

# Pembridge Parish News

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## Volunteering Community Wheels

Life can throw some nasty surprises – illness, loss of sight, disability and many other inconveniences. The ability to get to places we love, visit friends and family or even to attend hospital for life-saving treatments can be seriously impaired. This is particularly devastating in a rural area where there is little access to public transport.

Community Wheels is a service set up to provide door to door transport for people who do not have access to a car or public transport or who are unable to use either due to mobility difficulties. Moreover, it ensures people maintain their independence and provides a crucial lifeline to many people. It is operated by hvoss (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service), a charity which currently provides a community transport service across Herefordshire. It is the largest of 7 Community Transport schemes in the region. The service is operated by a Team of three, situated in the middle of Leominster, who are there to take bookings, answer questions and who stay in touch with the volunteers on a daily basis.

Journeys may range from a few miles, or longer visits to hospitals such as Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Cardiff, Cheltenham or Worcester. They may be as simple as a trip to the shops, hairdresser, vet with a pet or even a longed-for trip to the sea-side. Community Wheels also owns a 17-seater minibus, which is wheelchair accessible. This is available for individual bookings as well as group bookings. Minibus drivers are MIDAS trained and Community Wheels covers the cost of the training.

All journeys are provided by a team of dedicated volunteer drivers, currently 80, using their own vehicles. All drivers are DBS checked and have an induction in becoming a volunteer driver. Expenses are paid to the driver for all the miles they do. Records are kept on drivers' cars, such as TAX, MOT and they ensure that they are covered to do volunteer driving by their insurance. All drivers are issued with a parking permit which they can use when doing a trip but these can only be used in Herefordshire Council Car Parks. Other parking fees are met by the customer. Sometimes, when hospital procedures are being undertaken, it is not possible to state the finish time and then drivers may give their

mobile number to the hospital reception so they can let them know when the procedure has finished. Many drivers and customers form an enjoyable rapport and both parties benefit from conversations covering many topics.

For customers there is an Annual Membership Fee of £15 for an individual, or £20 for a household or group, then a cost for each trip, which is worked out in bands of mileage. For out of county journeys a quote is given to the customer. Community Wheels ask for at least 48 hours' notice for a booking, though customers can book

as far ahead as they want. The more notice given the better! Customers do need to register before a trip can be provided but they will try and help out with short notice bookings, depending on the availability of the drivers.



They are always looking at raising funds to support the service and also to raise awareness of Community Wheels,

and will do supermarket collections and have stalls at local shows.

As a "Thank You" to the volunteers, there is a Christmas Get Together, where a buffet is provided, giving all volunteer drivers the opportunity to meet and have a chat.

If you feel you may have a little time to spare to volunteer, please contact **Linda** on **01568 737940** or [linda.jones@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:linda.jones@hvoss.org.uk)

Or if you think they may be able to help you with your transport needs, please contact **01568 615785** or [communitywheels@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:communitywheels@hvoss.org.uk)

NB: The Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme is offering to pay the annual subscription fee for the parishioners of Pembridge who use the service.

**Onside** a local charity which works across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, is looking for people to take on the role of a Relevant Persons Representative (RPR).

As an RPR the volunteer would be visiting a person just once every 6-8 weeks for no more than 1 hour. Volunteering would be local to where the volunteer lives. Volunteers as an RPR are safeguarding the rights of vulnerable people who don't have the mental capacity to consent to care or treatment. Registered Charity no. 1102022 Onside contact: Volunteering: **Claire Watkins 01905 27525** [volunteering@onside-advocacy.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@onside-advocacy.org.uk) Web: [www.onside-advocacy.org.uk](http://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk)

# Diary

## AUGUST

- 4th - Fete – 2.30 Pembridge Church \*
- 14th - WI – will be an evening of competition  
*Wed, Village Hall 7 pm \**
- 17th – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome  
*Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall*

## SEPTEMBER

- 11th – WI – tba \*  
*Wed, Village Hall 7 pm*
- 21st – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome  
*Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall*

*\* Details in Arrowvale Messenger*

**WI** Meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday.  
Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279

We are actively seeking new blood to join us - to move forward into the future with a fresh outlook and with new ideas to add to our already extensive range.

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

## Pembridge Playground

The council has been considering ways of modernising the playground for children and also to incorporate outdoor adult gym equipment.

