

## **Pembridge Annual Parish Meeting 2022**

**Held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Pembridge Parish Hall 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Cllr Garfield Evans (Chair) Andrew Pace, Cllr Philip Thomas, Cllr David Owens, Cllr Michael Hancock Cllr Roger Phillips, Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Mifflin, Cllr Powell, Steve Briggs, Tony Norman, Marguerite Fothergill, Julian Measey & Graham Hudson.

In attendance: Clerk Rebecca Bissell.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Apologies were received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Duggan, Cllr Bennetto, Cllr Mifflin & Robert Hollis**

### **Minutes of the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes were approved. No matters arising.

### **Parish Council Chairman's Report 2021/22 – Cllr Garfield Evans**

Welcome to the Pembridge Annual Parish meeting for 2021/22.

It is a welcome relief that meetings have started to return to normal with PC again meeting in person from June 2021.

For the record I would like to thank Vice chairman Andrew Pace who stood in for me whilst I was unable to attend meetings at the end of 2020 and in early 2021.

Pandemic or not, it has been a busy year and the Parish Council has dealt with a large number of matters. Since the last Parish Annual Meeting (2020/21) the following were some of the points of interest: -

- The Bell tower restoration is now completed and was opened by renowned Herefordshire photographer John Bulmer. My thanks go Philip Rogers who brought the project to fruition. The tower has been refurbished with a new autowinder for the clock, new electrics and lighting with new notice boards made by Phil Davies to house the collection of John Bulmer photographs on rotation.
- A quinquennial inspection was carried out on the Market Hall. Repairs were undertaken by a local contractor and following an insurance claim for minor truck damage further repairs were completed.
- On behalf of the Parish Council, I record thanks to Lara Edwards, the Balfour Beatty steward who left this year and I welcome her successor, Paul Hunter.
- Proposals were shared with the Parish Council for 4 new traveller pitches at Turnpike. A planning application will be discussed at the next PC meeting.
- The PC arranged to renovate the phone box in Broxwood to house a new defibrillator for the community. A number of people were involved and my thanks go to Jacqui Tooby, Ceinwyn Slade-Jones and all other contributors and donors.
- At the request of the PC, a pilot 20mph speed limit has been introduced in Pembridge Village.
- Sadly, the Verdun Oak developed a large split and in the interests of safety it had to be cut down. A decision has been taken to erect a memorial carving on the site,

details of which are being finalised. A big thank you to Tony Norman for his drive and determination to take this forward.

- At the war memorial, repairs will be underway in May to the Memorial Steps in support of wider restorations being done by the British Legion.
- The Parish Council is giving it's support to the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The events 4 Pembridge group has planned an exciting and vibrant schedule of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – RBL are also arranging for the planting of apple trees at footpath stiles. There are also further trees available for parishioners to purchase - thanks to both the events 4 Pembridge group and Bridget Rose for their dedication, time and effort.
- Herefordshire Council has proposed revisions to the local plan with regular and time-consuming consultations. My thanks to Andrew Pace for his lead on this.
- A successful drainage grant application has been awarded for works in Marston

The Parish Council has had a busy year dealing with numerous planning applications along with other routine matters. As well as thanking all the Parish Councillors for their dedication and work I would like particularly to express our gratitude to Becky Bissell, our clerk, whose support, hard work and “can do” attitude is much appreciated and benefits us all.

Sadly, this year the parish lost one of its founding support groups. Due to a falling number of requests for help among the community and a fall in volunteer numbers, the Good Neighbour Scheme made the hard decision to cease operating. I would like to thank Pat Stokes and her team for the outstanding support they have offered the people of Pembridge parish, not just last year but over a number of years. Special thanks for taking on the task of co ordinating volunteers through the difficult times of Covid.

Pembridge is very fortunate to have many who volunteer to help the Parish run smoothly and there are many who deserve our thanks for the contribution they make to the community. They include the teams that set up the Christmas Trees and lights (which always draw admiring comments from visitors and surrounding communities, who despite their best efforts are unable to match our displays). So, special thanks are due to Rod and Julie Mifflin and the team of volunteers who make this happen. Thanks, are also due to Anne Pickup who kindly audits the financial statements twice yearly, Tony Norman for his continuing involvement as our Tree and Flood Warden, Judy Rogers for her excellent production and editing of the Pembridge News and Michael Hancock for his work as footpath officer and local correspondent for the Hereford Times. If I've missed anyone out, I apologise and please accept my thanks for all that you do.

