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Newsletter

This situation we all find ourselves in is global and unparalleled, yet I am very pleased to say that we as a Parish have risen to the challenge. I would like to reiterate what I said in my Chairman's report at our Annual Parish meeting on 9 March.

"I will finish my report by highlighting what I believe is our strength – a community that is well-informed and actively supports local groups, and many individuals among the community who do their bit . . . Along with a hard-working team of Parish and Shropshire Councillors and Clerk. Thank you to you all and I believe we are in a strong position to jointly face the challenges that lie ahead."

At the time, little did any of us realise where we would soon be, yet the whole of our community of the Parish of

Pontesbury have not only risen to the challenges, we have all surpassed ourselves and shown what is achievable and in such a short space of time. From the many active volunteers, to everyone following government guidelines, to local businesses and organisations continuing to provide services to our community – a huge thank you to everyone and keep safe and well.

Duncan Fletcher



Thank you from all of us to all the volunteers delivering shopping and prescriptions to people around the village and thank you to Sharon Davies for co-ordinating them. A very big clap for you all!



The Newsletter during Lockdown

The Parish Council has taken the decision, following Government guidelines, to only produce an online version of the Newsletter for the next few months. If you know

of any of your immediate neighbours who don't have access to a computer, please feel free to print a copy and give it to them using gloves. Thank you.

Closing date for copy for the **June** edition is **May 10th** (please include a contact phone number)
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Thank you!



This section is dedicated to the wonderful people who are helping out in our community. We don't know about everyone so please add your nominations for the next issue.

Pontesbury Parish Council would like to say:

- Big thank-yous to the volunteer co-ordinators throughout the parish; Sharon Davies for all her hard work in setting up the volunteer group in Pontesbury and to Cllr Paul Bradbury for doing the same in Minsterley, to the group in Plealey supporting each other and to Janet Radford for co-ordinating support in Habberley.

- Thanks to Jonathan Walton for all his help getting the April newsletter out in the community and all that laminating . . .

- Thanks to the Susan from Westbury who very kindly donated all sorts of food, children's activities and seeds. The food has been distributed to local residents and the seeds and children's activities were donated to the children still attending the Primary School.

- Thank you to everyone who has donated food for local people and to Hignetts and Pontesbury Co-op for having the food collection boxes in the shops, and to all the generous people who have contributed to the justgiving page for the local foodbank https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sharon-davies-346?utm_term=mQENq2YrE%20

- Thank you to all the shops and businesses in Pontesbury that are helping out and all the staff working on the frontline in order to support the local community. From food deliveries from Hignett's, Lunt's Chemist staff giving out much needed medicines, extra demand being placed on Post Office and Connections staff, all the support given to older people by Allcare, the Co-op team. We are also getting lots of support from businesses/shops outside the parish such as The village stores in Hanwood and Smith's and Co-op in Minsterley. Businesses/restaurants and food suppliers in Shrewsbury too, (see the information sheet for all of these).

- Thank you to Helen Tazewell, Community Care Co-ordinator at the surgery who helped put together the information sheet sent to everyone, and who works tirelessly making sure people are getting the support they need in terms of health, food and mental health.

- Thanks also to the team of Coco befrienders who are telephoning people and delivering things people need.

- A big thank you to the Pontesbury Co-op who have been donating all their 'waste' food to Cliffdale and the home on Hall Bank. Also bread for volunteers to take out to people they are delivering shopping to. They also offered a Costa coffee to all the volunteers who are delivering prescriptions and shopping locally.

- Thank you to Matthew Davies of David Davies & Sons, Minsterley, who has donated over 600 eggs to be delivered to people in the village.

- Thank you to Dominique Moelands from Stapeley Vets who donated boxes of gloves to the volunteers to keep them safe when delivering shopping.

- The *Vounteers Helping Neighbours* group had a collection amongst themselves and took fresh fruit to ITU & Covid Ward 32 at RSH for the staff working hard. The Coop also donated bottled water to add to the fruit donations. The group had some lovely feedback from the hospital to say it was greatly appreciated. The group have enough money to be able to do this again shortly.

- Big thank you to Lunt's Chemists and everyone who has contributed items to the boxes for much needed toiletries. These will be added to the foodboxes being delivered locally.

- Thank you to Anna Lawson, Michelle Trow and Christine Lawrie who are helping to keep the Facebook pages for the Parish Council and local village, and The Pavilion website, up to date with all the latest COVID-19 news and support throughout this crisis.

- Thank you to all the medical staff at the surgery in Pontesbury who put themselves at risk to support us all.