Members of the Pride in Pembridge team will be conducting a door-to-door survey to seek parishioners views in August / September. Once the survey has been completed, and if residents are in favour, then grant applications for funding can be made.

As you can see from the photographs PiPs have been testing out some potential gym equipment!



## KINGSPAN REPORT - Net Zero Goal Reached

We received some fantastic news this June with the confirmation that our site here in Pembridge, and the other major Kingspan Insulation UK facilities in Sherburn-in-Elmet, Glossop and Basildon, are collectively operating at 102% Net Zero Energy (NZE).

Put simply, this means that we can meet all the energy needs for our sites (on a net basis) through renewable sources.

To achieve this, we followed a three-step process. First, we reduced the amount of energy used by our sites by taking steps such as improving insulation levels in buildings and fitting more efficient production lines. Next, we installed renewable generation technologies such as the giant rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) array and combined heat and power plant here at our Pembridge site. Finally, we have looked to meet any remaining energy demand by sourcing renewable energy from offsite.

One of the challenges with renewable energy is that supply doesn't always match demand. For example, our PV array can generate lots of electricity during the day but none at night. The "Net" part of NZE means that we can occasionally take energy out of the national grid when needed providing we match this with the onsite renewable energy we export.

This is a really proud moment for all of us here at Kingspan Insulation – marking the culmination of 8 years of hard work. And this is just the start. By the close of 2020, we are committed to ensuring the entire Kingspan global estate (covering 128 sites) will be NZE on an aggregate basis across the year. We will also continue to look for ways to cut our own carbon emissions further in the future, helping to safeguard the future of our planet.

# Pembridge Parish Council

## From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips

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### Lawton`s crossroads

As you all know I have been lobbying on behalf of my residents on improving the safety of the Lawton`s cross, the crossroads junction between Eardisland and Shirlheath. It is one of the worst accident black spots in north Herefordshire and, as I previously outlined, the proposal is to introduce a "rural roundabout " and change the traffic priority status of the highways to all traffic having to give way. I am pleased to inform you this project is in the 2019/20 capital programme.

The roundabout will be flat, ( the cost of a full scale roundabout is too prohibitive), at road surface level and 14 feet across to accommodate all current movements for all sizes of vehicle, whilst remaining within the existing highway land constraints. It will have a strong visual presence for all approaches in order to influence driver behaviour. Covered within a speed limit it will have blocked patterned and red surfacing, kerbed refuges, frequent yellow-backed signs, with solar powered bollards.

I continue to press for proper maintenance of the Golden Cross roundabout which, prior to improvements a few years ago, previously had the worst accident record.

## Parish Council News

### Welcome to New Councillor

Now the excitement of the May elections are over, Pembridge Parish Council welcome new Councillor Wendy Powell. Many thanks to John Purslow, who stood down, for all his help and support during the last term.

### Annual Canvass

The Herefordshire Annual Canvass starts on 15th July. The purpose of the Canvass is to compile an accurate Electoral Register, which will be published on 1st December 2019. Every residential property in the county will be sent a Household Enquiry Form (HEF). It is a legal requirement that the HEF is completed and returned.

IMPORTANT NOTE: completing the HEF does NOT register new electors to vote – they must still do this individually.

Herefordshire Council Electoral Services:

· phone - 01432 260107 email - [canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### Website update.

The Parish Council is currently waiting for the website host company to upgrade its servers before the new site is launched. Hopefully this will now be in early August.

### Footpaths & Hedges

Thank you to all those landowners who have cleared the paths through their crops. Please can you all keep a check on them for any more overgrowth during the summer! A reminder to land/home owners that it is your responsibility to ensure hedge cutting along pavements and footpaths is done. If you are asked to clear them and do not, the Parish Council can request Balfour Beatty to do the work and they will charge the owner. If you are out and about on the parish footpaths and find a problem please report it to the Footpaths Officer, Michael J Hancock or the Clerk.

