

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

Mapping For Nature

The parish council and the Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group are trying to map what people are doing in their homes/gardens towards supporting biodiversity and nature recovery. On 10th October at the Harvest event, in the Pavilion, Hall Bank, we will have the parish maps out and we encourage you to come and 'show and tell' all that you are doing at home to encourage nature. Whether that be bird boxes, a pond, a dead hedge or a wildflower patch, please let us know. We can also help with information about how to do more in your garden with useful factsheets and websites. The maps will be up for the whole of October so if you can't make the event, pop into the Pavilion anytime and put your mark on the maps. Also on the 10th, at the Pavilion, we will be demonstrating iRecord so that you can help us to record what wildlife we have in the parish and so that we can keep track of the increases in species that occur as a result of our combined efforts to increase habitats for nature throughout the parish.

We'd like your help to put wildlife on the map!



What is iRecord?

iRecord is an online recording website and App that you can use to share and collate your wildlife records, including your incredible photos.

The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group encourages everyone to record all the wildlife you see. Through iRecord, your records are shared with those who need them to inform monitoring and conservation efforts, both locally and nationally. It's a fantastic learning tool that will help you to identify what you are seeing and great way to put our local wildlife on the map



It is a great way for you to:

- Record all the wildlife you see, wherever you are
- Securely store and keep track of your records
- Share your sightings with the community
- Benefit from checks and reviews by experts
- Explore maps, reports and graphs of your data
- Explore information shared by other recorders in your area and/or for species groups you are interested in
- Contribute to science and conservation
- Contribute to our quarterly iRecord report for the Rea Valley area



Join in the fun and download the iRecord App from your App store today!

PONTESBURY COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

HARVEST CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
2.00 - 4.00PM

WITH APPLE PRESSING!

(BRING YOUR OWN APPLES, AND CONTAINER)

PIZZA !

AND

APPLE FRITTERS!

PLANT SALE OR SWAP

TEA AND CAKE

ON CRICKETERS
MEADOW GREEN AND
THE PAVILION



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

DEADLINE for October 2026 issue is: Monday 14th September 2026

Pontesbury Parish Council The main July Parish Council Meeting took place in Habberley Village Hall where Councillors agreed the following financial commitments:

To sign updated leases:

- an underlease with Pontesbury Sports Association who lease land off Bogey Lane from the parish council, and
- a new 5 year lease with the Police and Crime Commissioner so that the base for the local policing team continues to be at the Pavilion, Hall Bank.

Other financial commitments agreed include the annual cleaning and inspection of the solar lighting along the cycleway between Pontesbury and Minsterley, and annual safety inspection of the solar panels at the Pavilion.

It is standard good practice to revalue buildings every three years to avoid underinsurance in the situation where a building needs reinstating, therefore Councillors have agreed to a revaluation of the public buildings that the parish council own/manage for insurance purposes.

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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.

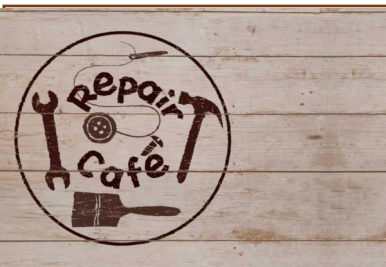
There wasn't a programmed parish council meeting in August but plenty of work still went on behind the scenes, including the installation of the new play equipment and re-opening of the play park

There are 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

Lastly we have been receiving many positive comments about the newly refurbished public toilets, which is great to hear.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at 6.30pm at the Pavilion, Hall Bank.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 7th September at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact Deputy Clerk deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk if you would like to attend and/or raise any issues.



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

Rea Valley Probus Club

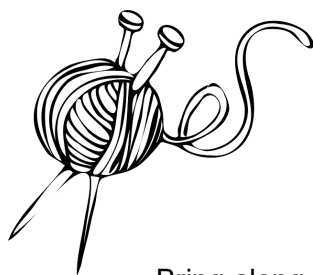
All meetings are at Arscott Golf Club, on the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm. For further information and contact details please visit our website, www.reavalleyprobus.org.uk.

Next meetings: 9th September 2026

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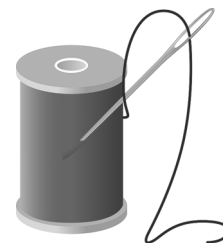
Pavilion News September 2026 - What's On



We hope to see you for
'Get Creative Group':

**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Mondays 7th & 21st September 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.