Pontesbury Medical Practice would like to express their gratitude to:

- the local people who have volunteered their time under the direction of Sharon Davies, to support the community with shopping, medicine collections, and food parcels, their hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated.

- our fantastic team of local Coco volunteers, who are continuing to support local people with shopping and by keeping in regular contact with them by phone, to help prevent isolation and loneliness at this time.

- the patients for their generosity, support and understanding at such difficult times.

- all at the local Parish Council for their team work, support and for providing up-to-date information for the local community on resources available at this time.

From Hignett's:

- Thank you to Greg at Shroptech for all your help sorting online ordering so that we could get much needed food deliveries underway.

From Bobbie and Ron Gamble:

- Many thanks for the very useful list that arrived in the post. We are very lucky, a) living in such a caring village, b) living in Shropshire. Although we are both in our 80s and my husband has recently been hospitalised with heart problems we feel extremely blessed to have good friends and neighbours who are able to go shopping or send electronic messages. May we say how much we appreciate the way in which the Parish Council has stepped up and an extra big thanks to all volunteers.

Information from Pontesbury Parish Council

Useful Information

By now, every household in the parish should have received an information sheet giving useful numbers and websites to support you in these difficult times – if not please email: clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk to be sent a copy.

As a Parish Council we are putting useful information and updates as we receive them, on www.pontesburypavilion.co.uk and the Pavilion facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Pavilion-Community-Hub-And-Library-111402593826714/>

Volunteering

If you would like to lend a hand locally there are a variety of volunteering opportunities;

- *Contact Sharon Davies* on 07940988951 to volunteer to deliver shopping and prescriptions locally
- *Pontesbury Coco Befrienders* – local befriending support based at Pontesbury Medical Practice. Current home visits are suspended but we are continuing to support existing clients. There are vacancies for befrienders once these visits resume. Contact Helen Tazewell Pontesbury Medical Practice for further information on Coco support 01743 790325 or h.tazewell@nhs.net

- *Chatterbox* need more telephone befrienders (who can work from home) to check in with vulnerable older caregivers and bereaved people who are self-isolating. 01743 245088 or email: volunteersupport@omega.uk.net

- *NHS England* has launched a national volunteer initiative which includes a number of roles – telephoning, transport, delivery etc. Sign up and look at the different roles (some you can do at home) at www.england.nhs.uk/2020/03/your-nhs-needs-you-nhs-call-for-volunteer-army

- *The British Red Cross* also has a number of volunteer schemes to help communities in emergency situations <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-in-emergencies>

It is important to help safely – the Parish Council have produced an information sheet on how to volunteer safely which you can get by emailing clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk and also this is a useful website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely>

Help for small businesses and self-employed people

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

This link will take you to general information and the new simple 'business support finder' tool which will help businesses and self-employed people across the UK to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them during the coronavirus pandemic.

If you run a small business/are self-employed and are struggling due to COVID-19, Shropshire Council can offer help:

General advice at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-businesses-and-the-self-employed/>

The email address for general business enquiries to is: covid19businessenquiries@shropshire.gov.uk

All business rates enquiries should be addressed to Business Rates team businessrates@shropshire.gov.uk

Some grants are available for small businesses:

- *Small Business Grant* – for eligible businesses in receipt of small business rate relief or rural relief with an RV of £15,000 or below.
- *Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant* – for eligible businesses in these sectors with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000.

A simple online application form has been developed and this is available from <https://shropshire.gov.uk/covid-19-grants>. It is estimated that over 7,000 businesses will be eligible for these grants.

For help for employers with staffing issues associated with COVID:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

For other financial help as a self-employed person contact – Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

Struggling financially due to Coronavirus?

If you are experiencing financial issues as a result of COVID-19, you can get advice/support from the following organisations:

Shropshire Council – ring the COVID-19 helpline on 0345 6789028. Shropshire Council are offering residents whose employment or income has been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic the opportunity to delay payment of council tax until 1 June 2020. You might qualify for a reduction if your income has dropped or if you started claiming benefits recently.

CAB Shropshire – for help with benefits, money and debt advice: <https://www.cabshropshire.org.uk/>. Adviceline Shropshire: 03444 99 11 00 (Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm)

[Citizensadvice.org.uk/coronavirus](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/coronavirus) has lots of useful information about what to do if you are struggling to pay your bills, how to get council tax relief, and some general debt and money advice

Barnabas Money Advice (BMA) offers a free, confidential service for personal debt advice, budgeting help or form filling when applying for benefits etc. BMA do not lend or provide money to clients but will negotiate with creditors for realistic payment solutions as appropriate. Details are <https://www.barnabascommunityprojects.org/barnabas-money-advice>. 01743 364114

The Trinity Money Advice Centre (TMAC) offers the following services:

- free debt advice, • negotiation with creditors
- assistance with budgeting • help with benefit claims.