No report would be complete without recording the Parish's gratitude for the work undertaken by the Pride in Pembridge volunteers which makes the village so welcoming. Thanks to Adrian Lomax who quietly watered and mowed for many years and who recently moved away this year.

To conclude 2021/22 has been another busy year. Pembridge has rallied together and the community as a whole can congratulate itself on its achievements.

#### **Parish Matters raised**

None.

### **Police report – PC Dean Wall**

Between Tuesday 19th April 2022 15:00hrs and Wednesday 20th April 2022 08:00hrs a John Deere lawn mower has been stolen in the Broxwood area of Pembridge. Offender(s) have forced entry by cutting the lock securing a garage door. An untidy search has been made and items taken.

Thefts – The rural crime team have carried out activity in the area recently as part of Op Jetwing. Intelligence was gathered and repeat visits made to victims.

Antisocial behaviour – We have had no reports of anti-social behaviour for some time,

Speeding – The local team and our traffic management officer have been out to the location a number of times in the last few months. We will await the returns from the speed monitoring equipment and if need be, target key timings.

### **Head Teacher Report – Mr Robert Hollis**

Despite the stresses and ‘strains’ of Covid, the school has managed to have escaped major difficulties though staff and student absences were up rather worryingly after Christmas – far more than at any previous times. This meant that some of the helpful ways of bringing our school family and wider community together had to be postponed. We did, finally, have a bingo evening last month which was well attended. We have had several new families join us last September and these social events are an important way of building each other up and well as sharing our successes. Our teaching and learning continues to be refined and developed as we work in our classes. You can see what we are doing in each subject on our website which tells you a lot about our aims and expectations. Ofsted are now focusing greatly on what children remember in the subjects. We do expect a visit from Ofsted in the next year. Whilst the school was ‘outstanding’ in October 2014, the goal posts have moved considerably and the bar is now extremely high. The whole school continues to work to ensure we do our best to be better than ‘good’.

Since returning in September to ‘normality’, we quickly discovered the extent of the challenges of home learning. Those younger children who needed to learn through play and socially together had, in effect, missed out a chunk of usual development. When they came back together, they still needed plenty of opportunities to learn with equipment, for example, in maths, not to mention planned ways of helping them work in small groups. This was observed in those children who had not been to any pre-school or nursery during lockdown times. We have increased staffing in some classes to enable focused interventions and ‘catch-up’.

Every church school also has a statutory ‘Church’ inspection which we are due to receive before Christmas. One inspector will visit to establish the extent our vision (Pembridge is a school where we encourage everyone to be inspired through faith in God and to live by Christian values so that our teaching and learning is of the highest quality, our whole community flourishes and we reflect all that is worthy of praise) is established at all levels. We base this on the text from Philippians 4:8-9: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

We hope the inspector will see how we reflect these words and put them into practice.

We have 84 on roll with 12 children expected in September and nine leaving us to go to an assortment of high schools. Funding remains quite tight. The latest Government White Paper now expects all schools to be heading towards being in a multi-academy trust – that is a collection of schools working together under an umbrella of one vision and often a chief executive. I suspect, for

Pembridge, we would remain with but be formally closer to our family of Diocesan schools. The next few years will be interesting.

### **Village Hall Report**

There was no report available.

### **Pride in Pembridge Report – Steve Briggs**

Despite still being restricted initially by Covid rules which limited outside working to socially distanced individuals, and Zoom meetings, the group managed to both continue and meet its objectives. We have 14 members of which 10 are able to participate in outdoor activities, although we miss two of our founding members in Jilly and Adrian Lomax who have recently moved away.

The members logged 491 hours of voluntary service in the year to November '21 despite the restrictions and have logged approx. 300 hours since.

Our constitution states that “The Objective of Pride in Pembridge is to enhance the appearance of the village through the planting and maintenance of bulbs, plants, shrubs and other activities in selected and agreed areas..”.

PiP currently

- Plant and maintain five raised flower beds, four box planters, four tubs, a pot, a trough, five hanging baskets, and two window boxes and this year’s theme is Purple and Silver, or Red, White and Blue.
- Plant and maintain the entrance border to the school
- weed around the Market square, the New Inn and the Red Lion.
- enhance the moat by planting wild daffodils and strimming and mowing in summer,
- keep the playground and car park surrounds weeded and tidy,
- weed the beautiful raised path of Bridge Street
- clean the riverside picnic tables on the Village Green and help keep the grass strimmed around the picnic sets and banks. The sets were stabilised with further screws to keep them level.

