nod to the use of Dalmatians to calm horses around fires, red cornus and twisted ting with flame like red veronica. The sweet handtied placed within a handbag was the Chihuahua, filled with soft pink roses and alstroemeria. The Afghan hound used the national tree (pine) and national flower (tulip), along with matching orange roses. The final arrangement based on a continental cut poodle used cotton stems in a French opulence design full of glorious large pink roses, chrysanthemums and orchids.



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

Wednesday 28th May –

Jane Cowan –
Animal magic

Minsterley & District Eisteddfod 2025

The Minsterley and District Eisteddfod Committee would like to thank all the competitors who entered the various classes at the event on Saturday, 22 March 2025. We congratulate the winners and hope that both entrants and visitors enjoyed the occasion and gained pleasure from the performances.

The Committee would also like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the many friends who help out in various ways during the Festival weekend as it would be impossible to stage the event without this support.

For all Eisteddfod competition results please visit the Minsterley Eisteddfod website:

<https://minsterleyeisteddfod.com/The-Eisteddfod/>
and click on Prize Winners button.

Pontesbury Gardeners' Association at the Pontesbury Festival

For those who regularly come to our 'Spring into the Garden' event can we remind you that we have moved it from the regular May date to 26th June so as to be part of the Pontesbury Festival activities. We are also starting half an hour earlier, opening the doors at 7 pm.

There will be the usual plant sales and the Trading Post stand but also this year are flower baskets and troughs, jams and chutneys, wooden garden containers and displays and information from local nature projects.

Meanwhile the Trading Post continues to stock (almost) all your garden requirements for the coming growing season so please call in and let us know what else we can do to help you.



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.

St. George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk



Services and activities for May 2025

- 4th 10.30am Holy Communion
6th 2.30pm Tea Service
8th 3.30pm Messy Church
10th 12 noon - 2pm "Sing along" for 80th Celebration of VE Day
11th 10.30am Morning Worship without communion
18th 10.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church
25th 10.30am All Age Family Service

Rogation Service

St George's Church is hosting a Rogation Service and Supper on Sunday 25th May at 7 p.m. All our friends in the farming community are warmly invited to join us.

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.

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

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

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ

Sunday 1st June 6:30 pm



Discover the extraordinary stories behind the hymns!

With Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served
free of charge!

The Methodist Services May 2025

- 4th May 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall
11th May 10.45 am with Mrs Helen Pearson
18th May 10.45 am with Rev Brian Spencer
25th May 10.45 am with Mr Wes Morris

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES - May 2025

- Sunday 4th 10am The Deacons
Sunday 11th 10am Rev. Debbie Martin
Sunday 18th 10am The Deacons
Sunday 25th 10am Rev. Debbie Martin

Tuesday's 10am Prayer Meeting
Wednesday's 10am Coffee and Chat
All are welcome

Pontesbury Congregational Church will be hosting a Table-Top Sale on Saturday 7th June 10am-12noon

Any organisation which would like a table (cost £10) to raise funds for their own use, please contact the Church Secretary (Wendy)
Tel: 07824155418 or
email rustysretreat1@hotmail.com to book a table.

**Centenary
Sing-A-Long
And Afternoon Tea**
To Celebrate 100 years at
**Minsterley Methodist
Church**
Saturday May 17th 2pm
Hymns and worship songs from each decade with a delicious tea and lots of displays about our history, our present story and our future plans.
All are welcome
Turn at the vets, just down Horsebridge Road on the right, SY50AE



Free St George's Church, Pontesbury Free

Messy Church

Spring

First Thursday of the month
During Term Time
3.30pm – 5.00pm

For Families and friends to enjoy
stories, crafts, and fun

Free Followed by shared hot food Free

Further information contact:
Greg: 07902 794653 email: rectorpontstip@gmail.com
Or Mary: 01743 791069



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



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Pontesbury WI

Pontesbury WI met on 14th April when we welcomed Jacqueline White who gave us a presentation called "Plane Talking". Jacqueline had been an air traffic

controller. This high powered position had a considerable amount of responsibility. It was fascinating to learn how many planes are in the air at any one time and how the air traffic controller have overall responsibility for safety of all.

This month we held our Easter Competition where members made an Easter display or Easter Wreath and some members had enjoyed an excellent trip to the Wedgewood factory in Stoke. Next month our guest speaker will be talking about Mary's Meals & this meeting will be on 19th May. Our next craft club will be held on 20th May at the Cock Inn, Hanwood at 10am. Everyone is most welcome to join us, we are a friendly group who meet for friendship and crafting. If you would like to join the WI please contact President Irene Windows 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 13th May

Strawberry Tea

Please book to come to this event.

