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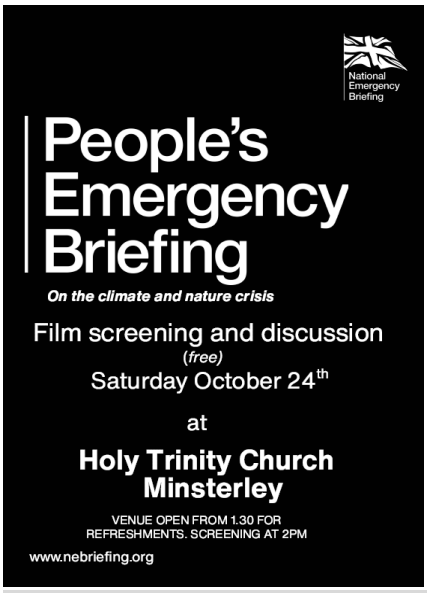
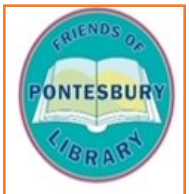


What's On?



October 29 — **Hallowe'en Children's Crafting**
Thursday, 14.30-15.30, Pontesbury Library
All children welcome to this free event, with an adult.

Take a look through your local newsletter, with pages of events, activities and sports. The diary on the back page gives details of regular weekly events alongside What's On this month, every month. If you'd like to advertise your event, write an article about your group or team, please email deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk for more info.

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

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Pontesbury Parish Council At the September Parish Council Meeting Cllrs were pleased to hear the External Audit feedback, that the council are operating in accordance with all the different laws governing how a local authority should conduct itself. Whether that be when procuring services, processes of decision making or assessing risks associated with council activities. Cllr Fletcher wished to thank the council Responsible Financial Officer for all her hard work in completing the end of year accounts and governance statements. This is an increasingly complicated task with the number of services, assets and activities that a council of the size of Pontesbury manages.

Cllrs agreed unanimously to grant £5000 towards the installation of solar panels on the roof of Pontesbury Public Hall. This will help sustain this vital community asset in the face of rising energy costs.

Cllr Hignett updated councillors on phase 1 and phase 2 of the Hall Bank and Brookside improvements which are designed to alleviate flooding and increase the safety of pedestrians walking/crossing roads in this area. Cllrs are hopeful that phase 3 will be initiated within the current financial year.

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If you would like to place an article or advert in the Pontesbury Parish Newsletter, please get in touch with: deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk. Adverts are different costs depending upon size and where you live or where your business is.

Cllrs also reviewed the parish council insurance policy. This is a complicated process to ensure that the council are not under-insured with so many buildings and assets under council management.

There are still three vacancies on the parish council. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in putting yourself forward and joining the parish council team to make a difference in your area. clerk@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm at the Pavilion, Hall Bank.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 5th October at 6.30pm at the Pavilion**.** Please contact Deputy Clerk deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk if you would like to attend and/or raise any issues.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Did you know that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service offer free **Safe and Well visits** to help people stay safe from fire at home. During the visit, the Fire Prevention Team provides fire safety advice, tests smoke alarms, discusses escape plans, and can, with consent, signpost individuals to additional support services. To book a visit, call **01743 260260.**

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 meetings: 14th October 2026

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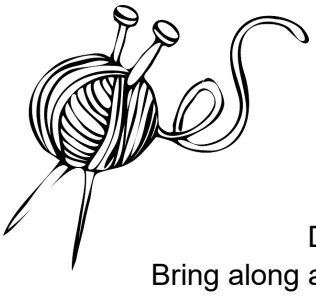
Pavilion News
October 2026 - What's On

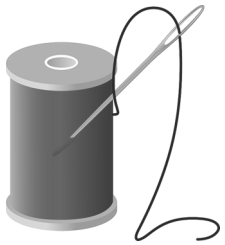


We hope to see you for

'Get Creative Group':

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



Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Age UK

Pontesbury Dementia Support Group
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

14th & 28th October 2026

- Time: 2-4pm

Please call the Age UK Shrewsbury office on 01743 233123 and ask for the Wellbeing Team, you must pre-book to come along to this group.

