



# Pontesbury Parish Newsletter



## The Beekeeper Collection takes home Great Taste 2025 award for its Shropshire Honey.

*Judged by the Guild of Fine Food's expert panel, The Beekeeper Collection Shropshire Honey is awarded a Great Taste 2 Star in the world's most trusted food and drink accreditation scheme*

Shropshire based, The Beekeeper Collection has been named among the top food and drink producers globally this year, picking up a highly prized 2 star rating Great Taste award for their Shropshire Honey.

Judges described as "Pale, thick honey with an enticing intense floral aroma. Melt in the mouth texture releases flavour that dances on the palate with fabulous pure natural flavour. Rich with floral and citrus notes which sing of the environment these bees have been working in, lingering with indulgent and rounded flavour", this Honey was a big hit with the Great Taste judges.

Harvested from the pristine meadows of Shropshire, the pure honey embodies the dedication of hardworking bees and the essence of nature. Savour its unique floral undertones in every spoonful. Enjoy it drizzled over your favourite cheese, blended into warm teas, or as a sweet touch to your morning toast! The honey was one of 5,680 products to receive an award from Great Taste in 2025 (which is only 39.6% of the total products entered).



Caroline and Ben Ewels Co-founders of The Beekeeper Collection comments: "We are thrilled to have won a Great Taste award. We are so proud to be adding the prestigious black and gold Great Taste badge of honour to our Shropshire Honey."

For more information about The Beekeeper Collection, visit [www.thebeekeepercollection.com](http://www.thebeekeepercollection.com)

**Don't forget to look up the Pontesbury Festival highlights on page 9**

**Pontesbury Repair Café is next open on Saturday 13th September from 10am to 12 noon in St Georges's Church. Don't forget to bring your items along early enough for them to be repaired. Thank you.**

**DEADLINE for October 2025 issue is: Wednesday 17th September 2025.**

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**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**

**Do you need a few more hours work? Do you have some hours to spare where you could help the Pavilion team?** If so, please get in touch with Nicki, Deputy Clerk via email [deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesbury-pc.gov.uk).

The Parish Council are looking for someone who could assist with opening and locking up the Pavilion in the evenings and when the Building Assistant is on holiday. Ideally, you would also be able to help with odd jobs around the building, but this is not completely necessary. If you think you can help, please do get in touch for details.

**Pontesbury Parish Council** The Parish Council meeting in July was held at Habberley Village Hall and three new councillors were co-opted onto the council. Ken Day for Pontesbury ward, Louise Jones for Cruckton ward and Graham Moss for Plealey ward. All come with a great deal of experience from working in the fire service, NHS and running a planning consultancy. A big welcome to the team.

The council approved the purchase of a new basket swing for the play area to replace the current wooden one and to set up a task and finish group to draw up an action plan and consult with residents about replacing some of the other equipment in the coming months.

The council also adopted a new health and safety policy covering all aspects of the council's service provision and a tree management policy for the many trees that the council is responsible for.

Councillors addressed a number of concerns raised by residents about the speed of traffic entering the village from Habberley and Polesgate.

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th September at 6.30pm at The Pavilion, Hall Bank.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 1st September at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact Deputy Clerk [deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk) if you would like to attend and/or raise any issues.

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The churches of the Rea Valley have obtained National Lottery funding to operate a transport scheme to enable residents of the area to access medical appointments including Pontesbury & Worthen surgeries, and Shrewsbury, Telford and Oswestry hospitals. We also hope to get people to opticians and dental appointments where necessary.

Please note that the scheme is not set up to help with emergency appointments or to assist with other transport requests such as shopping.

Our drivers are all volunteers, but are insured, DBS checked and safely recruited. However, they are not medical professionals. Your driver will collect you from your home address and take you in good time for your appointment. To request transport, please contact our scheme administrator, Emma, at: [reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com](mailto:reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com) or call 07468 115939. If possible, please give us a minimum of a week's notice of when and where your appointment is.