Tuesday 10th June

Fran Smith – The Life of a Vicar's Wife

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on

The second Tuesday of the month

At Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are always
welcome

..... following on from the last newsletter

Your Questions answered about christening

St George's Church is holding an open evening on Thursday June 12th at 7pm for any family interested in having their child christened. This can happen at any age. All welcome. No commitment assumed. For further information, please contact Greg via email at: rectorpontstip@gmail.com



A 'Pontesbury Festival' Event 1940's Style Tea-Dance

Sunday 29 June 2025

2.30-4.30pm

Pontesbury Public Hall

With Jacqui Evans
and Nigel Bell



Ballroom Jive
Lindyhop

(Or jig about
in your own style!! Or
just sit and watch the fun)

We'd love to see you
dressed in 40's style but
it's not compulsory. Just put on
your glad-rags
and have a great afternoon

However, there are 'PRIZES'

£50 for the best dressed woman in 40's style

£50 for the best dressed man in 40's style

This is a ticket only event, in advance from 1 April

Tickets £6 to include tea, coffee and cake
from

Hignetts, Pontesbury
Pontesbury Library

or email
pftedance@gmail.com



27-29 June 2025

The village will be busy - parking information is on your ticket

A Pontesbury Festival Event PONTESBURY's FESTIVAL CONCERT

Saturday 28 June 2025

7.30pm

Pontesbury Public Hall



An extravaganza of music from

Tin Soldiers

Marko Ivanovic
Val Marciandi
Les Parker
Rob Davies

Val Sinclair

with
James Taylor
Louis Meehan
Dave Briggs

Tickets £10

from

Hignetts, Pontesbury
Pontesbury Library



You are invited to bring
your own drinks and nibbles



27-29 June 2025

Save the date ...
FRI 27TH JUNE

Pontesbury Players & Juniors

☆ present an
EVENING of: ☆

DRAMA
AND MUSIC

7.30pm



PART OF
PONTESBURY
FESTIVAL

AT
PONTESBURY PUBLIC HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON : £5

More details to follow ~

see updates on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/PontesburyPlayers

Deadline for June 2025 edition is Wed 14th May -
please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to
deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk. Please send .jpgs or .png -
no .pdf docs - thank you.

As part of the
Pontesbury Festival
Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
27th, 28th, 29th June

Three Art Workshops to join in.
Based in Pontesbury

1. Enjoying Watercolours.

Friday at St George's Church, Pontesbury.

For anyone who would love to "have a go", (especially
beginners). With tips and lots of encouragement.

£5 - all materials provided

Places limited so booking required

More info email wjcarter1759@hotmail.com

2. Sketching in Pontesbury with 2 artists.

Starting at St George's, Saturday 2pm - 4pm.

Free but supply your own materials

More info email wjcarter1759@hotmail.com

3. Painting and Drawing at Harlow Cottage.

Habberley Rd. Pontesbury.

Sunday 2pm - 4pm

Free but supply your own materials

More information Call Gill 01743 790430



Ordinary Angels

Cert: 12 - 113 min



Fri 16th May - 7.30 pm

Marton Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50
All 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.

Inspired by the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter.

Starring: Hilary Swank, Alan Ritchson, Emily Mitchell



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Celebrating 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Join us for a Sing-along
with St George's Choir

Saturday 10th May
In St George's Church
Pontesbury
12 noon - 2pm

Soup and Sweet lunch available.

No Charge

But a donation towards
the lunch, would be appreciated

Raising money to improve the church
sound system for the choir

More information from:-
Marianne McCall 07944333830
Barbara Norsworthy 01743 600476

u3a Pontesbury
& Rea Valley

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members & non-members to the Open Meeting on the 21st May, where our speaker is u3a member, **Malcolm Philcox**, talking on **South West Japan - Land of Floods, Earthquakes, and an Atom Bomb!**

We like to have presentations from our own u3a members, so this month Malcolm will be offering a lighthearted but informative account of his travels in Japan. A chance to broaden your horizons without leaving Shropshire.

Afterwards, as always, will be followed by refreshments and the chance to catch up.

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

SOUTH WEST JAPAN - LAND OF FLOODS, EARTHQUAKES, VOLCANOES, AND AN ATOM BOMB!

*a presentation by
Malcolm Philcox*



Wednesday 2pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH

Refreshments available
Free entrance



learn,
laugh,
live

Members & non-members welcome

OPEN MEETING

u3a Pontesbury
& Rea Valley

pontesbury.u3asite.uk



Pontesbury Community Garden's ART COMPETITION!

Calling all young creative artists. Our garden needs to brighten up its boring wooden shed so we're having a fun competition to design a mural for its front and sides. Let your imagination blossom with a vegetable and fruit themed mural / design.

