

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

The **Pontesbury Community Garden Harvest and Apple Pressing event** was a success despite bad weather. Under the gazebos in the Pavilion Garden lots of apples were pressed by Richard and Gill with the help of volunteers. It is great to see an excellent village event carry on.

Younger volunteers enjoyed using a vintage tool that peels cores and slices an apple with the turn of a handle. They also enjoyed eating the sliced apple.

There was also an excellent vegetable paella with all the vegetables from the Community Garden prepared by Bill and as you can see it all got eaten. Phil was on hand to cook Pizza in the Oven but most people wisely chose the Paella.

Inside the Pavilion June and Bob were busy as usual serving tea, coffee and homemade cake.

Also inside was a wonderful display of Apple varieties from Peter and Alice's Orchard in Minsterley.

Thanks to all the volunteers including Lindsay, Duncan, Nick and Roy who helped with the preparation and on the day, and Nicki, the Deputy Clerk, for being there to help with any problems, and most of all to the people who braved the weather to come and enjoy the event.



**DEADLINE for November 2025 issue is:
Friday 17th October 2025.**

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

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

WOW! WHO KNEW?
YOU (YES YOU!)
Could be part of:

PONTESBURY PLAYERS Panto

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ON AND OFF STAGE
CINDERELLA 2: The shoe is on the other foot this time!

SCRIPT READING ~
MON 3RD NOV 7.30PM

AT PONTESBURY PUBLIC HALL

Rehearsals Mon and Thurs 7.30PM
Performances 28-31 Jan 2026

Contact us on our
Facebook Page: Pontesbury
Players

It's - like -
the most
fun ever!

AGE 16+

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Pontesbury Parish Council is pleased to report that a brand new basket swing has been installed into the Pontesbury play area, to replace the old one which broke.

Thank you to everyone for your patience. We are now looking at replacing other items in the play area, as the budget allows. If you would like to get involved in the Council working group on this project please get in touch with Nicki via email deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.



Nature Recovery
Shropshire and
Telford & Wrekin

Shropshire Council Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Have Your Say: New Nature Recovery Map Now Open for Consultation

The draft Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) has been published and the consultation focuses on two key resources:

- A strategy document outlining county-wide priorities for nature recovery.
- An interactive map showing where nature is thriving and where targeted action could deliver the greatest benefits for wildlife, water, soil and climate resilience.

The LNRS identifies key opportunities for supporting nature across the region — and could influence **future environmental funding** and land management decisions. This is your chance to see what is being suggested and **help shape the final strategy**. Residents, land-owners, community groups, environmental organisations, town & parish councils and businesses across **Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin** are all encouraged to **review the new interactive map and strategy** and share their views as part of the consultation to help make the strategy as good as possible.

We hope the strategy and map inspires action and collaboration to help nature thrive.

You can learn more about the LNRS process and how as a Parish Council we can help along with local groups to act use the following page:

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/shropshire-and-telford-wrekin-local-nature-recovery-strategy/community-groups-and-townparish-councils/>

There is a 5 minute "Youtube" video; [explainer video](#), on how to comment on LNRS map, polygons, etc. and/or I have attached a guide to the map

Consultation closes: 15 October 2025

View the map and submit feedback:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/lnrs

Questions? Contact: lnrs@shropshire.gov.uk

Following the Shropshire wide Local Nature Recovery Strategy we will be drawing up a Pontesbury specific LNRS and we are working closely with Hanwood and Minsterley parish councillors to maximise the impact of any work on nature recovery by creating links and wildlife highways across the area. Over the coming months there will be a number of talks/events locally about how as a local community we can do simple things that will help nature to recover. If you would be interested in joining our Pontesbury Biodiversity Working Group please contact clerk@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk

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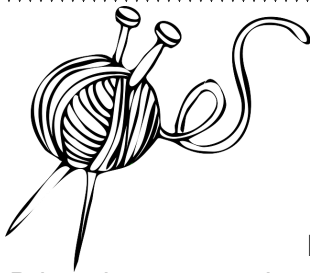
Rea Valley Probus Club

