

# Pembridge Parish News

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## Pembridge Platinum Jubilee Weekend

On behalf of the Organising Committee: thank you to everyone who helped make our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations a most memorable occasion. We were struck by the spirit in which the community came together to celebrate Her Majesty's extraordinary reign and to participate in the wide range of events we had planned. We are most grateful to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, Mr Edward Harley and Mrs Harley for officially opening our celebrations with such warmth and enthusiasm, which set the tone for the following four days of happenings in the village.



We are preparing a Souvenir Brochure to mark this event which is planned to be available at the Woodcock Fayre in November. We hope to capture as wide a record as possible so if you have any pictures you would like to share please search: 'A Portrait of Pembridge' on Facebook and add your images there or send a message so the team can get in touch with you.



### Catherine Fothergill

After such a happy event we were all devastated by the sudden passing on Monday 20th June 2022 of our Committee member Catherine Fothergill.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marguerite.

## Diary

### Pembridge Coffee Mornings:

September 17th (See notices)

10.30 - 12.00 Pembridge Village Hall.

**Strawberry Fair. 6th Aug, 3 pm Church Lawn.**

### Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

### Pembridge Film Nights

See [pembridgefilmnights.org.uk](http://pembridgefilmnights.org.uk) or phone 01544 387571

[Facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity)

## Royal British Legion

The photograph shows the members who gathered around the war memorial on the 14th June and, as promised in the June/July issue of this magazine, you will see that many dusted down their berets and borrowed a hat band stretcher to wear them again.

On Remembrance Sunday each year we remember the dead in war, particularly here of men and boys from the village who didn't return from world wars and Iraq. As Chairman I have to say as the wreaths are laid each year "We the living salute you the Legion of the dead". On the 14 June it was a privilege to say it on behalf of men who were there on the Falklands, and gathered around our memorial, and who did then salute fallen comrades from that conflict.

In July your RBL branch hosted a talk (we frequently get interesting speakers) given this time by one of our own members, Rory MacColl, who's grandfather fought in the Boer War. Rory discovered letters and photographs not seen before and these were projected during his well attended talk at the New Inn. The letters and photographs will be going to the Imperial War Museum but Rory will retain copies.

In conclusion, do look up berets on the internet because you'll find it fun to learn that while they were mass produced in France and Spain in the 19th century headgear similar has been worn across Europe since the Bronze Age. While I know British soldiers mould the beret to a shape just within regulations there is a fetching picture of a soldier of the Italian Felgore Brigade who has taken it to new heights as a fashion accessory! Che Guevara and the Rastafarians too have put their own slant on the humble beret. Graham Hudson 07770635897 if you wish to consider joining the RBL.



### What did Pips Ever Do for YOU?

It started as a group to tidy the village by litter-picking but we were encouraged to enter Britain in Bloom. With only a few months preparation we got silver for our area and gold the following year. Then gold for the Large Village category for the entire country. After that, it was time to stop!

We have run a fund-raising Open Gardens for Pembridge in 2014, and used funds to install the sheep sculpture on the church lawn and also the Pembridge signs at either end of the village. We tried to get funding for improvements to the playground and an outdoor gym but our lottery bid (done by Zoom over lockdown) was unsuccessful. The board walk was repaired by us, the conservation area freed from Himalayan Balsam and the picnic area kept tidy. The wall in Bridge street is weeded and dead-headed by us, the moat strimmed and we still do litter-picking! We have also cleared the ground, planted and weeded the Jubilee Garden behind the Red Lion. We enjoy getting together each Thursday morning and the monthly meetings in the New Inn are full of laughter. We also socialise with bowls, garden visits and the occasional meal out.

We hope villagers and visitors alike appreciate our efforts. Sadly, the Boardwalk needs more attention than we can afford to give it but the Council are looking at the problem. In 2018 we were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. As the Lord Lieutenant said: 'the volunteers are committed, motivated and work as an enthusiastic team'.

If you can spare the time on Thursday mornings (and occasional week-end projects) please get in touch. Chairman – Steve Briggs – 07749 829690



### From the outgoing Editor.

Hopefully there is someone in the wings ready to take over as this will be my last magazine.

I want to thank all those people who gave their time to talk to me and correct my efforts to make the front page of the magazine an interesting read. I have enjoyed learning about chickens, cherries, potatoes, water tanks, lambs, knitting machines, writing books, blacksmithing, shooting, running, glass-fusing, pub ghosts, achieving an award winning B&B and Christmas trees. I have had a first-hand account of being in the eye of Storm Michael while other writers have contributed articles on apple trees, Pembridge weddings, Wassail, needlework and a cycle rally.