We regularly litter-pick around the village, east and west along the A44, Bridge Street and, once a year, beyond to Milton Cross. The latter amounted to 20 bags in January this year.

We also prepared the paths in the churchyard for the resurfacing work.

We have come to a mutual arrangement with the Allotments association to erect some compost bins where we can deposit grass and weeds rather than going to Kington recycling centre. This will be available to allotment holders and PiP. We used some of the rubble from digging out the Jubilee Garden to improve the access track.

We recognise it is important to actively involve all the stakeholders in any future projects to ensure that they run smoothly towards jointly agreed visions and objectives.

Our projects for this year include

- The Jubilee Garden – our major project this year, which involved recreating and redesigning the garden border at the foot of the churchyard (behind the Red Lion) as our contribution to Jubilee year. This has been a major effort over the last 6 months and our thanks go to the church for giving permission, the Red Lion and to Catherine Jansen for the design and sourcing of the trees, plants and shrubs in Jubilee colours (predominately purple and silver)
- John Petrie’s memorial bench. This has recently been purchased by PiP members and, with the permission (faculty) from the diocese, installed near the Church Porch, and commemorates a much-missed stalwart of PiP.

- enhancing the war memorial garden in front of the school, which is a joint project with the school and the British Legion, and is to be undertaken this year and next.
- A much larger impactful flower display at the Western edge of the village is also mooted.

Major expenditure this year included the purchase of the trailer to transport the equipment.

I would like to thank everybody who has given us donations, materials and those that tend their gardens, pots and baskets and mow and maintain the verges fronting their properties as it really enhances the views in the village.

We are also very grateful to the Parish Council for their annual donation and especially over the last year or two when fundraising has been almost impossible due to pandemic restrictions.

Lastly, work in the Conservation area part of the village green includes keeping the boardwalk and paths clear, removing the scourge of invasive Himalayan balsam and keeping views of the river clear from the several seats there. Broken boards on the initial part of the boardwalk have been replaced to date and expenditure has amounted to almost half of the donation from the Parish Council. But the deterioration means that repairs are increasingly difficult and while we will continue to sweep and clean it, the current members do not have the necessary expertise to effect further repairs.

Finally, it's not all work, it's a very sociable morning, (two hours on Thursday morning) and a great way to meet people if you are new to the village, as I was! And we organise several social afternoons and evenings throughout the year. Please join us and follow us on the Pembridge Facebook page and the village notice board.

### **Pembridge Amenity Trust Report**

I thank my fellow trustees for their input and support throughout the year. I thank Jan Harvey who has acted as our honorary secretary and treasurer for her enthusiasm and support.

#### **Market Hall**

As reported by the Parish Council, a quinquennial inspection was undertaken and some repair works completed. Repairs were also required as a result of damage by an passing vehicle. The building is now in good condition, with no major or minor works anticipated at present. We will of course continue to monitor this precious asset and undertake any maintenance as necessary.

#### **Car Park & Toilets**

The Parish Council now hold the freehold and underwrite the running costs of the car park and toilets. As a registered charity, the Pembridge Amenity Trust can operate the car park without having to pay business rates. Thankfully, there have been no serious problems with the car park or toilets during the last year.

#### **Millennium Meadow**

I am pleased to report that there have been no problems with the Meadow. During the summer months the Meadow is kept tidy with grass cut on a regular basis by our contractor who lives in the village. This year we look forward to hosting the Jubilee Celebration sports events and hope to see Pembridge Show return in 2023.

#### **Bell Tower**

The Parish Council has undertaken a good deal of work in the bell tower and as tenants, I thank them on behalf of the Amenity Trust. Special thanks are due to councillor Phillip Rogers who devised and implemented the works in the bell tower which now make it so attractive to visitors.

Although the clock winding mechanism has now been automated, it still has to be monitored and the time has to be changed manually twice a year. My thanks go to the volunteers who ensure that the clock is functioning properly and that the time is correct.

The bells in the tower continue to be used for weddings, some funerals and by visiting groups of bell ringers and this generates a small amount of income which goes towards the running costs and upkeep of the building.

Finally, it is pleasing to be able to support the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and I wish the events4pembridge group every success.

### **Footpaths Report – Dr Michael Hancock**

The pandemic has had a significant effect on the general use of public footpaths; who is using them; how improvements and repairs can be investigated; and how land owners have understood how the use of the footpaths has been changing. The latter point is important as good path maintenance by the landowner, and ensuring the furniture is in good working order all contribute to minimising trespass incidents and unfortunate problems with gates left open, stock wandering onto roads or crops being damaged.