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: 8th October 2025



Pavilion News October 2025 - What's On

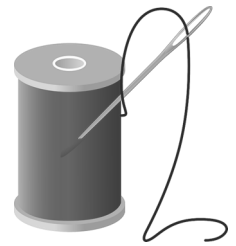


We hope to see you at the new time for
'Get Creative Group':

**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Monday 6th & 20th October 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 9th October 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 31st October 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

1st, 15th & 29th October 2025 Time: 2– 4pm



Sea Change Trust holds a free
Wednesday Family Drop-In at the
Pavilion Community Hub and
Library in Pontesbury between

10-12 (term-time only) aimed at parents and
carers of babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers.
Everyone welcome.

Message from the Library Owl

On the 11th of September we finished the Summer Reading Challenge in style with the help of Sal Tonge. Sal introduced herself with a song or two and came armed with a fresh supply of root vegetables from Hignett's to help with her very special rendition of the Giant Turnip. We had 13 children who made it straight from school to collect their medal, 46 took part in total, and 36 completed the challenge - a great year for Pontesbury Library.

We will be continuing with our crafting adventures with another Halloween session on Thursday 30th October (half term) at 2pm.

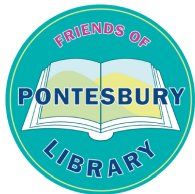
We have gone fully autumnal in the library with decorations of seasonal colours and pumpkins. There is a 'Big Tasty Read' display, why not try some of the warming recipes from our cookery collection. In fact, 'Try a Book from the Back Wall!' - we have a large range of non-fiction books on subjects from canals and cars to television icons and world history - something for everyone!



The
Library Owl



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



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library At the FOPL September committee meeting, Caroline Wright took the chair for the first time, taking over from Yvonne Davies, who was thanked for her long and dedicated service. Luckily for us, Yvonne is staying involved with FOPL.

Summer Reading Challenge Medal Presentation After school on 11th September, children with their parents, grandparents and carers gathered in the Pavilion. Refreshed with juice, tea and biscuits we (Beverley and volunteers included) were delightfully entertained by Sal Tonge with songs and a very participatory story, 'The Enormous Turnip', vividly told, with actions! The children then received their medals and certificates for completion of the challenge. Congratulations to them all!



Summer Workshop

A clay modelling workshop for children was lots of fun and books and floor survived! Many thanks to FOPL helpers.

Dates for your Diary

Join us at the Pavilion for our next **Coffee Morning on Saturday October 4th, 10.30-12.30**. All the usual coffee, tea, delicious home-made cakes and a good chat, plus the lottery draw. For a chance of winning, tickets are just £1 per month per number and you can join by filling out the form at the library or online at pontesburylibrary.co.uk.

The lucky **lottery winners** drawn at the September Coffee Morning were:

1st. No. 154 Sue and Steve Anderson

2nd. No. 39 Sheila and Roger Bower

3rd No. 188 Val Sinclair

A talk by celebrated Wildlife Photographer
Ben Osborne

Polar Journeys

Join Ben on a journey to the ends of the earth, with breathtaking images and captivating stories from his adventures in the Arctic and Antarctic. A visual experience not to be missed!

**Saturday
22 NOV
7.30pm**

PONTESBURY PUBLIC HALL
TICKETS £10 (under 16s £5)
from Hignetts, Pontesbury Library and TicketSource
BAR OPEN

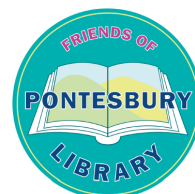
FOPL: Raising funds to support Pontesbury Library

Polar Journeys – a new talk by Ben Osborne, Saturday 22nd November, Public Hall

We are very excited to announce Ben Osborne's new talk, raising funds to support our Library. Ben lives locally and has made many journeys to both the Arctic and Antarctic, working for National Geographic, the BBC, the British Antarctic Survey and as a Polar Guide on small ships. His images have featured in numerous magazines and books and in 2007 he was Wildlife Photographer of the Year. It will certainly be a stunning visual treat, with exciting stories of his travels in some of the least accessible places on earth. **See poster and save the date!**

Tickets: £10 from Hignetts, the Library and TicketSource (under 16s £5)

Thank you to all who support our lovely library.





Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events October 2025



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

Coffee Morning - Friday 10th October 2025 All are welcome to come along 10:30am to 11:45am 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.

Good Neighbours Community Luncheons will take place on the following Fridays - 24th October & 28th November 2025, and 23rd January, 27th February and 27th March 2026. All luncheons start at 11.45am and end at 1pm. Tickets must be bought beforehand and can be purchased at the coffee mornings (above) or from Hignett's Shop. Tickets are £10 per head, which includes a 2-course meal and a hot drink.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT SEPT 2025

Finances-latest figures show that the Council is projecting an overspend of £35.169 million by the end of the 2025/2026 financial year. That is £889,000 above the present financial resources available. Please note that this is a "projected" figure, based on expected increases in costs, as well as savings not achieved in previous years. Legally, this is not allowed, so unless action is taken to balance the books, a section 114 notice will be served on the Council. This will effectively pass over control of the whole Council to Government-appointed Commissioners, resulting in dramatic cuts to services.

Shropshire Council Cabinet declared a "Financial Emergency" when it met on 10th September. With immediate effect, staff have been instructed to stop all non-essential spending. All essential spending will be vigorously challenged by Team Leaders and Budget Holders, without exception. Shropshire Council is one of many Councils across the country facing a financial emergency - mainly due to a year-on-year decrease in Government funding and soaring costs, particularly in Social Care, which accounts for nearly 80% of Shropshire Council's annual budget.

DEVOLUTION - Within the next decade Shropshire Councils' intention is to focus solely on delivering statutory services, with all other responsibilities devolved to Town and Parish Councils. Pilot schemes are expected to begin next year, starting with the StreetScene service. A memorandum of understanding has been sent to all 153 Parish Councils. Whilst this is not legally binding, it is the first step in enabling Town and Parish Councils to undertake certain types of local work, in partnership with Shropshire Council Officers.

HOPE VALLEY—Members will be pleased to hear that the major works needed to stabilise sections of the A488 up Hope Valley have just been completed. There is some white-lining to be completed shortly, but the road is now fully open to all traffic.

PONTESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to all of our pupils and families and a special welcome to all of our new starters. I do hope that all of our Year 6 pupils from last year have settled into their new secondary schools well. After a summer of lovely weather, we are back into the swing of the Autumn Term. Our first week back consisted of lots of fun activities to allow our pupils to feel at ease coming back into school and for them to get to know their new teachers and classrooms. For our new Reception children, we have helped them find their way around school, learn new routines and settle into school life. What has been lovely to see is our new children being supported by our older children (particularly our Year 6s) which adds to our 'family feel' here at Pontesbury CE Primary School.

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

We are now taking bookings for the parents of prospective pupils (for 2026/27 starters) to come and visit our wonderful school before applying (by 15th January 2026). Please call the office on 01743 790226 to book.

St. George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk



Services and activities for October 2025

2nd 3.30pm Messy Church
 5th 10.30am Holy Communion
 7th 2.30pm Tea Service
 12th 10.30am Morning Worship without Communion & Children's Church
 19th 10.30am Harvest Holy Communion & Children's Church and Harvest lunch
 26th 10.30am All Age family Worship
 2nd Nov 4pm All Souls Service.
 Tea Break every Wednesday 2-4pm
 Coffee Stop every Friday 10-12noon.

Pontesbury Baptist Church

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm – where we sing hymns of worship, hear the Bible read, pray, and listen as God's Word is preached.

	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday 5 th October	Mike Wells	Rod Ward
Sunday 12 th October	Mike Wells	5:00 PM Harvest Supper
Sunday 19 th October	Mike Wells	6:30 PM Ben Jack
Sunday 26 th October	Rob Jack	Mike Wells

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

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

For more information, please email:
info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Methodist services for October:

5th October with Dr John Woolley
 12th October with Church Members
 19th October with Mr Mike Hallworth to inc Holy Communion
 26th October with Mrs Helen Pearson

All services at 10.45 am.