Pontesbury Carers Support Group
Friday 30th October 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.

News from the Library October 2026

Did you know, owls are primarily nocturnal raptors that belong to the order Strigiformes? There are over 250 species of owl around the world. The Library Owl belongs to a genus and species of its own. The Library Owl's favourite season is summer. While some people embrace autumn in September, it takes a lot for it to be convinced autumn has arrived. Acceptance only arrives on 1st October, 10 days later than the official start. Therefore, the library has now transformed, we have our display of pumpkins, books on preserving, apples and fruit. Our book themes have a cosy choice.

We have a subscription to Which, the magazine and online. Please ask the counter for assistance.

There will be a Warm Welcome in the Pavilion and library this winter, hot drinks will be available, help yourself! We are able to offer this throughout Shropshire Libraries thanks to the government Crisis Resilience Fund.

The Library Owl

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news
FROM FRIENDS OF PONTESBURY LIBRARY

The King's Award for Voluntary Service

The Peter Traves Writing Competition
DEADLINE MIDNIGHT TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

As part of FOPL's contribution to the National Year of Reading 2026, a Writing Competition with two themes:
A BOOK THAT CHANGED MY LIFE (students & adults)
THE BOOK I LIKE BEST (primary children)

The competition is a tribute to Peter Traves, founder of Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a, including the Creative Writing u3a group of which he was an enthusiastic member. You may never have entered a writing competition before or you may be a published author. Whatever you've written or not written before we'd like to hear from you. It's free to enter!

Entry forms and more details from the Library, Hignetts and yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk. And there are prizes to be awarded on Saturday 14th November at the Library.

Why not collect a form and give it a go? Happy writing!

September Coffee morning

A lively morning that was much enjoyed by all, despite missing out on poet Nigel Sustins who was unwell. Thanks to Yvonne, Merle and Rob for updating us on the Writing Competition and regaling us with an extract from Alan Bennett's book *The Common Reader*, as Queen Elizabeth II contemplates what she might write!

The lucky winners of the Library Lottery 100 Club Draw were:

1st Pat Frost, No. 123
2nd Margaret Marsden, No. 48
3rd Fei Gao, No. 99

Future Events

October 3

Coffee Morning: Saturday 10.30 – 12.30, Pontesbury Library
Join us for our monthly coffee morning, plenty of chat, laughter and exceedingly good cakes, plus our Lottery Draw.

October 29

Hallowe'en Children's Crafting Thursday, 14.30-15.30, Pontesbury Library
All children welcome to this free event, with an adult.

November 14

Prizegiving for The Peter Traves Writing Competition 2026 Saturday, 10.30am Pontesbury Library
Prizes for each category plus the Peter Traves Trophy for the overall winner.

December 4

SAVE THE DATE!
FoPL's Christmas Romp: Featuring the Friends and 'Val Sinclair with the Cool Daddy Combo' Friday, Doors Open 18.30pm for 19.00 start, Pavilion

See the Friends making merry as you've never seen them before! A first half of Christmas fun and frolics then a second half of superb music and singalong.

Doors open 18.30, Caberet style, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £15 from Hignetts and the Library.

Thanks to everyone who supports our precious Community Library

Community Good Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events
October 2026

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

Coffee Mornings - The next coffee mornings will take place on Friday 9th October, Friday 13th November and Friday 11th December , starting at 10.30am.

Men's Club meet twice a month in the Pavilion. We play cards, dominoes, chess, etc, etc, and most of all we have a chat.
If you are interested contact Rob Davies on 07720 010353

Keeping Your Brain Healthy

Many factors can help to keep the brain healthy. For World Brain Day, Rachel, from Rachel Kili Physiotherapy, was invited to speak on Radio Shropshire about brain health and the practical steps people can take to support their brain and overall wellbeing.

As part of the discussion, presenter Clare Ashford visited one of Rachel's clients, Molly, who is living with Parkinson's disease. Together, they explored how Parkinson's can affect movement, independence and everyday life, as well as the importance of taking a whole-person approach to managing neurological conditions.