There are over 73km of footpaths in Pembridge parish and overseeing these twice a year is an exacting business. Maintenance is therefore reliant on users reporting any problems experienced whilst using the paths as they are experienced.

First report should be the interactive tool on the Herefordshire Council website. Secondly, a call to me either via the parish website, or via my mobile phone (07956 815943) would be very welcome.

During the year problems were reported to the localities agent and were investigated by me:

PM 58, PM2, PM4, PM26, PM1, PM54, PM27, PM29

All of these were logged on the council site and some jobs are now complete, others are pending.

During the year 12 individual enquiries were made directly to me by various parishioners and all of these issues have been addressed or are in process particular there is an issue of a bridge across a ditch on PM27 which it turns out is incorrectly sited. Negotiations are ongoing.

There is an ongoing planning for re-routing part of PM43A.... This particular section of path has mystified me since I took on this role. I look forward to the situation being clarified. We have a bridleway that reaches the parish boundary with Lyonshall then abruptly disappears. This situation is under investigation.

No further progress has been made on the state of the road running south from Barrow Leasow. The localities agent had been investigating but has now resigned with no progress in sight. I shall continue to pursue this as it is a route that is in constant use by the equine fraternity. Claims this is a private road are apparently misplaced.

This summer I intend to undertake a blitz on way signing along all the paths. The paths on the Leen have been reported to me as being particularly badly undersigned.

During the year our localities steward Lara Edwards, with whom I had a very good working relationship, resigned to undertake work in the private sector. I have never met her replacement as he refused to respond to several emails requesting a short meeting to talk over the FP in the parish. This has now become moot as Balfour Beatty have jettisoned their responsibility for the PROW network and responsibility has now devolved on HC and their delivery partner Hoople. At this time, I understand there is no responsible officer in place. When they are in place there will be the inevitable consultation to determine our needs and wants, which I think are currently obvious, and then outstanding work/jobs will be carried out. We are waiting to see how the 'new' department

will be funded. In the meantime, please contact me if you experience any difficulties with the footpaths in Pembridge parish and I will do my best to address them

### **Church Report**

There was no report available.

### **Tree Warden Report**

Against a back ground of continuing loss of Ash trees in the parish and the obvious danger to power lines/foot paths and highways- much has been done relating to trees in the Parish:

- The consequences of Ash die back has been raised in the Parish Newsletter
- Responded to a number of Planning Applications.
- Given general 'tree' advice to a number of people.
- Attended monthly meetings with Tree Wardens from surrounding parishes.
- - Attended Herefordshire Tree Warden training events
- Instructed and helped other Tree Wardens, PIPs etc
- Organised Pembridge QGC events
  - School planting of trees at the 'Lynches' field (trees/guards/etc from Conservation Volunteers.
- Encouraged parish to plant trees (over 2000) and record on QGC website.
- Found places for and ordered Apple trees to plant by stiles next autumn
- Organised Verdun Oak carving.
- Nearer 80 than 70! Taken on a helper Mr Nick Rundle who will become the PTW
- Stepped back from responsibility for trees on Village Green

### **Ward Councillor Report – Roger Phillips**

Communities and business are moving forward after the worse of the covid pandemic and we all have adjust to living as normal a life as we can.

Herefordshire council has received significant funding in various forms from Government to help with post covid recovery and I urge vigilance to spot the various grants the council publishes so that we can secure funding for our local projects and support local employment.

The Councils Children care department has been identified by the Government as a cause for concern and a top priority of the council remains to better function its responsibility to vulnerable children in the county.

The council is concerned about climate change and has a new Plan which sets an interim target of a 75% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025/26, as part of a commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030/31.

The council is developing a Big economic plan for the county but it is a struggle to get them to understand the needs of smaller rural economies. I remain of the believe that until proper investment is made in highway infrastructure in the county and especially Hereford City, we will always hit a glass ceiling as we try to develop the local economy and provide better paid jobs.

This summer will see the third anniversary of the ban on planning consents due to the phosphate problem in the wye catchment area. Although pre consents have allowed the developments in Webbs meadow and Holmes marsh to take place we are now at a complete standstill and this has huge implications on the local construction sector.

The council seem to have progressed a solution to the problem with a reedbed solution at public sewerage plants which will allow development to begin again. Final details have yet to be confirmed but it will require applicants to purchase phosphate credits from the council. Hopefully HC and Natural England will also allow similar schemes to be privately developed also.