Advisers are impartial and non-judgemental and will give you as much support as you need. For more information, or to book an appointment, Telephone: 01743 231158 (24 hour answerphone) <https://www.trinitychurches.org/ministries/tmac/#.Xp9I1bh0hG8>

Stepchange – www.stepchange.org are a general debt and money advice charity. They have just produced a new guide 'How to deal with a reduced income due to Coronavirus'. They can provide free, impartial debt advice, online and on the telephone.

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The Money Advice Service (sponsored by Department of Work and Pensions) has comprehensive advice on Coronavirus and how it may impact on your financial situation including housing costs, employment, claiming sick pay and general advice about managing your money on a reduced income. <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you>

All major banks are offering Mortgage Payment Holidays, allowing you an opportunity to defer mortgage payments for three months. Some useful information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y7o8kzgx>, but you should contact your lender for more information if this applies to you. Many banks are offering similar options on other loans and overdrafts. **Remember also that if you are paying rent, your landlord cannot evict you for three months under government guidelines.**

Severn Trent Water is offering support for vulnerable customers and those who might be facing difficulties with their bills; details are available at <https://tinyurl.com/yca1sk7> and their billing queries number is 0345 7500 500. Most electricity companies are also offering support; information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/vkd7wxn> and you are recommended to contact your supplier for specific details; other assistance is available to small businesses who are struggling, dependent on the specific supplier. All mobile operators are providing packages of support to the vulnerable, and those unable to pay, with more information at <https://tinyurl.com/y857qnh7>, or you can contact your provider by telephone.

Help with food

Volunteers Helping Neighbours may be able to provide an emergency foodbox from the local foodbank – contact 07940 988951 sharonedavies@outlook.com

If you need help with food directly as a result of Covid 19, please call *Shropshire Council* on 0345 678 9028 .

If you need food due to general lack of funds, please call the *SC Welfare Support Team* on 0345 678 9078.

Support your local foodbank

The local *Volunteers Helping Neighbours* group, in addition to delivering shopping and prescriptions, have also set up a local foodbank. You can support the foodbank by:

- Putting food into the boxes at Pontesbury Co-op when you are shopping
- Donating money through justgiving at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sharon-davies-346?utm_term=mQENq2YrE
- As a local business you can donate any waste food you have or other food by contacting 07940 988951 sharonedavies@outlook.com

Help for carers

Information from *The Carers Support Service at Crossroads Together*.

The Shropshire office is closed in line with government guidelines but the *Carers Support Service* operates with the Carer Advisors working remotely. The service continues to offer the following:

Carers Support Line on 01743 341995 is open Monday – Friday 9:00 – 5:00 and is manned by a designated Carer Advisor who is available to speak with Carers and other

organisations and partners to answer queries and offer advice and support.

We are available to provide a listening ear and support when carers are feeling overwhelmed or finding it hard to cope. We understand the isolation and stress they may be experiencing.

We continue to find ways for carers to manage their own health and wellbeing even if they are unable to go out.

We can provide individually tailored advice and information, which includes assistance, over the telephone with applying for carer related benefits and blue badges.

We can refer or signpost to other organisations who offer a range of services and we have a comprehensive Covid 19 resource file that we can access for carers to give them relevant, up to date information.

Carers Pass

The Carers Pass has been devised by Shropshire Council and is for informal carers who may need to make essential journeys due to their caring role and require proof if they are stopped during the course of these journeys. The pass can be obtained by ringing the Carers Support Service on 01743 341995 or Margarete Davies at Shropshire Council on 01743 255776 or email Margarete.davies@shropshire.gov.uk

Things to do at home and support for parents

'Ideas for online things to keep you busy at home' is a pdf document that can be downloaded from www.pavilion.co.uk . (Use Latest Corona News tab and scroll down to Things to do at home) It has everything from museums and galleries offering online exhibitions to virtual tours of places and buildings, online learning resources, music sites to board games online and much much more.

Shropshire Council have put together a guide to support and information on all aspects of looking after children and young people <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/support-for-parents-children-and-young-people/>

www.gov.uk gives the following links to useful support for parents

- a list of online educational resources which have been identified by some of the country's leading educational experts to help pupils to learn at home
- enhanced education provision from the BBC to include daily lessons starting from 20 April 2020

For parents with children under 5 years old, who have not yet started school, the *Department for Education (DfE)*'s Hungry Little Minds campaign features tips and practical activities that you can do at home with children to support their early learning. There are many simple ways to help your children learn and it does not have to feel like 'learning'. Having everyday conversations, make-believe play, and reading together, all make a big difference to your child's development.