Six things to help your brain Rachel highlights six key elements that can help nourish and replenish the brain:

1. **Sleep** – Quality is often more important than simply counting the number of continuous hours of sleep. Managing rest and weariness throughout the day is also an important part of supporting brain health.

2. **Physical activity** – Being busy but sedentary is not the same as being physically active. It is worth considering how much time is spent up and moving compared with sitting.

3. **Nutrition** – A varied diet based around unprocessed food and drink is vital. Rather than focusing solely on eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day, Rachel's preference is to eat a variety of different herbs, spices, nuts and grains, as well as fruits and vegetables, over the course of a week.

4. **Social engagement** – Loneliness can increase fear, stress and pain, while also contributing to cognitive decline. Reaching out and maintaining social connections can sometimes take real effort, but the benefits for the brain and overall wellbeing can be immense.

5. **Cognition** – The brain benefits from being challenged in different ways. Rather than repeatedly doing the same type of puzzle, such as crosswords or Sudoku, learning a completely new skill can provide a much broader mental challenge by engaging different parts of the brain.

6. **Stress** – Regularly taking a pause and slowing the breath can help reduce the negative impact that stress can have on the brain. Small moments of calm can make an important difference.

Here to help Through her work with people experiencing neurological conditions, Rachel takes a whole-body approach to helping clients move more easily and maintain their independence.

This includes supporting people living with conditions such as Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis, as well as stroke survivors experiencing difficulties with walking and movement.

The approach goes beyond strength, balance and flexibility. It considers how everyday habits, routines and assumptions can affect the body, while also recognising the individual experience of living with a neurological condition.

For anyone living with a neurological problem that makes walking or movement difficult, Rachel encourages them to reach out to find out how they may be able to help. You can reach Rachel here:

https://rachelkiliphysiotherapy.com/ or alternatively at rachel@rachelkiliphysiotherapy.com

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Church Services & Events - October 2026

St. George's Church
www.st-george.org.uk

Services and activities for October 2026

1st 3.30pm Messy Church
4th 10.30am Morning Worship without Communion
11th 10.30am Harvest Holy Communion. Informal Children's Church
18th 10.30am Holy Communion
25th 10.30am All Age family Worship

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

Project George Logo Competition!

Are you an adult or young person with an eye for design and an artistic flair?

Could you design a logo for Project George?

As announced in last month's village newsletter, St George's Church Council has been invited to apply for National Lottery Heritage Funding to make vital repairs to the stonework and stained glass windows; to improve the space inside the church, including a better kitchen for events; and to highlight local heritage - the things which make Pontesbury and St George's fascinating and unique.

We need a logo which sums up our project! Perhaps it could include people - or a church window - a dragon - St George - the church tower – food - images of local history or industry - an interesting typeface?? – these are just ideas! What do you think?

We will announce the winning logo in the December edition of Pontesbury Parish Newsletter.

The winner will receive a small prize and see their logo used throughout the project. All ages are welcome to enter the competition.

Closing Date **Thursday 5th November 2026**. Please send your suggested logo design to Allen Marsden, Chair of the Project George Steering Group, at project.george1829@btinternet.com

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday's at 10.30am Coffee and Chat.

Everyone Welcome

October
4th October, 10am, Operation Mobilisation.
11th October,10am, Rev. Debbie Martin. (Holy Communion).
18th October, 10am, The Deacons.
25th October, 10am, Rev. Debbie Martin.

Wednesday's at 10.30am, coffee and chat.

Methodist services for October

4th Oct	10.45 am with Dr John Woolley
11th Oct	10.45 am with Church members
18th Oct	10.45 am with Rev Sheila MacInally
25th Oct	10.45 am with Rev Kim Stilwell

Pontesbury Baptist Church
www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk
October 2026 Services

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

	Morning Service	Evening Service
4th Oct	10:30am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Rob Jack
11th Oct	10:30am: Martin Wells	6:30 pm: Mike Wells
18th Oct	10:30 am: Mike Wells	No Service
25th Oc	10:30 am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Ben Jack

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

Emily Beecham, Scarlett Johansson, Sienna Miller, Kristin Scott Thomas, Michael Spicer

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My Mother's Wedding

In this heartfelt and funny story, three sisters return to their childhood home for a momentous occasion: the third wedding of their twice-widowed mother. Over the weekend, the family gathers to celebrate the new marriage, but mother and daughters alike are forced to revisit the past and confront the future, all with help from a colourful group of unexpected wedding guests.