Pontesbury Dementia Support Group
Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

2nd, 16th & 30th September 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 25th September 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 September 2026

September, and it's back to school with lots to remember. New stationery (very important) who doesn't love new felt pens? Take your books back to the library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge, also very important. We are competitive in Library Land and Pontesbury likes to have lots of completers. We also like to finish in style with a celebration. Please see the FoPL page for details of our Medal Ceremony.

I know there will be some of you off to university, exciting and scary all at once. Don't forget to load up the Borrow Box App, you'll need your Shropshire library card and PIN. I think the feeling of many parents is reflected in Pam Ayres 'A September Song'

*He is off to university, all is now in place,
There is fear, anticipation and excitement in his face,
An overstuffed enormous bag and rucksack in the hall,
And a ghastly leaden feeling like the ending of it all.*

The whole poem can be found in the library in her collection **You Made Me Late Again!**



The Library Owl

The Peter Traves

WRITING

Competition 2026

*If you can read,
you can write!*

Whether you've never written before or you've been writing for years, we'd love to read your writing!

THEME FOR CHILDREN

The Book I Like Best!

THEME FOR ADULTS & STUDENTS

A Book that Changed my Life...

FREE TO ENTER

ENTRY FORMS FROM:

CLOSING DATE

TUESDAY 13 OCT MIDNIGHT

CATEGORIES

Open to everyone - for all ages and abilities

Primary Age Children up to 11

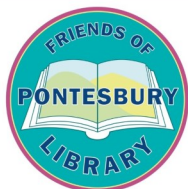
Secondary Students up to 16 years

Adults 16 and over

YOUR ENTRY

500 words max

prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction



news

FROM FRIENDS OF
PONTESBURY LIBRARY



AGM: 25th June

Our AGM was on a sweltering evening - thanks to everyone who braved it, making us easily quorate. Alongside the usual business, we welcomed Viv Hartley to the committee and said thanks and au revoir (but not goodbye) to two long-standing committee stalwarts, Bob Boden, our inaugural Chair, and Merle Traves. We then enjoyed a trip down memory lane with our speaker Alison Utting, who also got our noses and tastebuds working (you had to be there!).

Coffee mornings: 4 July & 1 August

These were as well attended and enjoyable as ever and the lucky winners of our Library Lottery 100 Club Draws were:

July

- 1st Doreen Thomas, 35
- 2nd Rob Davies, 13
- 3rd Janet Tolhurst, 65

August

- 1st Robert Pither, 54
- 2nd Marion Vint, 87
- 3rd Rachel Strivens, 169

Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat



This year's Challenge launched in early July with a zany workshop led by Mal Brown, and we hope parents have just about forgiven us for the chicken, mosquito and bee noises from the upcycled instruments the children made!

With ongoing activities over the Summer, we've had 40+ children sign-up for the Challenge and it's not too late to sign-up now, you can choose long stories or short ones. See Medal presentation details below.

Future Events



Peter Traves Writing Competition 2026: now launched!

Calling writers of all ages and abilities, up to 500 words by 13 October 2026. See poster elsewhere in this issue for full details.



Special Coffee Morning: Love Tryst on Earl's Hill and other Shropshire Poems Saturday 10.30 - 12.30, Pontesbury Library

Join us for all the usual coffee morning fare, plus poems by Nigel Sustins, inspired by the stories, mysteries and legends from our part of Salopia. See poster opposite for full details.



Summer Reading Challenge Medal Presentation: With local musician Mary Keith Tuesday, 15.30-16.30, Pontesbury Library

Medals and certificates will be presented, all children welcome with a carer for this special singalong.



Prizegiving for Peter Traves Writing Competition 2026 Saturday am, time tbc. Pontesbury Library



SAVE THE DATE! FoPL's Christmas Romp: Featuring the Friends and 'Val Sinclair with the Cool Daddy Combo', Friday evening, time tbc. Pontesbury Library

See the Friends making merry as never before, then enjoy a second half of superb music and singalong!

As Caroline completes her first year as Chair, she would like to thank all our hard-working and ever-creative committee members, together with everyone who supports our precious Community Library.



Community
Good
Neighbours
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events September 2026



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

Coffee Morning - The next coffee morning will take place on Friday 11th September at 11.00am.