OPEN to all children 5 to 12 years old.
CREATE a design featuring leaves, flowers, fruit and vegetables
HAND IN to Pontesbury library by July 31st

WIN PRIZES:

1st Prize: your design painted on the shed plus special art kit.

Other prizes: gift card for art shop, colouring books and markers.



see over for shed template



left side

front

right side



PONTESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL OFSTED We are extremely proud to have been recognised by Ofsted for the outstanding work we are doing here at Pontesbury CE Primary School. Ofsted noted the following: 'Pupils thrive at this warm and welcoming village school. Pupils, parents and carers are united in their belief that this is a wonderful school to attend. Pupils benefit from nurturing relationships with staff. This helps them to feel valued, happy and safe.' The school achieved Good in the areas of Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development. We also achieved Outstanding (the top grading) in Leadership and Management and Early Years which the inspectors identified: 'Children in the early years get off to the best possible start.' As a school, we were bowled over and thankful for the Ofsted Parent View survey with more than 60% of our families (this is typically up to 25% response rate in most schools) with many areas having almost all respondents agree or strongly agree. I would like to thank all of the pupils, staff, families and local community for your support in making our school fantastic. The full report can be found by searching on the Ofsted website.

Julia Buckley (MP) recently visited our school and it was great to see her take a keen interest in the excellent education we are providing here. She spent a morning exploring the school, interacting with children and observing our new playtime provision. We discussed the challenges schools are facing at the moment and Julia was able to offer suggestions and her support as MP, for some of the areas identified. We look forward to welcoming her back in the future to do some further work with the children.



A special thank you - I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to a remarkable individual who has devoted an extraordinary amount of time and energy to bettering our school. After 21 years of (voluntary) service as Chair of Governors and 6 years prior on the governing body, Mrs Ann Thorne has resigned from her position. Her time has been characterised by unwavering dedication and a deep commitment to the education and safeguarding of our children at Pontesbury CE Primary School. Throughout her time, Mrs Thorne has been a steadying presence, guiding our school through various transitions and supporting us during challenging times. Mrs Thorne's passion for 'the very best education at Pontesbury' has been paramount, consistently placing the needs and futures of our children at the forefront of decision-making. Her support of my work as Head-teacher has been invaluable. She has been instrumental in upholding the high standards we strive to achieve at Pontesbury.

I extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Thorne for her years of dedicated voluntary service, not just as a leader but as a great supporter of hundreds of pupils' education over the years and of our school community. Thank you, Ann, for the positive impact you have had at our school. This will continue to echo through past and present pupils and families, both in and beyond Pontesbury.

Sports & Activities

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!!!**

We offer a variety of annual memberships – New Members always welcome!!! Give us a try !!

For further details email 'longden.tennis@gmail.com', OR call 07710 472104

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/longdentennisclub

Longden Tennis Club – SY5 8EX



Pontesbury Sports Association

Pontesbury Sports Association are gearing themselves up for a busy Summer with Children's Cricket starting in April alongside the men and Ladies. Tim has been busy preparing the 'crease' and outfield in preparation for the start of the season.

Rounders Season also starts in April with five teams playing on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the Crown Green Bowling Season also starts.

Worthen Men's & Ladies have a few more games to fit in - because of bad weather and flooding at the ground it has meant that they are behind with matches.

We are looking at ways to fundraise to keep this much needed facility open and with over 400 + people using it there is obviously a need. Drainage is a big issue and Tim & Sharon are working hard with the Parish Council to find a solution to this ongoing problem.

We all look forward to a nice rain free Summer where matches can be played & enjoyed by everyone.

Tai Chi in Pontesbury

Tai Chi is held each Tuesday at The Public Hall – 2-4pm

For many years, Tai Chi in the village has been led by Jenny Alldridge. Sadly, at the time of writing, Jenny is receiving palliative care at Severn Hospice. We have been keen to carry on her good work as Tai Chi is well known to be a valuable way to maintain and improve our health and well-being. Jenny herself has been keen to stress that Tai Chi has kept her fit and able when others of her age have been struggling.

We now have a new instructor from Shropshire Tai Chi Academy and hope to attract people to our group.

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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Establishing St George's Meadow in Pontesbury Cemetery, Bogey Lane In 2021/22, part of Pontesbury Cemetery which is not yet used for burials was set up to become a meadow. This was supported by the Stepping Stones Project and Marches Meadows Group. An information board in the cemetery explains more.