Habberley Village Hall
SY5 0TP

Friday 9 October
7.30pm

Tickets
Standard: £6.00

Enquiries: 07977 127161
FILM & FISH & CHIPS SPECIAL. Film+food £15 - a complete your night out! Doors open & food served 7pm. Pre-order by midday Thursday on 07977127161. Tea, coffee & bar available.

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

arts alive

Information and Tickets at www.artsalive.co.uk

PONTESBURY COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

HARVEST CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
2.00 - 4.00PM

APPLE PRESSING!

(BRING YOUR OWN APPLES, AND CONTAINER)

MAPPING FOR NATURE

PLANT SALE OR SWAP

PIZZA !

AND

APPLE FRITTERS!

TEA AND CAKE

ON CRICKETERS MEADOW GREEN AND THE PAVILION

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Film screening and discussion
(free)
Saturday October 24th

at

Holy Trinity Church Minsterley

VENUE OPEN FROM 1.30 FOR REFRESHMENTS. SCREENING AT 2PM

www.nebriefing.org

The Chosen is the first ever multi-season TV series depicting the life of Jesus, with five series to date.

It gives each of the disciples a backstory and puts flesh on the bones of the episodes recorded in the Gospels, using creative imagination to develop the stories we have read there. About a third of the audience world-wide have not been church members. The series is Hebrew rather than American in feel and is authentic without being dry. People have been able to watch it via Amazon Prime, Netflix, YouTube and Facebook.

However, on Wednesday evenings from October 7th, you will be able to watch Series 1 of The Chosen at Holy Trinity Minsterley via our new screen and projector. Episodes vary in length from 55 minutes to 20 minutes. Episodes include: The call of the disciples / The wedding at Cana / Let the little children come to me / The rock on which the church is built / I am He / The first Christmas

Screening starts at 7 p.m. Entrance is free, with drinks offered for a donation. Feel free to bring your own snacks. We will be showing every Wednesday with a break for half-term. If you want any further information, please contact Greg Smith at rectorpontstip@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE SKULL COLLECTOR

WITH RIC MORRIS

Natural history with a twist! Shropshire naturalist Ric Morris, known as '@Skull_Bloke', uses his remarkable skull collection to reveal the hidden stories of Britain's wildlife. Discover how bones unlock clues to animal lives in a witty, fascinating journey of forensic storytelling. A lifelong obsession is revealed—prepare to see the countryside from a completely new perspective.

OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome

Wednesday
21 October 2026

Time
2.00 PM

Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH

Free for members • Visitors: voluntary donations welcome
Refreshments available
pontesbury.u3asite.uk

learn, laugh, live

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

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We've all enjoyed **Ric Morris**'s aerial photography over Shropshire, but on **Wednesday 21 October 2026 at 2pm**, Ric returns with a very different perspective! Join Ric for his humorous and fascinating talk, **Confessions of a Teenage Skull Collector**. Drawing on his extensive private collection of animal bones and over 40 years' field experience, Ric reveals the secrets skeletons can tell us about Britain's native mammals—and how a childhood hobby became a lifelong passion for natural history.