You can find more ideas and content from the *BBC's* Tiny Happy People campaign and the *National Literacy Trust* Family Zone.

The *Department for Education* has guidance for parents of children aged 2 to 4 years and primary school age to support learning at home.

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Further Education

OpenLearn – The Open University

Course Topics: A wide range of free online courses including business, language, health, and history.

Pricing: Free courses with free statement of participation (formal certification available with a fee).

www.open.edu/openlearn/

FutureLearn

Course Topics: A wide range of free online courses including creative arts, literature, language, and environment. Courses provided by universities from across the world.

Pricing: Free courses with fee-based certification. Some courses are Premium with a cost.

www.futurelearn.com

Free Energy Advice Throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic



The *Keep Shropshire Warm* service continues to support residents across Shropshire, by offering free and impartial support to residents. Many of us are spending more time at home during the Coronavirus Pandemic – and using more energy at the same time!

If you're struggling or worried about higher bills or feel like you may struggle to pay your energy bills due to a change in your circumstances – the *Keep Shropshire Warm* team could help. They can check bills and tariffs, speak to suppliers on your behalf and help access grants and discounts.

Call *Keep Shropshire Warm* on 0800 112 3743 or email advice@mea.org.uk. The scheme is backed by Shropshire Council and is managed by Shrewsbury based energy charity, *Marches Energy Agency*

Free Pre-Payment Meter Advice

Keep Shropshire Warm Thousands of residents have been told by the government to self-isolate at home – causing potential issues for residents who pay for their gas and electricity by pre-payment meter.

If you're concerned about topping-up your meter – our advisors could help with free and impartial advice and support. Many energy suppliers have announced new support – we can check what your supplier is offering and speak to them on your behalf if needed.

If you or anyone you know finds themselves in this situation – Call *Keep Shropshire Warm* on 0800 112 3743 or email advice@mea.org.uk. The scheme is backed by Shropshire Council and is managed by Shrewsbury based energy charity, *Marches Energy Agency*

Coronavirus scams

Watch this video to make sure you protect yourself from scams

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2020/04/coronavirus-scams-how-to-spot-them-and-stop-them/>

Keeping well: Mental health

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/> This website also has a parent helpline attached to it, if a parent is worried about their child's mental health.

Shropshire MIND have opened a local 24 hour phone helpline 01743 368647 to support people with mental health issues in the current Covid situation. They currently (at time of writing) have phone capacity to support people and will even directly contact people by phone on a regular basis if needed.

A range of support is currently being developed to help people's mental health and wellbeing by Shropshire Council. This includes:

- A resource pack regarding helping our mental health and wellbeing, which can be found <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

- Bereavement support – in development
- Online access to FREE Stress, Anxiety and Wellbeing, delivered by Shropshire MIND – details below

MIND: Free Zoom Session Topic: Stress, Anxiety and Wellbeing. Tues & Weds 3pm till 4pm, Thurs 4pm till 5pm - each week until the end of May

- Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85043721339pwd=MkludGZiN1cwRG9lUW1qOHdXT3ptZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 4372 1339

Password: 799957

Coronavirus: Parish Council Meetings in May/June

Following emergency legislation and regulations by the Secretary of State, the decision has been taken to cancel the following Parish Council meetings

11 May 2020 Annual Parish Council Meeting

8 June 2020 Full Parish Council Meeting

In accordance with the regulations, any appointments which would usually be made at the Annual Meeting will continue until the next Annual Meeting or until the council decides otherwise, whichever is the earlier. It is currently anticipated that the next Annual Council Meeting will take place in May 2021.

The Parish Council Planning Committee meetings will also not be taking place in May and June.

If you wish to comment on a planning application please use the Shropshire Council planning portal at <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/> Or pass your comments through Cllr A Hodges at ahodges@pontesburyipc.org.uk. All new planning applications for the area are listed on the Parish Council website.

Mrs Debbie Marais, Parish Clerk, Pontesbury Parish Council

8 Holbache Road, Oswestry, SY11 1RP

Email: clerk@pontesburyipc.org.uk

Tel: 01691 661157 (Please leave a message if I am not available to answer your call)

Thanks



We wish to give a big thank you to the Police and Crime Commissioner on behalf of local residents, for the generous grant to Pontesbury Parish Council towards providing Personal Protective Equipment for the volunteers delivering shopping and prescriptions locally. The grant will be used to issue each volunteer with an ID badge and lanyard, sanitiser and gloves, all of which helps to keep the volunteer and the local person receiving items, safe.