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES October 2025

Sun 5th October at	10am The Deacons
Sun 12th October at	10am Rev. Debbie Martin
Sun 19th October at	10am Keith Locke
Sun 26th October at	10am Rev. Debbie Martin

Tuesday's at 10am Prayer meeting/Bible study
 Wednesday at 10am-12noon
 Warm space/coffee and chat
 All are welcome

Exhibition

A collection of Bible stories crafted in fascinating detail

Wed 22 October - Wed 5 November
 St George's Church
 Pontesbury

Bible Yarns
 The threads that bind us together
 A craft exhibition depicting well-known Bible stories

Ever wondered what life is all about?

Alpha

Alpha is a safe space to talk about faith and life's big questions.

No judgement, no pressure.

Thursdays October 2nd 9th 16th 23rd
 November 6th 13th
 12.30 - 2.00pm
 at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

A free lunch is included.

We're sorry we're not able to provide childcare.

For more info contact:
 Greg 07902 794653 or Fran 07982 324760



St George's Church, Pontesbury

CHRISTMAS THEME

Saturday 8th November at 7pm

West End Room, St George's

Tickets £5, include a mince pie & coffee

Bring Your Own Drinks

Contact Marianne McCall
 07944 333830 or Marion Elliott
 07833 325755 for tickets

& RAFFLE



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A poster for 'Tin Soldiers' featuring a tin soldier playing a guitar. The background is a stylized orange and white sky. Text on the poster includes 'TIN SOLDIERS', 'SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025', '7 PM WORTHEN VILLAGE HALL', 'TICKETS £10.00', and 'BYO Bistro Style Concert'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets: Linda Sagar, 01743 891744 - 07840 365474'.

WALK IN OUR SHOES 2025

Rob would like to thank the many people who donated to Severn Hospice in response to this appeal. My Just Giving page remains open as follows:

www.justgiving.com/page/robert-davies-25

TIN SOLDIERS

Worthen Village Hall

Saturday 18th October at 7pm

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Tickets £10 from Linda Sagar

01743 891744 or
07840 365474

Concert in aid of local Food Bank

MORE SEASONS FROM THE SKIES

PHOTOS BY RIC MORRIS
FEATHER AND HAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Back by popular demand, Ric takes us higher than ever with some fresh views over Shropshire and the neighbouring counties. Expect the same entertaining style that always delights!

OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome



Wednesday
15 October 2025



Time
2.00 PM



Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH

Free entrance

Refreshments available

pontesbury.u3asite.uk

learn,
laugh,
live

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Pontesbury
& Rea Valley

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Ric Morris has already wowed us several times with his captivating aerial photography from a balloon drifting over Shropshire.

Now he returns on **Wednesday 15th October** at **Minsterley Parish Hall (2pm start)** with a completely new talk: **More Seasons from the Skies**.

Ric brings a fresh collection of images and tales, charting Shropshire and the neighbouring counties' changing landscapes through different seasons and moods. From hidden patterns in the fields to unexpected glimpses of history etched into the countryside, his eye for detail reveals a side you'll never see from the ground. Informative, surprising, and always entertaining, this promises to be another unforgettable afternoon with Ric Morris.

Following the talk, 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 not in full-time employment for enjoyable learning or active experiences. We are local, friendly, and affordable, featuring over 20 interest groups covering a variety of activities, from history, literature and geology to walking, cycling, pickleball and table tennis ...

Deadline for November 2025 edition is Friday 17th October - 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.

