



PEMBRIDGE

October/November 2022

NEWSLETTER

Keeping you in touch with your community

WELCOME

Welcome to a new look newsletter!

The Parish Council would like to thank retiring editor Judith Rogers supported by Bob Pierce for producing the parish magazine over the last six years.

The Parish Council is looking at new ways to share information on news and events in the community throughout the parish using publications, online news, social media and good old paper posters!

If you have any news or information or are interested in volunteering to help produce the newsletter please contact the clerk.

Parish Council
Meetings

in

Pembridge Hall
at 7.30pm

12th October

16th November

All welcome.

For Pride in Pembrokeshire
please contact Steve Briggs

01544 388657

For Film Nights Please
contact The New Inn

01544388427

For Parish Hall bookings
contact Lizzie Sharpe

01544 388488

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Budget & Precept

In November & December the Parish Council consider the budget and precept requirement for 2023-24 and would like your views. The proposed budget will include funding for the Parish Lengthsman and will continue the mowing contract. Your comments on any parish improvements would be welcomed. Email the Parish Clerk or attend the Parish Council meeting on 16th November.

clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Pembridge Village Green and Picnic Area

The Village Green and picnic area has once again been busy over the summer. In the coming months the Parish Council are looking to replace benches, invest in clearing the conservation area of overgrowth and repair the boardwalk.

Land & Property Owners

Please remember: - Land owners it is your responsibility to ensure hedge cutting and ditch maintenance along parish highways and footpaths is done. Property owners should keep all overgrowth clear of pavements for clear walking access.

REPORT AN ISSUE

You can report damage, a problem or defect on the roads or footpaths in the parish in a number of ways:

Footpaths: Contact the Footpaths Officer Michael Hancock, the Clerk or report to Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800.

Roads: Potholes will be logged quicker if you report them straight to **Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800.**

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Roger Phillips : rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Children`s Care Services

The recent OFSTED report on Herefordshire Council Children`s care services found that the service was inadequate in all areas. Including, children who need help and protection, looked after children, leadership, management and governance - all rated as inadequate.

This is after huge sums of funding and new appointments have been made with an assessment that further deterioration in quality of services had occurred. The report makes difficult reading as we are dealing with some of the most vulnerable young people in our county.

The Secretary of State has appointed a commissioner to review the ability of the council to improve the situation and make recommendations. Herefordshire is one of 20 local authorities in England in this position. While there are some small areas of improvement this a significant problem to overcome, requiring more stability in staffing numbers and proper procedures and processes followed. It has to be the Council`s number one priority in the foreseeable future.

2021 Census population results for Herefordshire

Apart from 1941 an annual census has taken place in this country since 1811 and the preliminary results of the 2021 census and estimates were published a few weeks ago. The population of Herefordshire has risen to 187,100 a rise of 3,600 people which is an increase of 2% on 2011. However that is a slower rate than England and Wales which saw on average an increase of 6.6%.

The number of children under 15 has decreased by 4.3% over the last ten years compared to a national increase of 5%. The number of people aged between 15 to 64 has declined by 4.1% compared to 13.6% increase nationally; and the number of over 65 year olds and over on the other hand has increased by 24.1% in the last ten years compared to 20.1% nationally.

There are 4,500 more households in the county than in 2011 – up by 5.7% compared to a national increase of 6.1%. This information starts to clearly paint a picture of the future pressures on our public services –particularly local health and care, and some of the challenges ahead for our local economy, housing market and education system.

PARISH WEBSITE

For news and event alerts please sign up to the parish website

www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

USEFUL INFO

Pembridge Café 01544 388209

(Mon- Sat 10am-5pm & Sun 10am – 4pm)

The New Inn 01544 388427

(all days 11.00am-3.00pm & 6.00pm to 11.00pm)

The Red Lion 01544 388007

(Tuesday - Saturday from 12.00pm)

The Kings House 01544 388029

(Wed to Sat eves 7pm & Sunday from 12pm)

The Cider Barn 01544 388161

(www.the-cider-barn.co.uk)

Townsend Farm Shop 01544 388527

(shop@townsendfarm.co.uk)

The Old Steppes 01544 388506

(Mon- Sat 9am – 5pm)

Old Chapel Gallery 01544 388842

(Wed-Sat 11am-4.30pm or by appointment)

Tricia Hair Salon 01544 388665

(Tues, wed, Fri 9am-5pm – Thurs 9am –6pm)

The Ear Lady 01544 388665

(Mon – Fri 9am –5pm)

COUNCILLORS

Garfield Evans (Chair) 01544 388638

Andrew Pace 01544 340696

Tom Bennetto 01544 388972

Kevin Duggan 01544 340092

Michael Hancock 01544 340799

Julie Mifflin 01544 388414

Steve Jones 079897 15075

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Wendy Powell 01544 340341

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Philip Thomas 01544 388457

Roger Phillips 01544 340269

(County Councillor)

Vacancy

Becky Bissell (Clerk) 01544 340747

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If you would like to contribute news or an event to the next issue please email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk with details before 15th November 2022.