The meadow space now needs more work to help it become a place where meadow plants, insects, birds and mammals can thrive. St George's Church Eco Group is delighted that the **Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund**, run by the Shropshire Hills National Landscape, is supporting us to:

- Cut and remove grass cuttings three times in 2025/26
- Scarify the land and sow wildflower seed
- Engage with the local community through events and activities to enjoy the site and to learn about the importance of hay meadows for biodiversity

We will be working with Pontesbury Primary School on an art project for the Pontesbury Festival (27th-29th June), and there will be an open air, open-to-all church service in the meadow on Sunday 13th July at 3pm (bring a rug/chair/picnic!).

The Shropshire Hills are a National Landscape (previously known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). The purpose of National Landscapes is to reduce risks from climate change and nature depletion, and to improve people's wellbeing. The St George's Meadow project aims to help biodiversity in our cemetery, close to Pontesford Hill. Keep an eye on how the meadow space changes over the year! More

information is available from Alison and Paul Holmes alisonmholmes@hotmail.co.uk or

Rebecca Maddox
Rebecca@maddoxbroadband.plus.com



Shropshire Hills
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REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MAY EVENTS

Saturday 17th May - 10am - 1pm

Meeting at Poles Coppice Car Park - relations.alley.costumes

And the following two bat walks on offer:

Friday 9th May - 8:45 pm - Dusk

Bat Walk at Minsterley Meadows
Minsterley Meadows - leafing.hopefully.helpful

Friday 30th May - 9:15pm - Dusk

Bat Walk at Snailbeach old mine
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hanging on the wall at this house! The photograph is also in a house in Bronygarth where apparently the owner's grandfather bought the property from 'a' Mr France, but we do not have the address or owners name of this house.

Millionaire Richard Samuel France owned limestone quarries in Llanymynech and coal mines at Nantmawr; as well as engineering works to produce bridges, locomotives, wagons and construction equipment for railway contractors. He was responsible for building railway lines; including, for example, the Potts line and Abbey Station in Shrewsbury in 1866. Shrewsbury Railway Heritage Trust is also trying to trace his descendants, so anyone named France is welcome to contact them. Information about the photo is welcomed by Philip Davies; chairman of the Shrewsbury Railway Heritage Trust via 07762 215008 or abbeystationshrewsbury@gmail.com Thank you.

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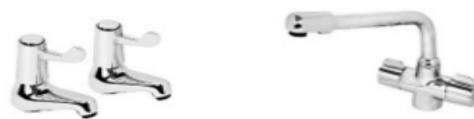
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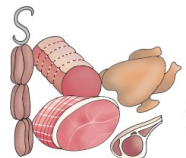


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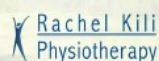
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MAY 2025 DIARY

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	10.30-1200	A Welcome Brew	Baptist Church
Every Tue	2pm	Tai Chi	Public Hall
Every Tue	8—9 am	Pilates for Core Strength	Public Hall
Every Wed	10.00-12.00	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments	Pavilion - Term-time only
Every Wed	10.30-12.00	Coffee/Chat and Fellowship	Pontesbury Congregational Church
Every 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 3rd	10.30 -12.30	FoPL Coffee Morning & PLANT SALE	Pontesbury Pavilion
Thu 8th	2pm–2.45pm	Rhymetime for children 0-4years/parents	Pontesbury Library in the Pavilion
Thu 8th	3.30-5.00pm	Messy Church	St George's Church
Fri 9th	10.30-12.00	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough, Pontesbury
Sat 10th	10.00-12.00	Repair Café	St George's Church
Sat 10th	12.00-2pm	VE 80th Anniversary Celebrations with the choir	St George's Church
Mon 12th	7.30pm	Annual Meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council	The Pavilion
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 14th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Wed 14th & 28th	2-4pm	AGE UK Dementia Support Group	Pontesbury Pavilion
Wed 14th	2pm	Rea Valley Foodbank AGM	St George's Church
Fri 16th	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks "Ordinary Angels"	Marton Village Hall
Sat 17th	10am to 1pm	Rea Valley Community Wildlife Walk	Meet at Poles Coppice car park
Sat 17th	2pm	Methodist Church Centenary Sing-a-Long	Methodist Church
Mon 19th	2-4pm	Get Creative Group - free & refreshments	Pontesbury Pavilion
Mon 19th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Thu 22nd	6.30pm	FOPL AGM with Speaker from Severn Hospice	Pavilion
Wed 21st	2pm	u3a talk "South West Japan"	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sun 25th	7pm	St George's Rogation Service & Supper	St George's Church
Wed 28th	7.30pm	Flower Club - "Animal Magic"	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 30th	10.30-1200	Carer's Group - FREE, Information, chat & tea	Pavilion
June			
Sun 1st	6.30pm	Baptist Church Songs of Praise	Baptist Church
Mon 2nd	6.30pm	Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting	Pontesbury Pavilion
Sat 7th	10.00-12.00	Congregational Church Table Top Sale	Congregational Church
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