I must also thank Bob Pierce who ensures, every two months, that the magazine is flawless – and he doesn't even live in the village. When he did, he was editor for a while and nobly agreed to help me when I volunteered with no previous desktop publishing experience. Each two months I wanted to discover that he had very little work to do to it but that accolade was a long time coming and I am grateful for his patience.

Thank you also to those regular contributors who got me copy on time. Especial thanks to Tony Norman who has been contributing Leen Times for many years – always most interesting.

It has been fun but hopefully now I might find time to sort all those photos of grandchildren!  
Judith Rogers

**The Pembridge Cafe** After over 6 years at I have decided that this will be our last summer and the café is now for sale.

We intend to continue to run the pizza kitchen and produce pizzas for takeaway Friday and Saturday evenings.

If you are interested in buying the cafe, please speak to Jenny: 07812127156

# Pembridge Parish Council

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips [rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)

## Future house building in Pembridge

Herefordshire Council has been consulting on its proposals for the future of planning developments in the county till 2041 under the title of Place shaping. The emerging proposals will form part of a County Plan which will be a policy document to determine all future planning applications for housing and economic development in Herefordshire

The current phase of consultation included identifying 50 village settlements in the county for future houses. I have supported the continued inclusion of Pembridge as a village for future growth retaining the position the village has been identified with since the introduction of planning laws post the Second World War.

The identification of sites will be picked up by an updated Neighbourhood Development Plan building on the existing Pembridge NDP. Away from the village boundary the rest of the parish will be considered open countryside and the only residential development allowed is Agriculture dwellings, providing they pass a functional and financial test; and conversion of sound constructed redundant buildings. I think there needs to be an understanding of the particular provision of homes for economically active people working in the local community and suitable housing for a maturing less mobile local population.

## Large Farm vehicles

Following a recent accident at Weston I have written to all the large agribusiness in my ward regarding highway safety. I have encouraged cooperation between them all and our local community police team and Balfour steward. Gathering the harvest is important for us all but there is a responsibility on all drivers, contractors and land owners to do so safety.

## 20 mph speed limit

Together with the Parish Council I am urging Herefordshire Council to complete the 20 mph speed limit project begun in February. There are to be white side-lines installed down Bridge street and patches of extra surfacing with 20 mph roundels on the highway throughout the village.

As ever if I can be of any help please contact me or email me to get my monthly update.

## Parish Council News – August/September 2022

**Councillor Vacancy** It is with great sadness the Parish Council loses one of its long-standing Councillors, Catherine Fothergill who passed away suddenly this month serving the parish for over 10 years. Catherine represented various bodies on the Parish Council including the church, Parish Hall and The Good Neighbour Scheme. She will be missed by everyone in Pembridge.

The Parish Council are now looking to fill this vacancy. If you would like to support and make a difference in your community look out for the public announcements for this voluntary position, please contact the [clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

**Jubilee Praise** Pembridge parish enjoyed a variety of wonderful events over the Queen's platinum jubilee bank holiday at the beginning of June. The Parish Council wishes to extend its thanks to all those involved (there are many) but especially the Events for Pembridge team who pulled together a fabulous programme of events to make it a most memorable weekend.

**Parish Magazine – Editor Vacancy** Would you have a few hours to spare to edit, produce and arrange print of the Pembridge Parish magazine? Let us know your thoughts. If you are interested and have computer skills, time and imagination please contact the clerk: [clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Parish Council are still seeking an editor to help produce this magazine every two months. If the role is not filled over the next few months the Parish Council may look to take the magazine in a new direction to save time and costs and use the online forums and notice boards to promote news and events.

**Annual Canvass** You will receive communication from the electoral department to register on the electoral register soon. Any queries contact Herefordshire Council 01432 260107 or email [canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk)

**Footpaths & Hedges** Polite Notice – When out and about walking - Please remember to follow the public footpath route, Keep dogs on leads around stock and do not roam off the path, close gates and take your litter home with you!

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 over the coming months!

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 for Balfour Beatty to do the work, they in turn 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.

**Keep Herefordshire Warm** Keep Herefordshire Warm is a free local service run by Herefordshire Council and Severn Wye Energy Agency that offers energy advice and grant funding to residents in the county.