Ask the Animal Healer – Rebecca Rea

Therapeutic help for animals and their people

A day in the life of an Animal Healer-

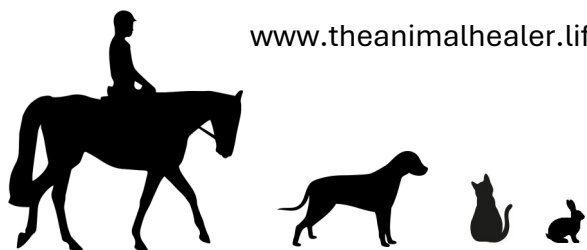
Horses, cats, dogs, rabbits ... even a possum once! My work is incredibly varied: e.g. one minute offering complementary therapies to reduce pain, stress, digestive problems or enhance recovery from illness, the next re-arranging furniture with someone to help a blind, arthritic or nervous animal. I may be doing some behaviour training, using animal communication abilities, or giving energy healing to a distressed rescue animal or one with dementia etc, or carrying out dietary research and writing up a plan for a way forward.

But one thing for sure is it always involves supporting people to grow a deeper understanding and relationship with their animal.

This morning got off to a fun start online, courtesy of a very enthusiastic farmer's wife from Wales who wants to do some learning with me and develop her own abilities to help animals. She is upset by the cruelty to animals that she sees in the world and wants to do something about it – even though her friends think she is silly to believe in such things. So teaching and mentoring is also part of my work.

And to this afternoon, I sit writing this for our local newsletter in the hope that I can make a little more difference to an animal's life and their owners'. I work on a donation basis so no animal goes unheard.

www.theanimalhealer.life



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The WI returned after our usual summer break where we had a most interesting local Pontesbury traveller, Malcolm Philcox, talking about his rail trip in Japan. This was a most informative talk where we were shown many castles, temples, pagodas, shrines, and ornamental gardens. A completely different way of life in beautiful surroundings. Phil was a real train enthusiast who certainly enjoyed every aspect of Japan and its many customs.

The WI really enjoyed his informative presentation.

Our next meeting will be on 13th October where Tania West will give a presentation titled "Overcoming Life's Curved Balls". Craft Club will be held on 21st of October, 10am to 1pm at the Cock Inn, Hanwood. If you are interested in crafting you are most welcome to attend.

If you would like further information about the WI please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903 for further information. Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser

REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MONTHLY WALK: OCTOBER 2025

Saturday 18th October - Monthly Walk

10am - 1pm

Snailbeach Car Park

[juror.pampering.zooms](https://www.juror.pampering.zooms)

Join our friendly Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) members at our October monthly walk providing an opportunity to discover local flora and fauna together.

Free to attend and no booking required.

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

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

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



**JOIN US
TODAY!**

Email: reavalleycwg@gmail.com

Active and vibrant Whatsapp group also available

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 14th October

Sue Blower – Montgomery Town Crier

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on

The second Tuesday of the month

At Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are
always welcome

THE ATHERTON TRUST INVITES GRANT APPLICATIONS The Atherton Trust holds funds to provide financial support to those in need in the Pontesbury, Hanwood, Longden and have been resident in these Parishes for 5 years. Grants are made to individuals and families who encounter financial difficulties & are unable to get help from normal support organisations.

The Trust also supports community groups, sports clubs, charities, village halls, etc, who need specific funding to start up or expand their activities or meet unexpected expenditure. Whilst the Trust intends to invite applications from a variety of organisations, it will not support applications from religious groups.

The Trust is keen to receive applications from individuals and organisations who should apply, in the first instance, to the Secretary, Paul Adams, who will assign a local Trustee to help with the application. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Paul can be contacted by email to: pauladams797@btinternet.com

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association - Craft and Flower Show

The hot dry summer resulted in poor growing conditions for most gardeners, so it was encouraging that so many managed to produce such good specimens for our Show on 23rd August. The overall number of entries was lower than in previous years, but some categories showed an encouraging increase. The Floral Art (Flower Arranging) class saw such an increase, and it was good to see some new names among the exhibitors. The Craft side also showed some ups and downs in numbers but there was an impressive number of paintings and photographs on display.

Our President, Bill Neil, commented on the recently re-introduced Beginners' Classes, saying that it was through these that he and his wife, Chris, started their interest and participation in flower shows and hoped that others would follow the same route. It is hoped that some of those who visited in the afternoon will come back next year to show their gardening or craft skills; some of the winners this year did just that!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Trading Post and remind you that we will be closing for the winter at the end of October, and reopening on the first Saturday in February. The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

A list of Trophy Winners can be found on the noticeboard in the Pavilion.