Debbie Marais, Parish Clerk

Keep Control of your Energy Bills



Energy top tips during the lockdown from Keep Shropshire Warm

- If you're at home more than usual expect your bills to rise – if you don't have a smart meter, submit a meter reading at least once a month so you don't get behind.
- If you can't afford your bill talk to your energy provider or Keep Shropshire Warm. Many suppliers have put in place help for customers who are struggling.
- Shop around for a good energy deal – there's some bargains out there at the moment.
- Get the washing out – if you've got outdoor space, washing should dry over a day, as we are in spring.
- Cut the waste – make sure gadgets aren't on, or on standby, overnight. Keep an eye on the weather, and your heating controls. As we get into warmer weather, you might be able to turn the heating down during the day and put a jumper on, and then boost temperatures in the evening.
- Keep active – ditch kitchen and cleaning gadgets and get an upper body workout with a wooden spoon or brush. An online workout first thing will help get your own central heating pumping, and will mean you are less likely to touch the thermostat during the day.
- Get the family involved – if you've got a smart meter, it's easier to see what (and who) is using the most energy. Non-essentials like hair straighteners might have to go.

Keep Shropshire Warm

Help in Habberley

Habberley Village Hall Management Committee are working to keep everyone in touch. There is a weekly email newsletter, updates on the website, a Whatsapp group and willing volunteers to help out with practical tasks. Contact Secretary Janet Radford on 07411723565 or email jjanetwen@aol.com to be added to the Habberley mailing list or to access support from one of the volunteers.

Cruckton Coping

Cruckton is coping well with plenty of offers of help from neighbours. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of walkers, runners and cyclists passing through the Village.

Support in Plealey

In Plealey we have a group email for residents, this service is used by many people who need help with shopping and transport,

Ann and myself are both self isolating, we needed prescriptions from the doctors and used this service. Within two minutes we received four offers of help. Some residents have used this service to inform us that they have free plants for collection from the bottom of their drives.

How lucky we are to live in a small village where we can sit in the garden with beautiful views seeing and hearing Buzzards, Red Kites and many other birds. Spare a thought for those living in flats in cities.

Richard Martinali

Help available if you are experiencing domestic abuse

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, social distancing measures may be used as a tool of coercive and controlling behaviour by perpetrators, as they attempt to shut down victim's routes to safety and support.

The West Mercia Women's Aid online chat service gives people experiencing domestic abuse a silent way to reach out for help.

Thanks to additional funding – the online chat will be available 12 hours a day Monday to Friday between 9am and 9pm from 1 May 2020.

West Mercia Women's Aid online chat service can be accessed on their website: <http://www.westmerciawomensaid.org/>

People experiencing domestic abuse can still call West Mercia Women's Aid 24/7 Domestic Abuse Helpline, which is operating as usual: 0800 7831359.

West Mercia Women's Aid

FoPL News

Need books, information, contacts for help and support?
FoPL are here for you online at this challenging time - pontesburylibrary.co.uk

The 'stay at home' rule means that our updated website and facebook page are the main points of contact with FoPL members and library users and all community members. There's information and links to the general library service and support services plus articles and updates about the move to the Pavilion.



Even though the new library has not been able to open as yet, you'll be glad to know that all of the shelving and furniture was installed before the lock-down and the books have been moved in. I have it on good authority that there are some wonderful new books there as well – we'll have a lovely time when it finally opens!

Left: Shelving for the new library being erected at the Pavilion in early March.

Cancelled the Spring Plant Sale

Apologies that we had to cancel this year. We thought long and hard as to how we could manage our plant sale under the current conditions and unfortunately came to the conclusion that it would not be safe, practical or possible. This is a shame of course, as we know that many of you had been preparing seedlings and plants for the sale (not to mention looking forward to the tombola!). Hopefully we can salvage something in the not too distant future. But here's something you can take part in . . .

A quiz for you!

1. Who says 'Please sir, I want some more' and who wrote the novel?
2. Who wrote about Tom Sawyer?
3. Who wrote To Kill a Mockingbird?
4. What is the name of Harry Potter's school?
5. In which of Shakespeare's plays do we hear the words 'Hubble, bubble, toil and trouble'?
6. In which recent trilogy of books does Lisbeth Salander appear?
7. In which book does a young shepherd called Gabriel Oak fall in love with Bathsheba Everdene – and who was the author?
8. Where does Sherlock Holmes live and who is his housekeeper?
9. 'It was a bright cold day in April and all the clocks were striking thirteen' is the opening line from which novel and by whom?
10. The film 'Babe' is based on which children's book and who wrote it?