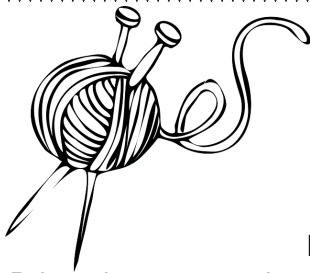
### Rea Valley Probus Club

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

**Next meeting: 10th September 2025**



## Pavilion News September 2025 - What's On



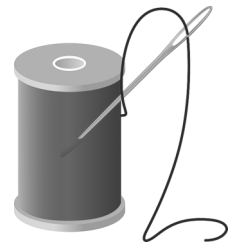
We hope to see you at the new time for

### **'Get Creative Group':**

**at The Pavilion from 2-4pm on  
Monday 1st & 15th September 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 11th September  
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 26th September 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

3rd & 17th September 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**

This year has been a good year for the Summer Reading Challenge. Has the sunshine and Story Garden inspired more of you to read this year? We've had some great crafts, some are on display in the library. You have until 13th September to complete the challenge, however here in Pontesbury we hope you'll manage 2 days early. We are delighted to have a special guest, Sal Tonge to present the medals. Sal is a local, popular story-teller and songster. We all look forward to making this a special occasion for the children who have completed the 6 book challenge.

**This will be 3.30pm on 11th September. Straight from school, with refreshments!**

Wishing all the children a happy new school year, and don't forget the library is open after school on the 'T' days. Pop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays and discover a world of adventure in our junior library.

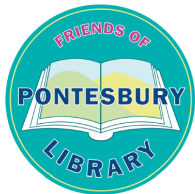
By the way, we have books and coffee mornings for grown ups too.

The Library Owl.



For all Pavilion enquiries please contact Anna at: [admin@pontesburypavilion.co.uk](mailto:admin@pontesburypavilion.co.uk)





## News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

This month the Friends of Pontesbury Library welcome Caroline Wright as the new chairperson and thank Yvonne Davies for all her hard work in the role over the past few years.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge got off to a flying start on the morning of 19th July. Congratulations to all the children who signed up! Each summer this National initiative invites children to read six books across the summer holidays and take part in the games and competitions that accompany the scheme. The idea is to keep them all reading for pleasure ready for the new term as research shows that children can often slip back with reading skills during the summer break. The theme for this year is The Story Garden. All children who complete the challenge are rewarded with a medal and certificate. This year these will be presented at the Library on Thursday 11th September at 3.30pm (after school) by Special Guest Sal Tonge popular Shropshire Storyteller and Songster

If children you know haven't quite finished their six books then do please encourage them to do so in order to receive their rewards and enjoy the presentation.

Children enjoying many of the craft workshops put on in the Library by FoPL over the Summer Holidays



The 19th July was also the 100th anniversary of the formation of Shropshire Libraries. A garden party in the garden and a painting workshop had to be indoors as the weather failed to co-operate. Walls, floor and books survived unscathed!

Dates for your diary

Saturday 6th September FOPL Coffee Morning

We invite you to join us on the first Saturday every month 10.30 till 12.30 at the Library. Come along for coffee, tea, and delicious homemade cakes, good company and the Library Lottery draw. Not a member? Join the lottery by simply filling in the form at the library or online at [pontesburylibrary.co.uk](http://pontesburylibrary.co.uk). Lottery tickets cost just £1 per month per number. All proceeds from the lottery go towards keeping our library open. The following month the coffee morning will be on Saturday October 4th.

**July lottery winners** were:

1st.....No. 162 Roger Evans; 2nd.....No 34 Anne Wilson; 3rd.....No. 104 Christine Moore.