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

Rea Valley Food Bank

Community appeal for support

Rea Valley Food Bank helps a wide range of people with needs across our communities. This includes single pensioners on low, fixed incomes and families with young children. Whilst the numbers that use our service has stayed around the same the costs of buying in food,

and other items, has increased with food inflation. We greatly appreciate all the donations of food that we receive from the community. Our volunteers very carefully manage our stock, and limit what users have, but do want to have some nutritional foods that tend to cost more.

A regular monthly donation of £10 can really make a difference to our costs, and everything goes to local people that have been referred by professionals to our service. To help please see our Donating Page on our website <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/donating/> for details of our Bank Account and Gift Aid, which adds 25% to all donations.

One off donations are also welcome, as well as any community fundraising.

We do hope that you will be able to help us to continue with this much needed local community service. If so, please do ensure that we have your contact details so that we can thank you and update you on any news or changes. Please contact our Treasurer, Jonathan Brown, email: reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com mobile: 07497 142485.

Want to come to Rea Valley Food Bank?

Get referred by your local clergy, GP practice, housing provider or other support agency

or call for a chat with Rev. Greg Smith 07902 794653, email: reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com

See our website
www.reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

Getting Help page or use the QR code to access the website.



ACTION NEEDED: all regular financial donors need to change their payments to our **new bank account**. Please also complete and return a Gift Aid Form. See www.reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk donating page, or contact our Treasurer, Jonathan Brown 07497 142 485 or email: reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, it's much appreciated

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Church Services & Events - September 2026

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



Services and activities for September 2026

1st	2.30pm	Tea Service
3rd	3.30pm	Messy Church
6th	10.30am	Holy Communion
13th	10.30am	Morning Worship without Communion & Children`s Church
20th	10.30am	Holy Communion & Children`s Church
27th	10.30am	Group Service at Habberley (Pet service and Harvest with Holy Communion)

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

St George's Church and Project George – the next 200 years!

St George's Church is one of the landmarks of Pontesbury.

It is open every day for anyone to use for quiet reflection and belongs to everyone in the village – for baptisms, weddings, funerals, Sunday worship, social events, foodbank, Little Dragons, tea and coffee drop-ins and more.

There has been a church here for nearly 1000 years, but it has kept on changing – including in 1829, when the current tower was built, and in 2000, when the Memorial Screen was put in.

There is much more that St George's can do, to celebrate the stories and heritage of Pontesbury, it's families, industries and historic changes; and to support the village community in the 21st Century through activities, learning, family events, visitor information and weekly worship.

St George's Church Council has just been invited to apply for National Lottery Heritage Funding to make quite large-scale repairs to the stonework and stained glass windows; to improve use of the space inside the church, including a better kitchen for events; and to highlight the things which make Pontesbury and St George's fascinating and unique. We now have 12 months to put in a full Project George bid.

If we are successful in getting funding, there will be a competition for local schoolchildren to design a stained glass panel to commemorate 200 years since the church was last rebuilt; we will be gathering stories in the village for permanent heritage displays; and we will make the building fit for the next few decades, for a wide variety of uses!

We will be asking as many people as possible in the village about your views on Project George and the things you would like to be included. There will be lots of ways to get involved, including with practical support, fundraising and publicity. We will use Pontesbury News and social media to keep you updated!

For further details, do contact Allen Marsden, Chair of the Project George Steering Group, on project.george1829@btinternet.com

PONTESBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday's at 10.30am Coffee and Chat.
Everyone Welcome

September

6th Sep	10am, Keith Locke.
13th Sep	10am, Rev. Debbie Martin.
20th Sep	10am, The Deacons.
27th Sep	10am, Rev. Debbie Martin. (Harvest Festival Service).

Methodist services for September

6th Sep	10.45am with Mrs Helen Pearson
13th Sep	10.45am Harvest Festival with Rev Brian Spencer 14th Sep 7.00pm Harvest Supper
20th Sep	10.45am with Mr Wes Morris
27th Sept	10.45am with Rev George Heinz to inc Holy Communion.

All services at 10.45 am

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

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.

	Morning Service	Evening Service
Sun 6th	10:30 am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Songs of Praise
Sun 13th	10:30 am: Rob Jack	6:30 pm: Mike Wells
Sun 20th	10:30 am: Mike Wells	6:30 pm: Mike Wells
Sun 27th	10:30 am: Mike Wells	No Service

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 YouTube.