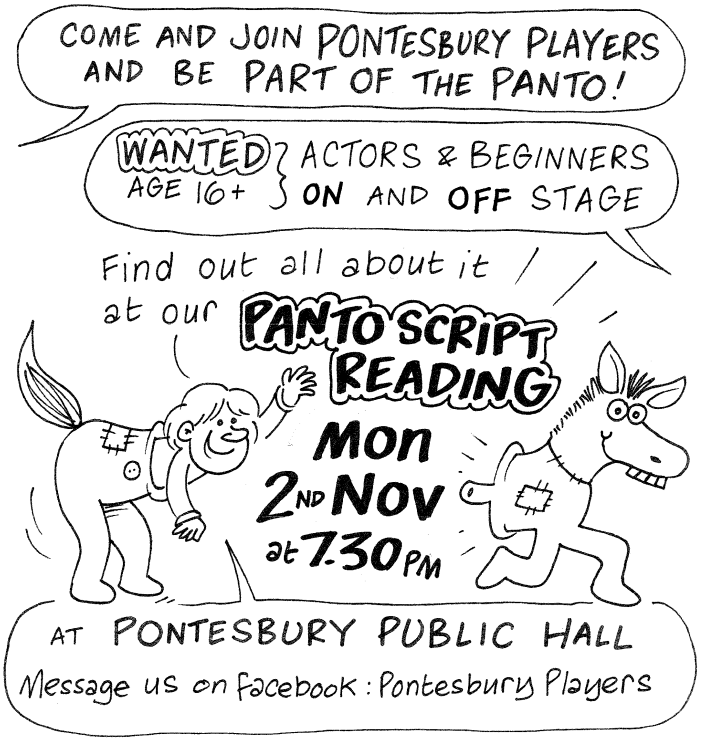
Our monthly meetings are just one part of Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a. The u3a is all about staying active, curious, and connected if you are no longer in full-time employment.

We have over 25 interest groups - there's something for everyone to enjoy and explore at an affordable level! And new groups are started if there is sufficient interest.

- Art History
- Astronomy
- Board Games
- Creative Writing
- Cycling
- Dining Club
- Embroidery
- Family History
- Folk Music
- French Conversation
- Gardening
- Geology
- History
- Literature
- Local History
- Photography
- Pickleball
- Play Reading
- Poetry
- Table Tennis
- Tech Made Easy
- Walking (Long)
- Walking (Short)
- Wine Tasting
- Wood Carving

Interested?
Come along to an open meeting, visit our website or call **Steve** (Membership Secretary) on **07861 531 186**

pontesbury.u3asite.uk



TRADING POST

Open February to October
Saturdays 9.30am to noon

Old Station Yard
Station Road, Pontesbury

what3words location - makeovers.stub.darling

We have a good stock of composts for potting up bulbs for wonderful displays next spring

The Trading Post will close on October 31st, re-opening in February 2027

We look forward to welcoming you back in February when we will have a good selection of seed potatoes available together with our standard selection of onions and shallots

New members are always welcome

Drop in and see what we have on offer

Pontesbury WI met on 14th Sep after a very busy Summer. Although there was no formal meeting during Aug, we did however hold our Summer Craft fair at the Public Hall. What a very successful event, with many Pontesbury residents joining us for refreshments & visiting our many stalls.
Pontesbury WI had a stall at Shropshire WI open day held at Shrewsbury Abbey on 5th Sep, again the WI crafts on sale were appreciated by the visitors.
Pontesbury WI will be holding our Autumn Craft Fair on Monday 9th Nov from 1pm to 4pm at the Public Hall.

At our meeting today we were visited by some very special guests. Fleur, Ivan, and Oatley from the Birds of Prey Centre at the back of 1403 Battlefield. Lisa Scatterwood, the owner, told us about these magnificent birds. " Call the Hoot Line " was the tittle of her most interesting talk. The birds looked most comfortable and splendid whilst with us and Lisa told us that the birds are used to visitors at the centre and attending parties and meetings as special guests.
Our next WI meeting will be held on 12th October & our guest speaker will be Jo Jackson, speaking about his life as a local author. Our next craft club will be on 20th Oct at The Cock Inn, Hanwood from 1-4pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us, you do not have to be a WI member to attend.
We will be using our two new sewing machines that we received from Shropshire WI after winning a bursary.
For further information about the WI please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903.

Maxine Pittaway Event Organiser

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 13th October
Shaun Higgins 'The Wilfred Owen Story'

Tuesday 10th November
Sue Ord 'Forensic Graphology'

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on
The second Tuesday of the month
At Pontesbury Public Hall
Visitors are always Welcome

West Shropshire Flower Club

All meetings on Wednesdays at Westbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, visitors welcome, £10
Wednesday 28th October – AGM
Wednesday 25th November – Debbie Davies - Charismata

Tackling Fly Tipping in Shropshire

Together, we can help keep Shropshire clean, protect our environment, reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers and create safer, cleaner communities for everyone.