**August lottery winners** were:

1st.....No. 128 Diane Hallett; 2nd.....No. 52 Jackie Winwood;  
3rd.....No. 56 Colin Boarer

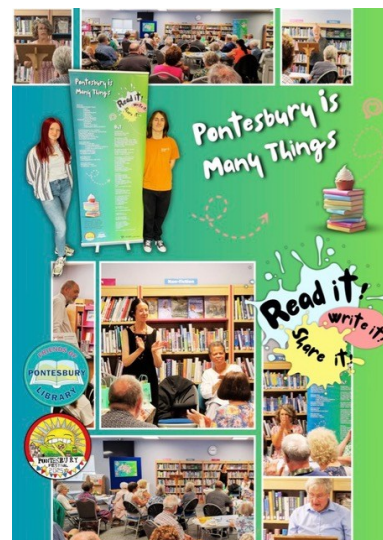
### Festival Writing Competition

The winners were announced at the READ IT! WRITE IT! SHARE IT! event in the library on the afternoon of Saturday 28th June, part of Pontesbury Festival. The library was full of parents, children, and community members as the winners were announced and those children short-listed received their goodie bags. The overall winners were:

Children's winner: Spencer Winchester-Horscraft for his story 'The Mystery of Mr L H'

Adult winner: Jonathan Lowrie for his poem, 'Pontesbury through the Seasons'

Both entries are displayed in the library. And huge thanks to all those of you who sent in your stories on the theme, 'It happened in Pontesbury...'. The judges were very impressed with the variety and quality of the writing.





Community  
Good  
Neighbours  
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

## News & Events September 2025



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

**Coffee Morning - Friday 12th September 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.

### WALK IN OUR SHOES 2025

The Severn Hospice has organised a fundraising event for September 2025.

Participants are undertaking to walk 10,000 steps each day of that month to publicise the work which the Hospice does for our communities.

I'm part of that venture and I'm asking you to sponsor me. It's easy to make a contribution: just go to

[www.justgiving.com/page/robert-davies-25](http://www.justgiving.com/page/robert-davies-25).

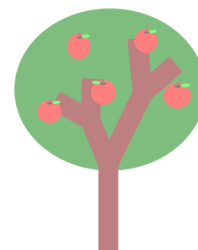
It's up to you how much you want to give (but don't forget the gift aid)

My efforts are being monitored by Nick Hignett who will check the daily entries on my phone. Progress reports available at Hignett's.



### Community Orchard

A big thank you to Siobhan, Phil, Bill, Sandy, Dave and Jack for all their help with watering the trees in the community orchard during this very dry spell. Even though the trees are quite large now they were showing signs of distress. This focussed watering should mean that by next summer they will have established enough to survive further dry weather.



**West Shropshire Flower Club** The club were once again lucky enough to have Sioned Hughs to entertain us with her 'It's a wonderful world', literally demonstrating what she thinks is wonderful. Throughout the demonstration we were treated to anecdotes and stories which kept everyone amused. She started with a walk by demonstrating the new 'meadow' style, characterised by placement of plant material which is less dense (lavender, larkspur, mint, helenium and sunflowers) at the top, becoming denser at the base, resulting in a wonderful slightly see-through layered natural result. Her under-sea scene depicting her (pipe)dream to go scuba diving and see what is in the ocean, was a wonder of rusts, corals and purples, arranged around tall linear central structures including sprayed loofa and an array of foliage textures and shapes. To demonstrate a novel and sustainable way of creating a hand tied bouquet, she had made wire framework into which she placed florets of tied honeycomb packing paper to create space and support for her focal flowers of stocks, sedum and coffee coloured chrysanthemums with ammi for softness. The next thing that gave her delight was NAFAS and the opportunity to play with flowers, a wild and flowing design with lilies placed low in a variety of foliage showing line, colour and design. She had recently undertaken a course for judging flower competitions, in which she covered floral history including Dutch still life and paintings of flower arrangements, explaining the wonders of the paintings. Her pedestal design covered all the main aspects of the paintings with a rich mixture of many types of flowers and colours and, as the painters did, using spring summer and autumn flowers, larkspur, roses, gerberas, lilies and chrysanthemums. She topped things off giving delight to the audience with her thrill of the natural world and the wonders of tree canopy. Using a framework of contorted hazel raised high on clear legs and dressed with nodding clematis and wonderful pink spray roses to give a light airy magical design.

