

## Pontesbury Sports Association – review 2025

### Pontesbury Sports Association

The PSA has continued to support sport within the village, hosting rounders, football, bowls and cricket with ages ranging from 4 to 90!

There are reports for the respective member clubs below.

The AGM for the PSA is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm in The Pavillion & Library. David Charles has decided to stand-down as Treasurer and Sharon Davies has also decided to stand-down as Secretary. I would like to publicly thank them both for their support for the PSA, especially during the refurbishment of the pavilion and managing the ongoing operation of the PSA.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee then please contact me.

The perennial challenge for an organisation such as the PSA is funding. To maintain the building and outfield whilst satisfying statutory requirements costs approximately £6,000 per year. After the PSA AGM we will be reviewing funding by member clubs and investigating sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you to all our sponsors during 2025.



### Pontesbury CC

#### Seniors

Despite a mixed season of results for both 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on Saturdays the first XI were semi-finalists in the SCCL 100 Knock-out and the Evening League team won Div4 of the Shrewsbury & District Evening League.



#### Juniors

We were able to run coaching sessions from May through to September holding sessions on a Monday and adding a session on a Friday evenings. This included boys and girls from 4yrs to 15yrs.

We were able to run the ECB national programmes (AllStars 4-7-year-olds and the Dynamos programme for 8-11year-olds).



We have juniors playing for the County teams both girls and boys.

For 2026 there will be a mixture of softball and hardball for juniors so that we can provide opportunities for children of differing abilities.

Our U15 team qualified for Finals Day which was postponed in September and has been rescheduled for May. The team a fantastic mix of boys and girls.

### Women & Girls

The Women & Girls section continued to go from strength to strength with over 25 playing softball cricket and hardball cricket. Pleasingly a number of girls have successfully transitioned from U13 & U15 into the women's team for both hardball and softball. During this winter indoor season, the ladies were Runners-up in the Shrewsbury Indoor six-a-side.



### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The cricket club was 150 years old last year and we are celebrating this next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Public Hall from 5pm. Awards presentations for Juniors, seniors and women's & girls.

Prize draw and selection of memorabilia.

There will be a cricket tea and music provided by the Shrewsbury Brass Band.

The image is a promotional poster for the 150th Anniversary event. It features a central graphic with 'CELEBRATING 150 YEARS' and 'PONTESBURY CRICKET CLUB'. The text on the poster includes: 'Join us as we celebrate 150 years of Pontesbury Cricket Club!', 'SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026', 'Tickets: Adult £15 in advance (£20 on the day), Juniors / Over 65 £10 in advance (£15 on the day)', 'Pontesbury Public Hall SY5 0QD', 'Doors 5pm / Cricket tea and Bar 5:30pm', 'Followed by Junior & Senior awards', 'Music From the Brassic Oompah Band 7pm onwards', and 'Dress Code: Casual'. There are also logos for 'Brassic Oompah' and 'Pontesbury Cricket Club'. At the bottom, it says 'Memorabilia and raffle donations: On the night there will be a display of PCC memorabilia, if you have any old trophies, pictures, team photos or old PCC kit that you would like to be part of the exhibition please bring it along or contact a member of the committee asap.'

## **Flooding**

As reported in previous Annual Meetings flooding of the sports ground, garage and carpark continues to be an issue. Waterlogging of the football pitch has resulted in a backlog of fixtures, especially for the women's football team.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support in exploring solutions. Councillor Doug Jones has done a fantastic amount of work on this topic, working with County Council officers to find long term solutions which allow us to improve the drainage of the PSG and reduce flooding.

Doug has mapped all the drains of the PSG, walked the length of the brook from Pontesford to the source and spoken to landowners about possible solutions. Hopefully in the coming months we can agree on a range of actions that can be taken to improve the situation this year.

## **Worthen Juniors**

The Pontesbury Sports Ground continues to host a men's and women's football team. The men's team playing in the top division of the Truebuild Shrewsbury & District Sunday League.

The women are having a fantastic season and are currently second in the Shropshire FA Women's League.



The Taffy Cup was run again at the PSG and proved to be a great success.



## **Bowls Club**

Bowls continue to face membership challenges but still operate teams on the Nag and PSG greens. The club has struggled with volunteers to manage the PSG green but have hopefully resolved this for 2026.

## Rounders

The PSA has 5 rounders teams under its umbrella, using either the PSG or Mary Webb.

The stand out team were Mytton who had a magnificent season in winning Division One of the Minsterley & District Rounders League.



The agreement with Mary Webb over the use of the rounders pitches on the school field continues to work well with the PSA maintaining the field / rounders pitches during the summer holidays.

The additional parking on the Mary Webb is invaluable when we have busy evenings of cricket, rounders and bowls.

Tim Barber – Chair Pontesbury Sports Association & Secretary PCC

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