Just imagine yourself with Beverley and FoPL friends in the Library – enjoying some lovely cake and a cuppa – having a go at the questions. There aren't any prizes – it's just for fun! The answers will be on the FoPL website pontesburylibrary.co.uk in a few days. No cheating with Google, of course.

Library Lottery

It's Library Lottery renewal time for many of us. You can renew easily online when you visit the website pontesburylibrary.co.uk. The funds we raise from this are particularly important at the moment while our other activities are on hold. Thank you. Your support is very much appreciated.

April Winners:- 1st Janet Walsh 2nd Helen Critchley 3rd Daphne Williams

Finally, despite the Covid –19 situation, FoPL continue to make plans for supporting the library in its new home in the future. We remain busy making sure that once things get a little more back to normal we are ready for action.

We look forward to welcoming you to the new library in the Pavilion in the near future. Thank you all for your support to date. Stay safe.

10 things to do in the garden to help our wildlife (and the planet)

There are 24 million gardens in the UK, big and small, and they have an important part to play in our effort to help nature and combat climate change. And of course our gardens bring us great pleasure and help create a feeling of well being.

Children of all ages will enjoy getting involved in these activities.

Here are a few suggestions of easy ways to do this, courtesy of The Wildlife Trusts and the RSPB. (www.wildlifetrusts.org and www.rspb.org).

1. Leave a small (or large) patch of lawn uncut to help minibeasts and insects, which in turn will provide food for birds.

2. Grow some nectar rich flowers for bees, hoverflies and butterflies. Some easy annuals are marigolds, nasturtiums and California poppies. Or grow some native wildflowers like cornflowers.

3. Keep a woodpile in a corner of your garden or under a hedge as shelter for minibeasts, and maybe frogs and toads.

4. Make a bee or bug "hotel." (www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-bug-mansion). Many of the minibeasts you will attract are gardener's friends, for instance ladybird and hoverfly larvae eat harmful pests like aphids.

5. Put up a bird or bat box.

6. Make a small pond. (www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2019-08)

7. Start a compost heap. (www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/compost-heaps/)

8. Make a home for hedgehogs.

9. Put away the chemicals! Slug pellets for instance do not just kill slugs and snails, but also poison creatures that eat them, in particular thrushes and hedgehogs.

10. Change to peat free compost! (if you haven't already). This is one of the best ways of helping the planet with your gardening. Peat extraction destroys vital habitats. Help preserve peatland by going peat free. Peatlands are unique ecosystems made over thousands of years, home to many plants, rare dragonflies and the feeding grounds for many birds, like the Golden Plover.

Peat removes carbon from the atmosphere and stores it, yet 94% of the UK's peatlands have been destroyed or damaged. Peat from wild places is a major ingredient in garden compost, (unless it states that it is peat free). There is no such thing as a "sustainable" source for peat. (www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/today_in_your_garden/ethical_peat.shtml). Most plants from garden centres are grown in peat based composts.

Liz Knowles

Curlew Country News

Curlew Country, the locally based landscape conservation initiative, was invited to attend a summit hosted by The Prince of Wales. A range of people working with curlew and other priority species both on the ground and at a policy level gathered at Highgrove. Curlew Country was represented by Project Manager Amanda Perkins and Farmer Mark Pinches from the Curlew Country Farming Partners Group.

Curlews have declined in England by nearly 50% over the past 25 years but a nationally significant curlew breeding population nests in the landscape of the Shropshire Hills and Powys, where Curlew Country operates. Working on a grass roots up basis with farming partners, Curlew Country investigated the causes of breeding failure of curlews over two years and discovered that from 30 plus nests monitored, no chicks survived. The project immediately took action to save this important curlew population from extinction. Over the past 3 years the initiative has enabled over sixty chicks to fully fledge into their natural environment, through a technique called headstarting which it has pioneered for Curlew in the UK.

This was the second summit hosted by The Prince of Wales to encourage improved efforts to prevent this iconic species from dying out. Recovery of the UK curlew population will deliver a range of other environmental benefits including soil quality, water quality, carbon sequestration and conservation of other habitats and species. Curlew Country has supported farmers and land managers working to enable success of breeding curlews on their land through habitat interventions. It engaged a farm business manager to assess the real cost to a farm business of supporting breeding curlews and trialled nest protection, including predation control. It has been gathering information on the ground to help inform and influence policy makers. In preparation for the summit over 30 of the Curlew Country Farmers Group gathered for a workshop to consider in greater detail what is needed in new agri-environment schemes to secure a future for waders breeding locally.