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

Next Meeting Wednesday 24th September – Anne Russell – A walk in the park

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## St. George's Church

[www.st-george.org.uk](http://www.st-george.org.uk)



Services and activities for September 2025

2nd 2.30pm Tea Service  
 4th 3.30pm Messy Church  
 7th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 14th 10.30am Morning Worship without Communion  
 21st 10.30am Holy Communion & Children's Church  
 28th 10.30am Group Service at Shelve

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

**Messy Church at St George's Church,**  
**Thu 4th Sep - term-time only. 3.30pm to 5.00pm**

## Pontesbury Baptist Church

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

We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30am and 6:30pm – 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](mailto:info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk)

## Methodist services for September:

7th Sep 10.45 am with Mr Wes Morris  
 14th Sep 10.45 am Harvest Festival with Mr Wes Morris  
 15th Sep 7.00 pm Harvest Supper  
 21st Sep 10.45 am with Mr Andy Skitt  
 28th Sep 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall to inc Holy Communion

## PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES September 2025

**Sun 7th Sep** at 10am Missionary Sunday with a talk by Philip Bradley about the ongoing work of Afriwag

**Sun 14th Sep** at 10am Rev. Debbie Martin

**Sun 21st Sep** at 10am Brian Spencer

**Sun 28th Sep** at 10am Debbie Martin

Tuesday at 10am Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 10.30-12 midday Coffee and Chat

Everyone Welcome.



## Monthly Tea Service

(not August)

1st Tuesday afternoon

2.30pm to 4pm

St George's Church,  
 Pontesbury.

A moment of prayer,  
 A short Holy Communion followed by tea and cake

## Big Breakfast

Saturday 20th September  
 St George's Church

Pontesbury

9.30 - 11.30

4 half hour time slots from 9.30 am



Cost £10 to include tea/coffee and toast

Call Marianne McCall  
 to book a breakfast time slot  
 07944 333830

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>

November 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>

12.30 - 2.00pm

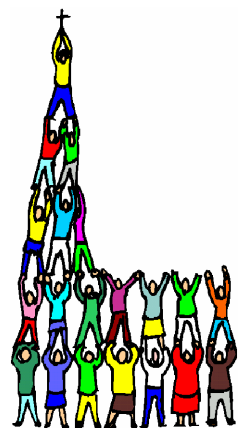
at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

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



Further  
 Church  
 events  
 over the  
 page ...



## SONGS OF PRAISE

**Pontesbury Baptist Church**  
Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5

ORJ

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 6:30 pm**



**Discover the extraordinary stories behind the hymns!**

With Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served free of charge!

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# 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**



## THE BLOODY MILLER OF HOGSTOW MILL

**A TALK BY MARKO IVANOVIC**

How a local Shropshire murder in 1683 inspired a musical genre still popular today and which has become central to the debate about songs "celebrating" violence against women

**OPEN MEETING**

Members & non-members welcome



**Wednesday**

17 September 2025



**Time**

2.00 PM



**Minsterley Parish Hall**

A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH

Free entrance

Refreshments available

[pontesbury.u3asite.uk](http://pontesbury.u3asite.uk)



**u3a** Pontesbury & Rea Valley

Join our very own captivating u3a member, Marko Ivanovic, for a gripping journey into one of Shropshire's darkest chapters – the chilling 1683 murder at Hogstow Mill, which took place on the very property he now calls home.

But this is more than just a tale of blood and betrayal. Discover how this centuries-old crime inspired a musical genre still echoing through folk traditions today – and how these songs have become central to today's debates around violence against women and what it means to "celebrate" it in song.

Blending local history, musical heritage, and sharp social insight, Marko brings his trademark energy and thoughtfulness to a story that's as relevant now as it was over 300 years ago. Don't miss this fascinating, provocative, and very local slice of history!

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 October 2025 edition is Wednesday 17th September** - please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to [deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk). Please send .jpgs or .png - no .pdf docs - thank you.

## Ask the Animal Healer – Rebecca Rea

Therapeutic help for animals and their people

### How stress and fear cause reactivity

Animals experience stress and trauma like we do. They react to fear, trauma or overwhelm by instinctually going into fight, flight, freeze or appease mode. These reactions are natural and are controlled by the brain's Hypothalamus gland. Reactions can lead to quiet withdrawal, aggression, running away, dependency, being frenetic, being vocal etc.