### Ditches and ownership

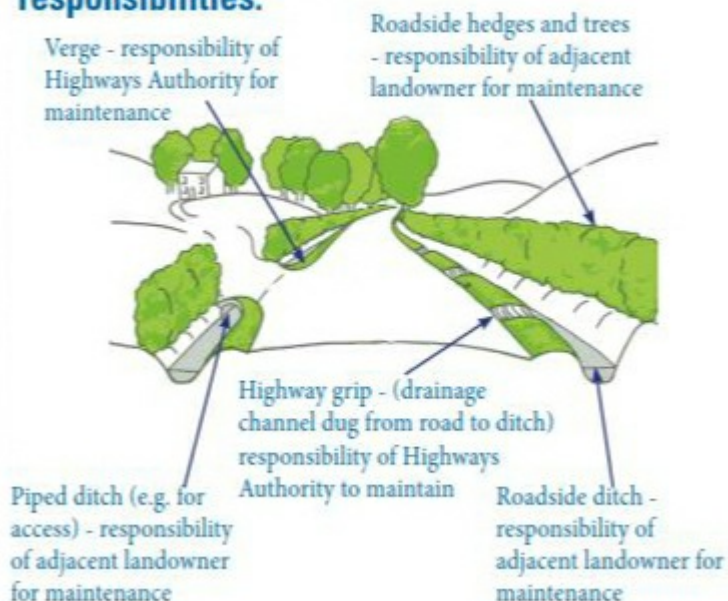
Heavy rain in Herefordshire in June led to a number of pollution incidents caused by soil running off into rivers and large quantities of mud washing onto the county's roads resulting in hazardous driving conditions. The Environment Agency and Herefordshire Council would like to remind landowners of their responsibilities. ( See illustration )

### Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

There is no planned meeting for August.

Wednesday September 18th - Parish Hall 7.00pm.

### Ditch ownership and maintenance responsibilities:



## Leen Times

This time of year moves towards the quiet time, with several cuts of silage in the clamps, the hay made and the cows beginning to 'dry off'. With very few cows left to milk the staff and family can take a very well earned holiday. However, the farm never really stops, with dry cows and young stock having to be checked every day for water, feed, their health and comfort. The chickens still need to be attended to every day and the digester remains hungry for the 50 tons of feed it takes every day! Then there is the whole crop silage to be made with the maize silage not that far behind. Mid-September will soon come round when the cows will start to calve and the whole round starts all over again.

We have hosted several hundred visitors over the summer with Open Farm Sunday, school and college visits as well as other farmers and different wildlife groups. Apart from the cows milking, the Hereford herd, the hatching chicks and all the other farm 'stuff' one of the things of interest appeared to be the 'Wild flower Meadows'. We are fortunate to farm 6 or 7 fields that have a profusion of different flowers- creating quite a sight before they are mown for hay or grazed by cattle. One of them has been chosen as one of the Prince of Wales 'Coronation' Meadows (he has encouraged at least one of these in every county in the UK) and we will set about enhancing it with seed taken from a local source to increase the diversity. This will hopefully, help to reverse the 97% loss of meadows over the last 70 years.



Ragged Robin in one of the Moseley Meadows

**Wildlife News:** 9 different species of Damsel and Dragon fly spotted on a pond in a single day. Double the number of Pied fly catchers fledged this year. Two pairs of Lapwing managed to nest at Moseley with 6 young fledging. A rare Whiteclawed Crayfish caught and eaten by an Otter (I am sure there are more!). An Otter 'spraint' (territory marker) on the Village Green.

Has anyone seen the Otter? Let me know.

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We are a free service supporting people in the Parish of Pembridge. If you need someone to:

- Fetch a prescription
- Walk or feed your pet
- Do some shopping
- Just call in for a chat

These are just a few examples of what we could help you with. Just give us a call - we look forward to hearing from you.

### The Steppes

Tue - Sat: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm 01544 388506

### Bridge Street Cafe

Every day Except Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm 01544 388922  
Private meeting room available

### Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Mon, & Tues 9 am - 10 am  
Wed - Sat 9 am - 4 pm Sunday: 9 am - 12.30 pm

### Old Chapel Gallery

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Sunday: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm 01544 388842

### Mobile Post Office

Mon 14:00 - 15:00 Thursday 15:30 - 16:30  
Friday 13:30 - 15:00

### Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm  
Appointments only on Saturday - 01544 388665

### 1867 - Pembridge Agricultural Society

The Pembridge Agricultural Society was the oldest society of its kind in the county, and the anniversary was celebrated in mid November 1867. 20 teams competed for various prizes on land belonging to Mr. Pinches of Hardwicke.

Apart from the ploughing and hedge laying competitions, other classes included the following: The labourer who had been employed by the same master for the greatest number of years (won by Thomas Evans employed by Mr. Woolley for 16 years).

The female under 23 who had been an indoor servant for the most years without changing employers (won by Jane Davies employed by Mr. Bannister for five and a half years).

### Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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