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



Harvest Supper

£12 per person (children half price)
for full buffet, choice of desserts, tea
or coffee - bring your own drinks

Friday, 11th September 2026
7.30 p.m.
Cruckton Village Hall

Pay on the door but please ring Alison Davies (07875
717633) to help with planning for catering

See you there!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church
Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ
Sunday 6th September 6:30 pm



Discover the extraordinary stories
behind the hymns and songs!

With Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served
free of charge!

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk



Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayal

The Hundred Foot Journey

An Indian family moves to France and sets up a restaurant opposite a well-established French haute cuisine restaurant. An intense professional rivalry breaks out between the restaurateurs.

Marton Village Hall
SY21 8JT

Friday
18 September
7.30 pm

Tickets
Standard: £5.00
Under 18s: £2.50

Enquiries: 01743 792790 or 07810 230860

Pre-booked fish & chips for £6 - please call enquiries number to book. Bar available from 6.45 p.m.



Information and Tickets at www.artsalive.co.uk

**FLICKS
IN THE
STICKS**

MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL

7.00pm Saturday 26th September



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Stuart Carter An Evening of Songs

An acoustic mix of folk, blues and r&b,
some old, some new, and some original songs too.

**Songs to make you smile, or wonder,
or sing along.**

Bring your own booze - light refreshments available

Tickets: £10.00 or £12.00 on the door (Cash or bank transfer*)

All proceeds in aid of Minsterley Parish Hall

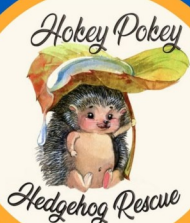
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Tickets available from: The Flower Shop (Minsterley) & Hignetts (Pontesbury)
Or contact **Stuart** (Email: scarter5867@hotmail.co.uk / Tel. 07985719005),

HOKEY POKEY HEDGEHOG RESCUE

A PRICKLY TALE BY HEATHER CHAVE

Discover the fascinating world of one of Britain's best-loved native mammals. Heather Chave, founder of Hokey Pokey Hedgehog Rescue, shares her experiences of rescuing, rehabilitating and caring for sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs.



OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome



Wednesday
16 September 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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Our September meeting features **Heather Chave** from **Hokey Pokey Hedgehog Rescue**, who will share stories and photographs from her work rescuing and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs. It promises to be an entertaining and informative afternoon.

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 more 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 (Full)
- Table Tennis
- Tech Made Easy
- Walking (Long)
- Walking (Short)
- Wine Tasting
- Wood Carving

Interested?

Come along to an open meeting, scan the QR code, visit our website or call **Steve** (Membership Secretary) on **07861 531 186**



pontesbury.u3asite.uk

100
YEARS



Campaign to Protect
Rural England
Shropshire

"A celebration of the
Shropshire countryside"

Hedgerows in the Hills

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2026, 10-4
Acton Scott Heritage Farm, Church Stretton

- Walks
- Talks
- Country crafts
- Hedgelaying demos
- Films
- Children's activities & Big Hedge Hunt
- Hedgerow exhibition
- Border Poets
- Bob's Tree Quiz
- Heavy Horses
- Marches Artists for Nature
- Sense of Place winners
- Geology exhibit
- & More!

Come to a weekend celebration of our countryside and the hedgerows that criss-cross it. Talk to a hedgelayer, try Bob's famously tricky Tree Quiz, go on a fungi or tree walk, see a hedgelaying demo, listen to talks, browse the stalls! There will be fun nature activities for children on both days. This one-off event also celebrates the Hedgerow Heroes project in CPRE's Centenary year in the beautiful setting of Acton Scott Heritage Farm.

More information and booking link at:
www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerows-in-the-hills



One-day ticket (adult): £6.00
Under 16s go free. Includes free parking
and all activities. Please book your
ticket to avoid disappointment!



TRADING POST

Open February to October
Saturdays 9.30am to noon

Old Station Yard
Station Road, Pontesbury

[what3words location - makeovers.stub.darling](http://what3words.location-makeovers.stub.darling)

Thanks to all who entered items and attended our
August Flower Show

We have a stocks of general purpose compost in
readiness for replenishing pots and containers and for
those planting bulbs for displays next spring

For those looking to improve clay soils, we have supplies
of garden mulch made from recycled green waste - peat-
free and nutrient rich

We are always keen to welcome new members
Pop in and see us to find out more



Pontesbury WI met on 13th July, our speaker was Kate McLianachan a Shrewsbury author who spoke about The Foundling Hospital. She is an

amateur historian who enjoys finding out about the history of Shrewsbury. It was fascinating to find out that Shrewsbury school was a former work house and foundling



hospital. Everyone enjoyed this interesting talk. On 14th July the headteacher of Pontesbury primary school invited Pontesbury WI to the year 6 leavers farewell. It was a lovely afternoon where the children entertained us through singing, dance, and acting TV shows. The pupils all performed very well and were a credit to the school. It was an excellent performance & the WI ladies certainly had a very good afternoon.