Call Keep Herefordshire Warm free on 0800 677 1432 to speak to one of their friendly and professional advisors. They can help you find out what you're eligible for and help you with grant application processes or contact an Energy Advocate via the Keep Herefordshire Warm website: [keepherefordshirewarm.co.uk](http://keepherefordshirewarm.co.uk)

## Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

There is no planned meeting for August.

Wednesday September 21st 2022 in the Parish Hall meeting at 7.30pm

## Leen Times

After experiencing the hottest weather since records began it is easy to see why we do two things on our farm. Firstly: this is a very 'dry' farm with a gravel subsoil, that tends to 'burn up' (go brown!) in mid-summer. So we have the majority of the cows dry over that time and calve our dairy herd in September usually (!) when the rain has been and the grass is growing again. Secondly: for the last 50 years we have been planting trees all around the farm and allowing hedges to grow up - thus giving plenty of shelter from the burning hot sun. It is much appreciated and we often see cattle crowding under any bit of shade they can find.

This year we have made a big heap of 'wholecrop' silage. This involves cutting corn crops early with a forage harvester which chops up straw and grain when quite unripe. Having been ensiled it comes out as a very good feed. It saves the cost of harvesting/cleaning/drying/storing the grain and baling the straw (although we do, of course, still have the cost of silage making) and enables another crop to be planted early. So, if you have seen more tractors and trailers than usual, that is what they are doing.

Our 'wildflower meadows' have been a wonderful sight this year with many more Orchids in them:



They have all been either made into hay or are being grazed. However, before the grass was cut on the Village Green I went round and did a broad leaved plant count- I found over 30 species. A similar count in the Churchyard produced an extraordinary list of 50 species! Very worthwhile leaving some of the grass uncut for a period and very much appreciated by the bees, butterflies and birds! Let alone some of the people!

Talking of butterflies- I did my annual count (quarter of an hour for Butterfly Conservation) on the Buddleia and only got 5 species: Tortoiseshell, Comma, Red Admiral, Gatekeeper and Large White. There just don't seem to be as many around this year.

Finally, after about 25 years, this may be the last 'Leen Times' I write for the Pembridge Newsletter. I have enjoyed writing about what we do on the farm, the good and tough things we have had to face and more than anything, the wildlife we have seen and enjoyed. I have had some lovely letters, pictures and words of encouragement from many people over the years - Thank you.

Tony Norman.

### Ye Olde Steppes Village Shop + Holiday Let

Tues - Sun 9.00 am - 6 pm 01544 388506 *Free local Delivery*

#### The Pembridge Cafe

Mon - Sat 9 am - 4 pm Sun: 10 am - 4 pm  
Pizzas Friday/Saturday 5pm-7 pm  
Pre-orders preferred 01544 388922 / 07812127156

#### Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Click and Collect / Delivery system in place.  
01544 388527 [shop@townsendfarm.co.uk](mailto:shop@townsendfarm.co.uk)

#### Old Chapel Gallery

Wed - Sat: 11.00 am - 4.30 pm  
Sun, Mon, Tues by appointment  
[www.oldchapelgallery.co.uk](http://www.oldchapelgallery.co.uk) 01544 388842

#### Mobile Post Office

Mon 13.00 - 14.30

#### Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm  
Some Saturdays. ALL appointments only - 01544 388665

#### The Ear Lady

Mon - Fri 9.00 - 5.00 Some Saturdays. Appointment only.  
Venue: Tricia's Hair Salon 01544 329375  
Sarah Cain is offering private hearing assessments, private dispensing of hearing aids and ear wax removal services

#### The Cider Barn

Tel 01544 388161 [www.the-cider-barn.co.uk](http://www.the-cider-barn.co.uk)

#### The Red Lion

Wed: Fish and Chips from 5 pm. Eat in or take out  
Thurs: Steak and Gammon Night from 5 pm  
Booking essential - 01544 388007

#### The New Inn

Traditional Pub Hours - closed Tuesdays  
Tel: 01544 388427

**DEFIBRILLATOR: Follow the wall of Red Lion by outside tables to the very back, turn left and yellow box at eye level. Full instructions on opening.**

**For allotment information** contact Rosie Melvin and Rebekah Kordy ([rbkhcordy@gmail.com](mailto:rbkhcordy@gmail.com))

**FOOD BANK.** There is a collection point for donations to the Kington Food Bank in the church and at The Steppes. Please contact Jacqui Thomas on 01544 388471 for further information regarding making a donation or Rev. Anna Branston on 07777 692458 if you have a need for food from this service

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