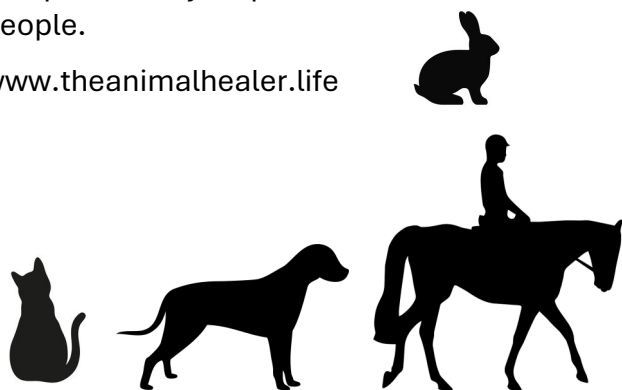
While most people are very upset seeing their animal in distress, some sadly respond with reactive anger feeling out of control themselves. But it is really important to understand that the animal is not wilfully being difficult, they are purely trying to survive in that moment. Change is possible through compassion and understanding.

In a safe healthy animal or person the Hypothalamus responsible for stress reactions, hormones, digestion, sleep, emotions will reset itself after the initial fear, but in those facing prolonged stress or repeating encounters with things or people similar to the original trauma (triggers), it can sadly become stuck. Like us, the animal can be left with PTSD and long-term neurological and nervous system damage. This impairs the ability to regulate behaviour and emotional impulses making it difficult to relate and often resulting in pain and a wide range of health problems even many years down the line.

But the good news is that these issues can often be greatly improved with the right understanding.

I work on a donation basis only, offering complementary help to animals and their people.

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



Pontesbury WI had a visit today from Michael McCarthy and his father Brian. They were able to talk to us about Michael's inspirational life story.

Michael aged 8 had been involved in a serious road traffic accident. He was then registered blind, is hemiplegic and has a learning disability. However this remarkable young man has achieved so much in his life, being a published children's author.

Michael is determined to overcome all challenges ensuring he has a full and enjoyable life, he has run in the London marathon, climbed Mount Kenya, helped build a school for street children in Africa, ridden his bike from London to Paris and completed the Northern run on numerous occasions. Michael's story showed great strength of character from both his father and Michael.

The WI had recently provided home made cakes and refreshments at the Tea dance in aid of the Pontesbury Festival weekend. We all really enjoyed supporting our local community with this fundraising event.

This WI meeting was a very sad occasion for Pontesbury WI as the funeral of much loved and respected member of the WI had taken place earlier in the day. We said goodbye to Sandra Grey a dear friend, whose funeral was well attended by WI members with our President, Irene Windows paying tribute. Although it was a very sad day, we remembered fondly Sandra's contribution to our WI. Our **next WI meeting** will be held on the 8th Sep & the Sep craft club being held on 16th at the Cock Inn Hanwood. Everyone is most welcome to attend. We are a friendly group that meet for friendship and crafting.

We are looking for new members of the WI so why not come along for free and see what we are about. If you would like more information contact Irene Windows President on 01743 791903 for further information. Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser

## Pontesbury Women's Club

If you would like an entertaining Tuesday evening come along to our meetings  
We're back again after the summer break...

### Tuesday 9th September

Natalie Morris-Webb – Minsterley  
Veterinary Surgery

### 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



# Pontesbury Festival - Review and Thank You

Pontesbury Festival, held at the end of June was a tremendous success. Helped by good weather, the events and activities were extremely well attended and very popular. There was something for just about everyone during the course of the three days and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive – with many people asking if there will another festival next year.

The idea of a festival to celebrate Pontesbury came from Rev Greg Smith from St George's Church. He was supported by Duncan Fletcher and the Parish Council in the first instance and then a call for volunteers went out to all of the many and varied organisations and groups in our wonderful village.

A committee made up of representatives from the groups was formed in early 2024 and the next 12 months was spent planning, arranging and publicising the festival. A few people joined us along the way and there were a couple of very late entrants to the fun – but everyone worked hard and contributed to making the festival such a success.