Craft club this month saw members decorate mugs, some will be sold at Pontesbury WI Summer Craft Fair. All members are working hard in preparation for this event.

On 5th September Shrewsbury Association of WI's are holding an open day in Shrewsbury Abbey. Pontesbury will have a craft stall at this event.

For further information about the WI please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903.

Maxine Pittaway Event Organiser



Shropshire has a new preventative health service open to all residents who are 18+ yrs of age.

The Live Well Shropshire service provides FREE support for Shropshire residents to access the right help early, staying connected to their community for healthier, happier lives.

Delivered across the community, the service offers one-to-one support, and information on group activities, social events and help for everyday living.

This service has been commissioned by Shropshire Council and the NHS to help residents stay confident, connected and independent. To find out more:

Call FREE on 0800 612 9355

Email info@LiveWellShropshire.org

Visit LiveWellShropshire.org

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 8th September

Nikki Blackhouse from Cuan Wildlife Centre

Tuesday 13th October

The Wilfred Owen Story

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 For our July meeting we had Welshpool florist Leanne Williams with her demonstration Viva la Vida, an homage to Frida Kahlo. Starting with simple Mexican window box design crammed with a mixture of textures (aloe vera to roses), colours (purple hydrangea to orange chrysanthemums) and shapes. The avant-garde was clearly shown in Leanne's idea for party table arrangements, with cerise gerberas inserted straight into the cut side of a water melon along with bright green twigs. Frida was known for flora headdresses, so next a headdress, a huge exuberant riot of colour and lush foliage, bright pink snapdragons, orange celosia, pink roses, calla lilies and red anthuriums. Depicting the artist's health issues was an arrangement within a metal rib cage with a deeply set group of red roses for the heart surrounded by flowing red anthuriums. Frida is well known for her tropical polychromatic paintings, the vibrant blue urn arrangement included every colour, pink hydrangeas, yellow sunflowers, purple campanula, peach celosia, orange leucadendrons, pink snapdragons all set within lush tropical foliage. Throughout we learned more about the colourful life of the Mexican artist.



All meetings on Wednesdays at Westbury Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, visitors welcome, £10
23rd September – Tracy Davies – A walk in the

woods

Wednesday 28th October – AGM

Wednesday 25th November – Debbie Davies - Charismata



West Shropshire Flower Club



Pontesbury Repair Café is next open on Saturday 11th July 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.

Local Shropshire Honey Wins Prestigious Great Taste 2026 Award!

Pontesbury based business The Beekeeper Collection, is celebrating after its Shropshire Honey was awarded a coveted **Great Taste 2-Star Award** for the second year running, placing it among the world's top food and drink products. Judged blind against more than 15,000 entries, the honey impressed judges with its *"impressively complex sweet-savoury flavour profile"* and was described as *"a very natural delight"* that they *"kept going back for more."*

Since launching in 2024, the family-run company has expanded from selling online to supplying retailers across the UK. *"We absolutely love our honey because it's completely natural, produced by our own bees in Pontesbury, and reflects the passion we put into beekeeping every day,"* says Caroline. A true taste of Shropshire, recognised on the world stage!

As summer reaches its peak, The Beekeeper Collection will be busy inspecting the hives, monitoring honey stores, checking the health of the colonies, and making sure the bees are strong and well-prepared for the months ahead.

Have you tried the honey that's right on your doorstep?

Locally, you can find it at Connections in Pontesbury, Hanwood Shop, Longden Shop, Minsterley Butchers, or online www.thebeekeepercollection.com



The Rea Valley Transport Scheme has been operating for just over six months. In that period, we have helped 60 clients to get to medical appointments at Doctors, hospitals and dentists from Oswestry to

Birmingham, although more often to Shrewsbury and its surrounds

The service continues to be offered free of charge, although donations are always welcome. We are also ready to transport passengers to wellbeing appointments where possible (but not shopping or leisure).