What is Fly Tipping? Fly tipping is the unlawful dumping of waste on land or in water that is not licensed to receive it. It can range from a single bag of rubbish to large-scale deposits of construction or commercial waste.

Fly tipping is a criminal offence and carries significant penalties, including: An unlimited fine: Up to five years' imprisonment: Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) and other enforcement action.

Importantly, if your waste is fly tipped by someone acting on your behalf, you may still be held responsible if you failed to take reasonable steps to ensure it was disposed of legally.

The Impact on Shropshire Fly tipping damages the environment, blights communities, creates health and safety hazards and places a significant financial burden on public services. Every pound spent clearing illegally dumped waste is money that could otherwise be invested in providing essential local services.

How Shropshire Council Responds to Fly Tipping Fly tipped waste is collected by a dedicated two-person team, ensuring a consistent and efficient response.

Understanding Your Household Duty of Care Every resident has a legal Household Duty of Care for the waste they produce. Residents must take reasonable steps to ensure their waste is passed only to authorised individuals or businesses who can legally transport and dispose of it. If waste is later found fly tipped, residents may be required to demonstrate the checks they undertook before handing it to someone else.

A resident could receive a £600 Fixed Penalty Notice if they: Fail to check that a waste carrier is registered; Cannot demonstrate what happened to their waste; Allow waste to be removed without taking reasonable precautions

Reporting Fly Tipping Please report fly tipping using FixMyStreet.

https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/fly-tipping/

Pontesbury Primary School gives a HUGE welcome back to our new and existing pupils and their families. The start back to school has been really positive and it has been lovely to hear of summer adventures and see how much everyone has grown.

As well as having the remaining areas of the school fitted with air conditioning, perfect for the heat we've been experiencing, we were incredibly fortunate to benefit from the support of Network Rail volunteers, whose hard work has transformed several areas of our school. The team repaired and painted fencing, built new cupboards and play tables, refreshed the exterior of the main school building, and completely repainted our demountable classroom. These improvements have created brighter, more welcoming spaces for our children and have already received many positive comments from pupils, staff and visitors. We are extremely grateful to everyone involved for their time, skill and generosity in helping make our hool an even better place to learn and play.

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, we would be delighted to welcome you to Pontesbury CE Primary School. We invite families to book onto one of our school tours to see our wonderful learning environment in action, meet our friendly staff and pupils and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office (01743 790226 or email admin@ ppce.co.uk). We look forward to meeting you and showing you around.

Dates are as follows:	Wednesday 30 September 9.15am	Friday 16 October 9.15am
Tuesday 20 October 1.15pm	Monday 9 November 1.15pm	Thursday 26 November 9.15am
Friday 11 December 9.15am	Thursday 7 January 1.15pm	

Report of Summer Activity - Monday Youth Café by Joseph Barnes, Youth Worker

Many thanks to Pontesbury Parish Council for providing funding towards a summer activity for the young people who attend the Monday Youth Café.

The funding enabled us to organise a trip to AirHop Trampoline Park in Shrewsbury, followed by lunch at McDonald's. The original booking was made for nine young people, based on the anticipated number of attendees. However, due to several young people being away on holiday or unable to attend during the summer, four young people took part. Any unused funds will be returned to the parish council.

The activity provided an opportunity to experience something outside of the normal Youth Café environment & the funding removed financial barriers, allowing the young people to join in without cost preventing them taking part.

The morning at AirHop was thoroughly enjoyed by all, providing plenty of opportunities for interaction, having fun and supporting one another. It was particularly encouraging to see the group connecting with each other and building positive relationships. One young person who attended was also new to the group, giving me an opportunity to build a rapport with them and helping them become more involved.

Some of the young people who attended are neurodivergent and can experience anxiety or find certain social situations challenging. Having a fun, structured activity in a supportive environment gave an opportunity to participate alongside their peers and develop confidence outside their usual life. The trip also provided a positive break from everyday routines and gave them something enjoyable to look forward to during the summer holidays.

Following the trampoline session, we went to McDonald's for lunch. This provided further opportunity for the young people to socialise and spend time together in a relaxed environment. It also helped the day feel like a genuine day out rather than simply an organised activity, allowing the young people to create positive memories together.