The Bog Visitor Centre -

Opening times in October From the week beginning Monday 29 September the Centre will only be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Therefore closed Monday 29 September through to Thursday 2 October. On Friday 3 October the Centre reopens for the weekend. This pattern of opening will continue throughout October until The Bog closes on Sunday 2 November.

The Bog Autumn Fair The last weekend of the season – Friday 31 October – Sunday 2 November will be the Autumn Fair when a variety of handmade crafts will be on sale. Refreshments will also be available.

The Bog Centre is looking for a new treasurer

The role is a paid position and entails approx. 50 hours per year. It involves mostly working from home with occasional visits to The Bog Visitor Centre to collect paperwork during the open season and a requirement to attend most directors meetings.

For more information 07905 636569, email

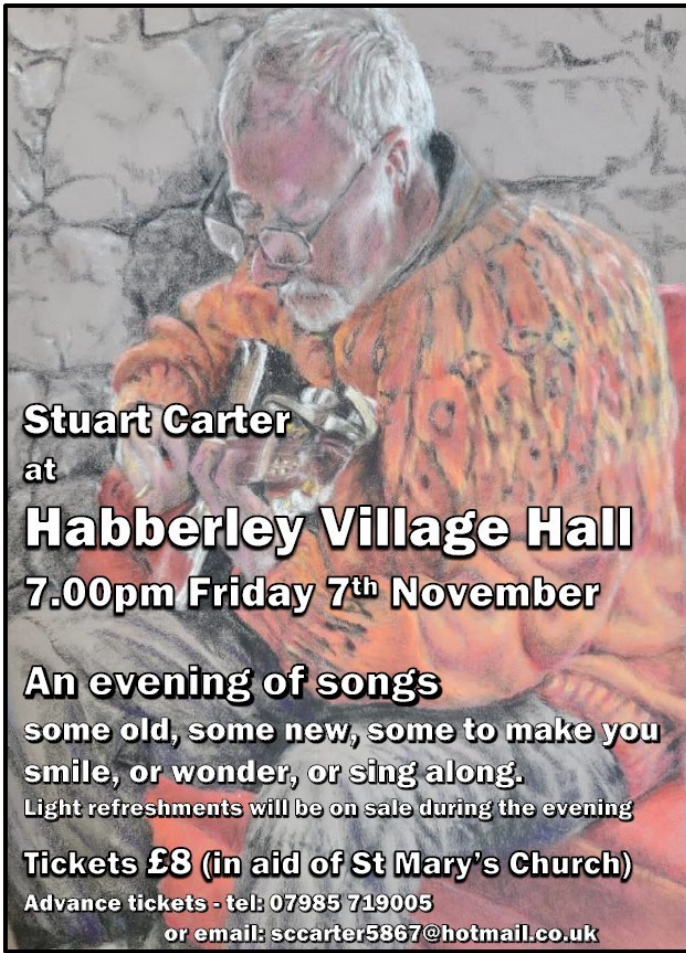
NATURAL ENGLAND - Notes from the hill One species that you might expect to do well in the sunshine is the wood ant which build their nests or solariums so as to maximise catching the warmth of the sun. However, the wood ants that we are lucky enough to have within our upland woodlands are a northern species called hairy wood ants. They are on the southern edge of their range, so in the peak of the summer this year there was little activity on their nest mounds as they had retreated to the shade underground. At least half of their nest is usually underground, which like in our houses have various rooms or chambers for different purposes.



Across Europe, wood ants are under threat, and many species ranges are shrinking. Some of the main reasons for this decline are: changes in woodland management, woodland fragmentation, urban expansion, and human disturbance.

Our population of hairy wood ants at Resting Hill seem quite isolated, but it would be good to hear if anyone knows of any wood ant nests in the surrounding area as that would inform us of how best to link up some of their sites. Are there any in Snailbeach or Eastridge for example?