In order to maintain the service and ensure we can respond to more of our clients' needs, we welcome new volunteer drivers. Volunteers are subject to a DBS (criminal record) check, and are provided with expenses. No regular commitment is necessary, but access to email is vital.

To request a lift to a medical or wellbeing appointment, please contact our scheme administrator, Emma, at reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com or by calling **07468115939**. Where possible, please give a minimum of one week's notice of date, time & location of your appointment.

Greg Smith, Chair:
Rea Valley Transport Scheme



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Film screening and discussion
(free)

Saturday October 24th

at

**Holy Trinity Church
Minsterley**

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Sports & Activities

Longden Tennis Club has lots of activities, come and give us a try!



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- Junior Coaching – ages 4 - 14
- Monthly Breakfast Tournaments
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Equipment *All provided*

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Competitive? *Barely*

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Sociable? *Extremely*

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for further information.



PONTESBURY MONDAY NIGHT BADMINTON CLUB

Monday - 7pm – 9pm

Sports Hall, Mary Webb School Pontesbury, SY5 0TG

A fun social club, a small amount of Badminton experience required.
Members must be aged 18 or over.

You are welcome to come and try to see if it works for you – free for first session.
£40 per school term once join.

Prior to coming along please contact pontesburymnbc@aol.com



Mary Webb School Archery Club

During the summer months members of the Mary Webb School Archery Club took part in several of the Shropshire Archery Society's Architectural Heritage shoots. These are a series of less formal competitions intended to encourage the younger and less experienced archers in the county. The first one was hosted by Hafren Foresters Club, just over the border in Wales, and Mary Webb was represented by Rosie Taylor and Adrian Draugalis and both came away with gold medals.

The second competition was hosted by Long Mynd Archers at Church Stretton on 28 June with Adrian and Rosie joined by Andre Nistor, and Adrian and Rosie coming away with gold medals.

At the Croesoswallt Heritage at the Ironworks at Oswestry on 19 July, Adrian came away with gold and Rosie silver and at the Bowbrook Heritage on 2 August again Adrian won gold, Rosie and Harvey Durham silver.

There are two more of the Heritage Shoots, in late August and early September, before the Club meets again after School on Friday afternoons.

PONTESBURY THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

PLAYERS AGED 18+ OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

Looking for a fun way to keep active, meet new people and enjoy a friendly game?

WHERE: Mary Webb School, Pontesbury

WHEN: Every Thursday evening

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

STARTING: Thursday 3 September 2026

SEASON: 20-week block

Whether you're returning to badminton after a break or already play regularly, we'd love to welcome you.

Our club is friendly, sociable and all about enjoying the game in a relaxed atmosphere.

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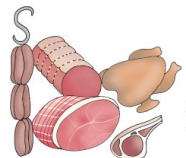
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Many thanks.

SEPTEMBER 2026 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Regular Weekly Events			
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (experienced runners)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Rd
Every Mon	5.45-7pm	Yoga	Pontesbury Public Hall
Every Mon	7.00-9.00pm	Monday Badminton Club	Mary Webb School, Sports 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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Wed 2nd, 16th & 30th	2-4pm	Age UK Dementia Support Group	Pavilion
Sat 5th	10am - 1pm	FOPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 5th		Shrewsbury Association of Wis Open Day	Shrewsbury Abbey
Sun 6th	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Pontesbury Baptist Church
Mon 7th & 21st	11am-1pm	Get Creative Group - FREE - bring along a project	Pavilion
Mon 7th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Planning Committee	Pavilion
Tue 8th & 22nd	2pm-3.30pm	Time Out - small group meeting	Pavilion
Tue 8th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 9th	1pm	Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Fri 11th	11am	Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough
Fri 11th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper	Cruckton Village Hall
Sat 12th	10-12 noon	Repair Café	St George's Church
Mon 14th	2.00pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Mon 14th	7pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
Tue 15th	1530-1630	Summer Reading Challenge Medal Presentation	Pavilion
Wed 16th	2pm	u3a - Hokey Pokey Hedgehog Rescue	Minsterley Parish Hall
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Film - The Hundred Food Journey	Marton Village Hall
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 25th	10.30am	Pontesbury Carer's Group	Pavilion
Sat 26th	7pm	An Evening of Songs with Stuart Carter	Minsterley Parish Hall
25th/26th Oct	10am - 4pm	Hedgerows in the Hills	Acton Scott Farm

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