Amanda Perkins, Curlew Country Project Manager commented 'Curlews inspire farmers to think about wider environmental measures on their farms. This second summit moved forward from the first, at which the basic curlew recovery requirements for habitat and predation control achieved general consensus. At the Highgrove summit we were able to look in more detail at what is needed urgently at a policy level. There is certainly agreement that there is no time to waste if we are to save Britain's largest wader, not just locally, but throughout the UK. More effective action and less monitoring of species on the brink of being lost in our countryside is needed at a nationwide scale.'

You can find out more about Curlew Country's pioneering work and how you can get involved or support it at: www.curlewcountry.org

Amanda Perkins

Shropshire and Powys-based Curlew Country is an independent conservation organisation working at landscape scale in partnership with over 65 land managers and the wider community. Work on the ground started in 2015 and it has become a trailblazer in UK farmland curlew recovery work.

A short family Art and Literature quiz – answers in the June Newsletter

1. What does the boy wear in the David Walliams book?
2. In the 1991 film, what colour were the fried tomatoes made at the Whistle Stop Café?
3. *Esio Trot* by Roald Dahl refers to what animal?
4. What vegetable is referred to in the title of one of Frank Cottrell Boyce's books?
5. In *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, what does Toad disguise himself as to escape from the prison?
6. What is the first name of Professor McGonagall in the Harry Potter books?
7. A Banksy painting of *Girl with Balloon* self-shredded after selling at auction in October. Where did this take place?
8. Which artist frequently uses casts of his body in his work, and created *The Angel of the North*?
9. What is the first book in the series 'His Dark Materials' and who is the author?
10. Name two characters who are Marvel and two who are DC.

If you would like to design a quiz/puzzle/crossword to go in the June edition please send it to clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk

May Diary

As I haven't heard if these events have been cancelled, I'm leaving them in the Diary. However, all events are subject to Coronavirus restrictions in place so please do check.

Wed 13 Cruckton Village Hall AGM 7:30 in the Hall.

Future Events

Post your future events here to avoid clashes

June Mon 1 Lea Cross WI Visitors welcome. Cruckton Village Hall 7:15.
Mon 8 Pontesbury WI Pontesbury Public Hall 2:00. Visitors welcome.
Tue 9 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. Public Hall 7:30.
Tue 23 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. Public Hall 7:30.
Wed 24 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
July Mon 6 Lea Cross WI Visitors welcome. Cruckton Village Hall 7:15.
Mon 13 Pontesbury WI Pontesbury Public Hall 2:00. Visitors welcome.
Tue 14 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. Public Hall 7:30.
Wed 15 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
Tue 28 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. Public Hall 7:30.

Aug Sun 23 Garden open for National Garden Scheme Chris and Bill Neil. Edge Villa, Edge, Yockleton SY5 9PY. Home Made teas. Adm £5 chd free. Plants for sale.
Wed 26 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
Sat 29 Pontesbury & District Gardeners Annual Show Pontesbury Public Hall 2:30.
Sept Mon 7 Lea Cross WI Visitors welcome. Cruckton Village Hall 7:15.
Mon 14 Pontesbury WI Pontesbury Public Hall 2:00. Visitors welcome.
Wed 23 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

Following current Covid-19 guidance the rights of way on the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve can be used by local people for exercise, but dogs must be kept on leads at all times. We do not encourage travelling to the site by vehicle and although the car park is not barriered off, the police are patrolling it to ensure it is not misused.

An opportunity that many of us are taking from remaining at home, is the chance to get stuck into a bit of gardening. So why not help the environment by making your garden more wildlife friendly. The RSPB website is a good place to look for some detailed advice, or butterfly conservation have a monthly wildlife gardening blog.

I have mentioned before that the creation of a pond can be the best way to bring wildlife into the garden. Another factor is the plants that you grow, with some being more attractive to native animals than others. The most obvious choice of plant would be a native one to the area, and often these can be just as beautiful as some of the more gaudy flowers that are often planted out. They will also fare better as they are used to our climate and soils. For example at this time of year, the primroses, cowslips and violets make a wonderfully vibrant show of colour in our countryside. The leaves and flowers of primroses can also be made into a tea which is said to calm the nerves and drive away nasty coughs – perhaps just the thing at the present moment.

I should hasten to add that wild plants should not be dug up from the countryside, but can be bought or the seeds collected.