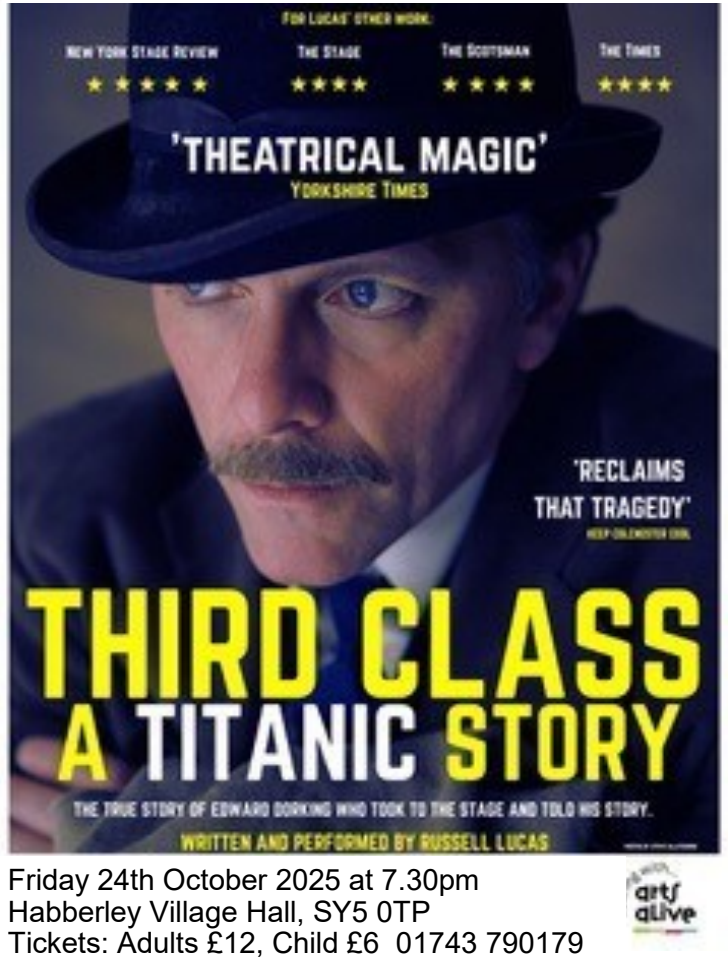
Due to a lack of space in the newsletter, I was unable to include the full Notes from the Hill, this will be available online



Stuart Carter
at
Habberley Village Hall
7.00pm Friday 7th November

An evening of songs
some old, some new, some to make you
smile, or wonder, or sing along.
Light refreshments will be on sale during the evening

Tickets £8 (in aid of St Mary's Church)
Advance tickets - tel: 07985 719005
or email: sccarter5867@hotmail.co.uk



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'THEATRICAL MAGIC'
YORKSHIRE TIMES

'RECLAIMS THAT TRAGEDY'
HEEP-OL-MOTHER.COM

**THIRD CLASS
A TITANIC STORY**

THE TRUE STORY OF EDWARD DORKING WHO TOOK TO THE STAGE AND TOLD HIS STORY.
WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY RUSSELL LUCAS

Friday 24th October 2025 at 7.30pm
Habberley Village Hall, SY5 0TP
Tickets: Adults £12, Child £6 01743 790179

arts
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Clint Eastwood, Bee Vang, Christopher Carley

Gran Torino

Clint Eastwood directs and stars in GRAN TORINO which marks his first film role since his Oscar-winning "Million Dollar Baby". Eastwood plays Walt Kowalski, an iron-willed veteran living in a changing world, who is forced by his immigrant neighbours to confront his own long-held prejudices.

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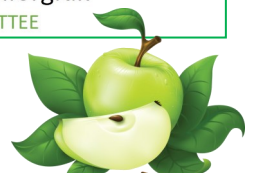
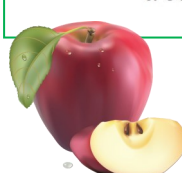
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Sports & Activities

Pontesbury Sports Association A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the 'Taffy Cup'.