Overall, the activity achieved many of the aims outlined in the funding application. It provided a positive and affordable experience for local young people, encouraged social interaction, helped strengthen friendships and relationships. Most importantly, the young people had an enjoyable morning together and came away with positive experiences and memories.

I would like to thank Pontesbury Parish Council for supporting this activity. The funding made it possible to provide an opportunity that removed financial barriers for the young people and allowed them to enjoy a positive experience together. Support such as this makes a real difference in enabling opportunities for young people.

Sports & Activities

Walking Tennis at Longden Tennis Club

Tennis at your pace ... no running, no jumping and you can let the ball bounce twice!

Less speed but just as much fun!

Suitable for ages and abilities.

Want to give it a go? Come along for a free trial.

Every Monday & Friday 11am to 12 noon

Contact Frankie Birchwood: 07963 166351

or email: longden.tennis@gmail.com

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

Are you feeling in need of a little gentle exercise?

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.

PONTESBURY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

BINGO NIGHTS

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER will be a Charity Event in aid of Freya Foundation & Hope House followed by SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER & SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER.

All 3 evenings at Pontesbury Public Hall
Doors open 6.30pm, 7pm start

£1 Entry to include cup of tea or coffee
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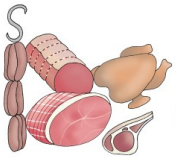

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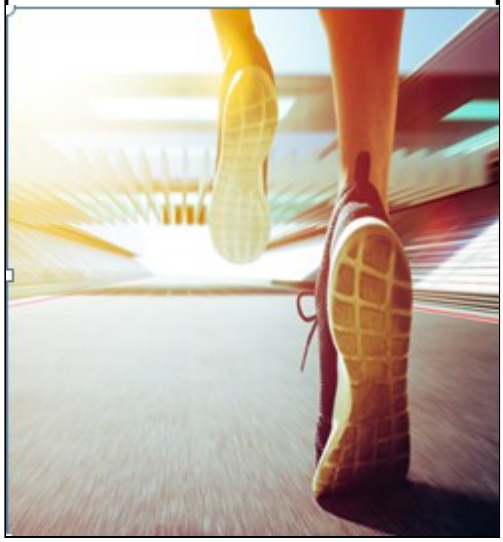

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October 2026 Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Regular Weekly Events			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (experienced runners)	Meet School Green
Every Mon	5.45-7pm	Yoga	Pontesbury Public 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	10.30-1200	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	10.30-12.00	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	2pm	Short Mat Bowling - starts Thu 1st October	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

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Sat 3rd	10am - 1pm	FOPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Mon 5th & 19th	11am-1pm	Get Creative Group - FREE - bring along a project	Pavilion
Mon 5th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Planning Committee	Pavilion
Wed 7th	7pm	The Chosen - series screening	Holy Trinity, Minsterley
Fri 9th	11am	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough
Fri 9th	7.30pm	Film - My Mother's Wedding	Habberley Village Hall
Sat 10th	**2-4pm**	**Pontesbury Community Food Garden Festival**	**Pavilion & Garden**
Sat 10th	7pm	Bowls Club Bingo Night	Public Hall
Mon 12th	2.00pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 12th	7pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 14th	1pm	Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Wed 14th & 28th	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Wed 16th	2pm	u3a - Confessions of a Teenage Skull Collector	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 24th	**2pm**	**People's Emergency Briefing - film screening**	**Holy Trinity, Minsterley**
25th/26th	10am - 4pm	Hedgerows in the Hills	Acton Scott Farm
Wed 28th	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club AGM	Westbury Village Hall
Thu 29th	**2.30-3.30pm**	**FOPL Halloween Children's Craft afternoon**	**Pavilion**
Fri 30th	10.30am	Pontesbury Carer's Group	Pavilion
Mon 2nd November	**7.30pm**	**Pontesbury Player's PANTO Reading**	**Public Hall**

October Fun Fact: Not a single play or sonnet written by William Shakespeare contains the word "October".

Deadline for the November edition is Friday 16th October 2026