The Core strategy is being reviewed by HC and a number of consultations are coming out within a tight timetable. I have some concerns about emerging options to significantly limit housing growth in rural areas – rural sustainability requires housing in the future particularly for economically active and maturing population. I urge residents to take part in these consultations.

Works to provide superfast broadband to Broxwood are taking place and with the large Titley contract starting soon hopefully Noke land and Cabal will see all the parish connected.

Herefordshire’s 2,000 miles of highways remain a challenge to maintain- not helped by a lack of prioritisation by the local authority – with only Isle of Wight spending less on highways. This year we benefited with a mild winter which resulted in a low an impact on our highways, however, issues of potholes and drainage remain concerns

In February Pembridge became the first village in Herefordshire to have a 20 mph speed limit introduced. The council are keen to monitor the introduction so proposed a phased introduction. This summer should see the project completed with roundels installed. The sites chosen for monitoring where already pinch points so do not show initial significant changes but feedback from villagers remains positive towards the installation.

<b>Travelling</b>	<b>Pre 20 mph</b>	<b>Post 20mph</b>
<b>Bridge Street ( North/ South)</b>	<b>33.3 mph/ 33.4 mph</b>	<b><u>28.5mph/ 31.4 mph</u></b>
<b>West Street ( East / West )</b>	<b>32.3 mph/ 31.3 mph</b>	<b><u>28.3 mph/ 31.4mph</u></b>
<b>East Street ( East / West)</b>	<b>33.4 mph/ 33.5mph</b>	<b>33.4 mph/33.5 mph</b>
<b>Bearwood Lane (East/West)</b>	<b>23.6 mph/ 23.4 mph</b>	<b>23.6mph/ 23.4 mph</b>

I reported again annually the October traffic figures from the grey box on west side of the village. I had these installed in 2005 and they record the time, type and speed of all vehicles travelling on the main road every day. The detailed figures were shared with the Parish Council.

**Total average daily number of vehicles ( Monday- Sunday) through the villages in Octobers from 2016 to 2021.**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Shobdon</b>	4643	4602	4639	4380	4148	4320
<b>Lyonshall</b>	2393	2271	2149	2472	2306	2248
<b>Eardisley</b>	4394	4222	4643	4434	4119	4415
<b>Pembridge</b>	2699	2851	2830	2824	2827	2647

In September our Balfour steward Lara Edwards (she grew up in Lyonshall) resigned which was great loss to the clerk and myself, however we have Paul Hunter as our new Steward.

I reported the proposals for the refurbishing and expansion of the Travellers site at Turnpike to the parish council but these plans are being amended by Herefordshire Council and I am concerned about a proposal to reopen access on the highway used by Kingspan and Airfield businesses.

Throughout the year I have regularly attended meetings of the Parish Council; numerous local events and activities, and dealt with many resident individual concerns. I produce a monthly email update to all email contacts in my ward and I write in the bi monthly parish newsletter.

I would place on record my thanks to the Parish council and the clerk for their support to me and the work and care they undertake for their community.

These are challenging times for our world, nation, county and parish but working together we can have a positive impact on our local community.

### **Pembridge Charities Report – Richard Smith**

#### **Duppa**

Planning permission and listed building consent is in place for the conversion of Duppa from the four very small units to two more useable 2-bed properties. The costs and associated risks of undertaking such a project is giving the trustees much to discuss and all options are under consideration. A decision will shortly be made on the best way to progress.

#### **Trafford**

Trafford Alms houses are fully occupied but require work in a number of areas. Quotations are being sought to re-roof as a priority due to the condition of the stone tiles at the front.

#### **Land at Lyonshall**

The sale of land at Lyonshall has been complicated due to the phosphate planning moratorium. An improved offer has however been accepted and the sale is progressing to completion. Funds from the sale will be used for renovation works to existing Alms Houses

### **Royal British Legion Report – Graham Hudson - Chair**

The Covid restrictions put a stop to many of our activities but, whenever these were lifted, we attempted to return to normal life. Our required annual meeting took place in September when we made some structural changes appointing three field officers with responsibility to raise our profile in Staunton on Arrow, Shobdon and Pembridge.

This was needed because I retain my role as Poppy Appeal Organiser for Pembridge and Shobdon but moved from Vice Chairman to Chairman at that meeting.