Football Teams taking part were - Worthen Juniors Men, Pontesbury Legends, Pontesbury Cricket Club and Wayne's 11. It proved to be very competitive with a few injuries picked up along the way, but was won by Wayne's 11 in the final. Betty (Brians Wife) presented the trophy to the winning Captain.

At the request of Betty £200 was donated to Lingen Davies, huge thank you to The Coop Pontesbury & Sam who is the Community Liaison for a cheque of £250.00.

Final total was in the region of £1300 which will go towards the upkeep of the building.



Pontesbury Bowling Club Centenary, 1925-2025

On Sunday 7th September, Pontesbury Crown Green Bowling Club celebrated its centenary season. This was a day of celebration, of welcoming former players back to the club and sharing memories. However, a day of fundraising raised well over £600, money which helps us to ensure that crown green bowls continues to thrive in this village. Pontesbury is indeed fortunate to have such an active bowls club with a splendid clubhouse, two greens (both with floodlights) and over 70 playing members. Pontesbury teams compete in the Tanners, Wem and Seniors Leagues, and play fixtures all over Shropshire.

Despite heavy rain, the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the knockout singles bowls competition for the Nags Head Challenge Cup, an annual event with £50 prize money for the winner. The magnificent silver trophy was eventually won by Charlie Hotchkiss, with Andy Jones runner up. Charlie (23) a really popular winner - his grandfather won the Challenge Cup on two previous occasions, and everyone was delighted to see such a talented young player demonstrating that bowls is a game for all ages.

A huge amount of work - green maintenance, admin, catering and cleaning - went into making this a most successful event, reflecting the fact that the men and women of our bowls community work together and compete against one another on an equal footing. Pontesbury Bowling Club is always interested in hearing from anyone wanting to know more about joining the club and enjoying this wonderful sport.



For further details, please contact David Charles: 07483-884122.



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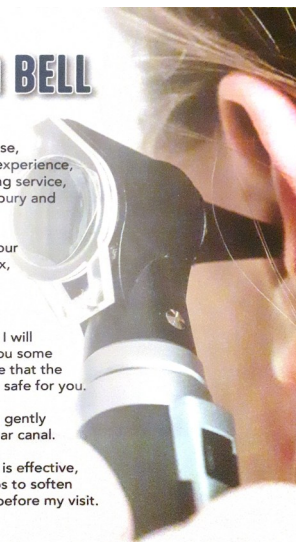
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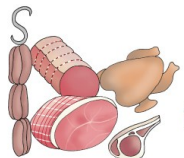
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OCTOBER 2025 DIARY

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	Pontesbury 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	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			
Wed 1st, 15th, 29th	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Sat 4th	10.30am	Friends of Pontesbury Library Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 4th	12.00-4pm	Hope Apple Day	Hope Village Hall
Mon 6th & 20th	11am -1pm	Get Creative - FREE just bring along your projects	Pavilion
Mon 6th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Planning Committee	Pavilion
Wed 8th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 9th	2-2.45pm	Rhyme Time	Library
Thu 9th	2pm	Short Mat Bowling season begins	Public Hall
Mon 13th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 13th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
Tue 14th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Fri 10th	10.30-12.00	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Wed 15th	2pm	u3a talk "More Seasons from the Skies"	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 17th	7.30pm	Film "Gran Torino"	Marton Village Hall
Sat 18th Oct	1pm	Rea Valley Community Wildlife Walk	meet at Snailbeach car park
Sat 18th	7pm	Tin Soldiers event to raise money for the Food Bank	Worthen Village Hall
Wed 22nd Oct to Wed 5th Nov		Exhibition - a selection of crafted bible stories	St George's Church
Fri 24th	11.45 - 1pm	Good Neighbours Community Luncheon - please purchase your ticket before the event	Pontesbury Public Hall
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Film "Third Class: A Titanic Story"	Habberley Village Hall
Wed 29th	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Thu 30th	2pm	Library crafting adventures - Halloween session	Pontesbury Library/Pavilion
Fri 31st	10.30am	Carer's Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Fri 31st Oct -- Sun 2nd Nov		The Bog Visitor Centre - Autumn Fair	Bog Visitor Centre