A huge vote of thanks must go to Greg and the committee who worked tirelessly over the months and during the festival itself.

Other thanks must go to Mary Webb School, Pontesbury Parish Council, The Ark Nursery, Congregational Church, Baptist Church, St George's Church and the Public Hall, all of whom allowed activities to be held free of charge for festival events.

We must also thank our sponsors who donated much needed funds to ensure that the festival was viable – The One Stop Shop, Severn Valley Farm Machinery, Pontesbury Tractors, Severn Valley Renewables, The Hollies Book-keeping, Serenity Salon, The Nags Head, The Plough, TNC Body Repairs, The Lintel Trust, Pontesbury School Charity, Pontesbury Parish Council, The Co-op, Electrical 2 Control and Hignetts.

All sorts of people helped us along the way – too numerous to mention here but you know who are and you were so very much appreciated – it was truly inspiring to see our village come together in such a positive way and thanks must also go to all of those who attended the events and supported the festival.

Consideration is being given to when we should do it all again! Get in touch if you might want to be involved or have some ideas as to how to make it even better next time.

With thanks and best wishes to everyone involved

Greg Smith (Festival Chair) &  
Janet Walsh (Festival Secretary)





# PONTESBURY COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

## HARVEST EVENT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

10.00 - 1.00PM

## APPLE PRESSING!

(BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER)

FREE PIZZA !!

AND VEG PAELLA!!!

## TEA AND CAKE

ON CRICKETERS  
MEADOW GREEN AND  
THE PAVILION



# MINSTERLEY EISTEDDFOD PRESENTS

## Of One Accord

Musical Director Alison Stevens &  
Accompanist Ann Cain

AND GUEST SOLOIST, BARITONE

## Felix Ashley

Accompanied by Oliver Ashley

MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL

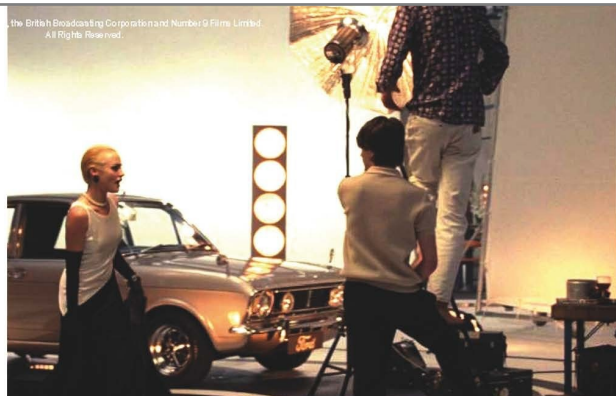
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SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

6.30 pm start Tickets £15 - to include refreshments

Proceeds to Minsterley Eisteddfod and  
Young at Heart Community Choir

For tickets, contact Jill Blyth: Tel 01743 791 908,  
or email [minsterleyeisteddfod@gmail.com](mailto:minsterleyeisteddfod@gmail.com)  
Charity No: 103 8356



Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins, Miranda Richardson

## Made In Dagenham

It is 1968 and in Dagenham, Essex the Ford motor company is about to face its biggest ever threat, and from the unlikely of places: the female sewing machinists. Rita O Grady organises a protest against this discrimination - will she succeed?

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**Marton Village  
Hall**  
SY21 8JT

**Friday  
19 September**  
7.30 pm

**Tickets**  
Standard: £5.00  
Under 18s: £2.50

Enquiries: 01743 792790 or 07810 230860

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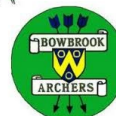
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Contact. Richerd Martinali. 01743 790245

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## The Mary Webb School Archery Club

The Summer term wrapped up with a session of Clout Archery; this is where arrows are shot at a flag placed in the ground 80m from the shooting line and points are awarded according to the distance the arrow landed from the flag. This is a form of the sport that is always enjoyed by the club members, who shot well enough to impress the two senior coaches, both of whom are former National Champions at the event.