This latter change was made to release Bridget, our long serving Chairman, to pursue her passion for trees, specifically apple trees, and give her time to push forward with her planting scheme of a heritage orchard on her own land. Additionally, as the Queen is our Patron, Bridget took on responsibility for our involvement in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme (QGC).

Having sourced traditional native trees and apple tree varieties under the wing of the Parish Council it was more than disappointing that robust physical action was taken to prevent this going ahead in Pembridge. However, Shobdon Parish Council who actively support RBL initiatives and a local landowner there have generously donated land to enable at least an avenue of elms to be planted.

Uptake of the apple tree scheme in all three parishes has resulted in 50 apple trees being purchased - a great addition to gardens around the parish.

The lifting of Covid restrictions enabled us to resume most door-to-door collections for the Poppy Appeal in October and November and the total raised door to door and from static boxes in Pembridge and Shobdon produced £4324.29. We were able to resume the usual Remembrance Sunday parade and we provided a standard bearer at the school's own event on the 11th itself.

Our major fund-raising event for branch funds, the raffle, went ahead in December and Bridget's bric a brac stall at the Woodcock Fair raised funds specifically earmarked for the QGC to supplement those voted for at our AGM in September.

Because the RBL is a charity there are restrictions on how branch funds may be spent but we are pleased that the PC have agreed that the gates to the war memorial are essentially out with the memorial itself so these can be renewed using branch funds. We were particularly keen to do this in

the jubilee year of our Patron HM the Queen as the plaque on the existing gates says that they were renovated on her Coronation.

An RBL benefactor has donated funds towards the refurbishment of the steps to the memorial and another benefactor will pay for the posts to be replaced- all we hope in time for the village celebrations of the Jubilee. Additionally, we secured three Sakura cherry trees from the Japanese embassy for the memorial garden and planted two, five tier espalier apple trees using branch funds under the QGC scheme.

We resumed our annual dinner at the New Inn in March which was attended by 30 people and, currently, the branch has 44 members and growing.

This year marks 40 years since the Falklands War but the talk to our members in April by a soldier who won the Military Cross during that conflict had to be cancelled when he tested positive for Covid on the day of the talk.

To mark the anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict we will have a small ceremony at the memorial on the 14 June.

We continue to be grateful to the Parish Council for their care of the memorial and the school for their regular attendance and support for significant events. Last but by no means least, we thank Steve Briggs the new Chairman of PIPS and members for their vision of making the memorial and its grounds more of a respectful, attractive green and peaceful place.

### **Film Club & Allotments**

No report available

### **Events for Pembridge**

A calendar of events has been confirmed over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire will officially open the celebrations on Thursday 2nd at 2pm.

We are aligned with and participating in national Platinum Jubilee events including Lighting of the Beacons, A song for the Commonwealth and The Big Jubilee Lunch.

Local businesses have been kept informed and are supporting where they want to.

Temporary Licences have been applied for where required and Risk Assessments are being completed.

### **Communications**

A 12-Page Platinum Jubilee Guide was circulated with the April/May Parish News and Arrowvale Messenger.

A website has been established as a hub for information and forms where required for events: [www.events4pembridge.co.uk](http://www.events4pembridge.co.uk).

Sales of tickets for our evening concert on Saturday 4th June are being managed via Eventbrite.

Event information and updates are being communicated via our Community Facebook Page, Talk Community 'What's on', Hereford Council Platinum Jubilee event listings and Hereford Times.

Roadside signage has been installed within the Parish.

Our intention is to create a Souvenir Brochure to record this community event, supported by commercial sponsorship, to be launched and available for purchase for a nominal amount at the Woodcock Fayre in November 2022.

## **Budget**

A grant has been provided by the Herefordshire Communities 'Lets Create Jubilee Fund' which is sponsored by the Arts Council and National Lottery to support two of our Platinum Jubilee initiatives:

1. Evening Concert Saturday 4th June: 'A garland of English Song' which is a tribute to the local folk songs which so inspired Vaughan Williams and his peers when they visited this area.
2. 'A Portrait of Pembridge Exhibition' which tells the story of Pembridge built around interviews with local residents, photographs and other public records and displays which help to bring these to life. This content will be created in such a way that it can be enjoyed both as a physical visitor experience and also in digital form which can be widely shared.
3. A Race Night Fundraiser on 23rd April generated income of £1,400.

## **Next priorities**

Data is being monitored to provide an idea of potential numbers for each event.

We continue to encourage participation among the community in activities such as the Scarecrow display and our 'Make a Crown' competition. We are actively recruiting Volunteers to assist with the safe and efficient management of the events over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.