In general pale coloured flowers, such as primroses, attract night time pollinators such as moths, whereas coloured flowers like violets attract day flying insects like butterflies and bees, so I would suggest a mix of both. Simple flowers are a good choice, compared to big showy double flowers, which are less accessible by insects and often don't carry much nectar.

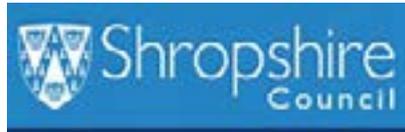
Another wonderful native plant for the border is the foxglove, which on a sunny day will always have a few bumblebees squeezing into its finger shaped flowers. Also any plant from the thistle family will attract bees and butterflies and if you don't like the thought of a prickly thistle how about common knapweed which has a flower like a thistle but no spines.



Finally a word for the often overlooked and much maligned dandelion. This delightful plant is used by all sorts of wildlife, bees feed on its plentiful nectar, grazing animals seek out its tasty leaves (it's a good addition to a salad too) and goldfinches eat its seeds later in the summer. As well as being good for wildlife it can also be used by the gardener, as like comfrey it has a long tap root that reaches minerals deep in the soil, so its mineral rich leaves can be used as a mulch or fermented in a bucket (maybe with nettles) and used as a plant food.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel all our events up to June this year, including the opening of the cottages at Blakemoorgate, more details can be found on our Facebook page.

Happy gardening from Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.



Important Notice for Informal Carers during Coronavirus – COVID 19 Outbreak
A Carer pass from Shropshire Council for informal carers to show police if they are stopped while on essential visits is now available

We recognise and appreciate informal carers play a vital role in supporting the people they care for in Shropshire. As part of the support they provide as a carer they may have to make essential visits during this Coronavirus-COVID 19 outbreak.

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These passes should only be used while on vital visits, that is, where there is no alternative available and the informal carer must go out on behalf of the person they care for. Informal carers must continue to follow government advice to keep themselves and their family safe.

The carer pass is available for all informal carers and we welcome voluntary and community organisations distributing it to the carers they are working with in their organisations.

To obtain a copy of the pass to distribute, voluntary and community organisations should contact Margarete Davies, Carer and Engagement Lead, Shropshire Council on 01743 255776 or email: Margarete.Davies@shropshire.gov.uk

Health, care and wellbeing support & services during the Covid-19 pandemic

Healthwatch Shropshire wants to know how the current pandemic is affecting people in Shropshire, their well-being, how they are finding useful information, how they are being supported, what helps them cope and how their experience of health and social care has been affected.

They are trying to establish what is working well, where the gaps are and where people feel things could be improved.

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer, explained, "At Healthwatch Shropshire we know that staff and volunteers from across health, social care and the charity sector are working hard to support people in the community during the Coronavirus outbreak. Local organisations from across the health and care system are working closely together to respond to COVID-19 whilst ensuring that essential everyday services carry on.

These organisations want to know what people think about the support available and if there are any gaps so they can make sure they are working as best they can for the people who use them. To help do this we have published a short survey asking people about their experiences and will share this feedback anonymously with the people organising services so they can see what is working well and where improvements could be made."

Survey and more information: <https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/health-care-and-wellbeing-services-during-covid-19-pandemic>

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Brian Rapson, Information Officer, Healthwatch Shropshire

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Right of Way

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was read,
Not all was clarified;
For as the lobster forward sped
The crab went to the side.

By Jeffrey Krise

Pub Club

The next meeting of Pub Club at the Horseshoes will be on 19 May at 12 noon.

This month's menu is Poached Salmon or Roast Pork

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New-look Newsletter

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The most economical way of doing this is using black only, and double-sided printing, if your printer has this function. Staple the top lefthand corner and bingo! – you have a Newsletter.

I hope, however, that you still recognise it as the Pontesbury Newsletter you have known for so long.

I would like to say thank you to all those who normally deliver it throughout the parish. As I've said before, there would be no point in doing it without you all to deliver it. I trust we will be able to get back to doing that at some point in the not too distant future. Until then, stay well.

Editor

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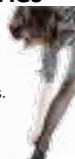
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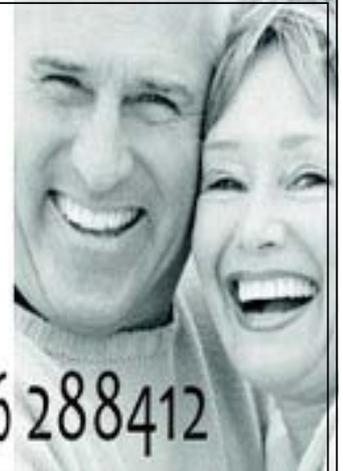
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