A number of members took part in the Architectural Heritage shoots over the summer. At the Long Mynd shoot on 29 June Thomas Evans, Harvey Durham and Adrian Draugalis all received Gold medals in each of their categories. On 13 July at the Croesoswallt Archers event William Robinson got a Silver medal and Thomas Evans a Bronze. This was one of the hottest days of the year, with many people sheltering in the shade of tents and umbrellas. A week later, at the Hafren Foresters event on 20 July the umbrellas were being used to shelter from the rain, but Adrian Draugalis managed a Gold medal despite the poor conditions. On a day of sunshine and showers at the Bowbrook Heritage on 3 August Thomas Evans got a Gold and Adrian Draugalis a Silver.

The Autumn term will see the Club shooting outdoors on Friday afternoons until Half-Term, after which we will move into the Sports Hall to shoot the indoor rounds, and welcome new members from the new intake of students.

For more information about the sport in the County visit:

[www.longmyndarchers.co.uk](http://www.longmyndarchers.co.uk) or

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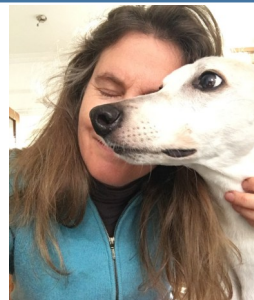
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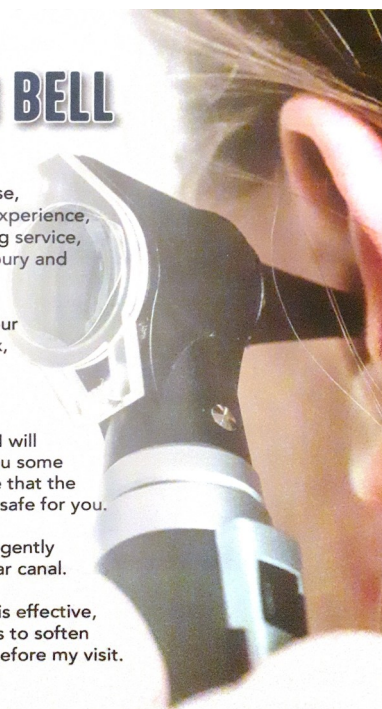
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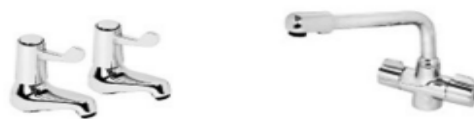
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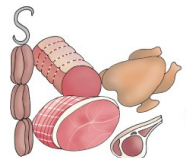


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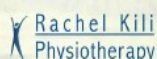
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Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Regular Weekly Events</b>			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Rd
Every Mon	6.00-7.15pm	Yoga	Pontesbury Congregational Church
Every Mon	7.00-9.00pm	Monday Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports Hall
Every Tue	10.00 - 12.00	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30-12.00	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
<b>First Thu</b>	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
<b>Monthly Events</b>			
Mon 1st & 15th	2-4pm	Get Creative - FREE just bring along your projects	Pavilion
Mon 1st	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Planning Committee	Pavilion
Thu 4th	2-4pm	Cruckton Art Group starts	Cruckton Village Hall
Sat 6th	10.30am	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>10am to 1pm</b>	<b>Community Garden Harvest - apple pressing</b>	<b>Pavilion &amp; Community Garden (FREE)</b>
Sun 7th	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Pontesbury Baptist Church
Mon 8th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 8th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
Tue 9th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 3rd & 17th	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Wed 10th	1pm	Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 11th	2-2.45pm	Rhyme Time	Library
Fri 12th	10.30-12.00	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Sat 13th	10.00-12.00	Pontesbury Repair Café	St George's Church
Wed 17th	2pm	u3a talk "The Bloody Miller of Hogstow Mill"	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 19th	7.30pm	Film "Made in Dagenham"	Marton Village Hall
Sat 20th	9.30-11.30	St George's Big Breakfast - PLEASE BOOK	St George's Church
Wed 24rd	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 26th	10.30	Carer's Group	Pavilion
Sat 27th	6.30pm	Minsterley Eisteddfod "Of One Accord"	Minsterley Parish Hall
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