



PEMBRIDGE

December/January 2023

NEWSLETTER

Keeping you in touch with your community

WELCOME

You may have noticed the Verdun trunk has disappeared from the West Street village entrance. It is hoped the wood can be used to create a landmark sculpture where the tree once stood. This is an exciting parish project, so please follow updates on Instagram and Facebook. Just search Verdun oak sculpture!.

Report an issue – Contact the Footpaths Officer Michael Hancock, the Clerk or report to Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800 or Website.

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

14th December

18th January

All welcome.

For Pride in Pembridge
lease 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

New Parish Councillor

Pembridge Parish Council welcome Marguerite Fothergill, who has been co-opted to join as councillor.

Mowing Contract 2023 - Millennium Meadow and Village Green

The Parish Council will be looking to renew the mowing contract for the Village Green and Millennium Meadow in January. If you have appropriate machinery and insurance cover and wish to tender, please contact the clerk for details. clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Annual Budget & Precept

Parish Council have reviewed the budget and precept requirement for 2023-24. The proposed budget will include funding for the parish Lengthsman to undertake various jobs that and allocation for the mowing contract. The Parish Council will continue to look at areas of the parish that need improvement. The precept will be held again this year to help families with the cost of living crisis at £24000.

Pride in Pembridge volunteers – PIPS

Pembridge is very lucky to have a group of volunteers who help keep our village attractive for all. The group keep the flower boxes fresh and tidy, litter pick, mow, trim, sweep and even paint amongst other things. PIPs would like to welcome more members to join them. If you are interested please contact Steve Briggs – 01544 388657

Mobile Post Office Van

Following several complaints that the mobile van has not been available, all mechanical issues have now been undertaken and the van will be in the Car Park on Mondays 11.45 – 13.15 and Wednesdays 1.00-2.00pm. It travels to Pembridge from Wigmore, so please be mindful it may not always arrive bang on time. Please do use this service to help keep it! They stock newspapers, cards and various stationery items.

Pembridge Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Album

Last summer's Jubilee celebrations may seem like a lifetime ago during the dark days of winter. To remind yourself of the fun we all had you can collect your copy of the Souvenir Album from the Old Steppes Shop, Pembridge. With 42 photo packed pages of all the events, you may find yourself or family members in its pages. Priced at £5, all profits are going to a new defibrillator, St Mary's church and "Portrait of Pembridge", a permanent exhibition of village life in the Bell Tower and online at portraitofpembridge@yahoo.co.uk

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Roger Phillips : rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

I arranged a meeting with local senior Police officers in Shobdon with over 50 people attended. Discussions were around speeding and traffic issues, including on the unclassified highways and concerns on the recent rise in farm and business thefts. Subsequently motor cycle police carried out speed testing in the village – the police are keen to establish a speed watch group in the village. If anyone is interested please contact me.

20 mph speed limit

We are awaiting the final elements of the 20 mph project to be completed by the council. This involves the installing of roundels with 20 mph painted on beige surface patches at village entrances and repeated on the A44. I shall be having a site meeting with the Highway Safety officer and representatives from the Parish Council on the particular siting of these. The work will not be done till March as frost can severely impact any new surfacing laid down. It will require a road closure but hopefully we can limit that to one day.

I enclose a summary of the three speed monitoring figures taken so far Before sign change from 30 to 20 in February and September.

	Prior	Just After	After 7months	Diff
A44 West St in	32.2mph	28.3mph	28.4mph	-3.8mph
Going out	31.3mph	31.4mph	28.7mph	-2.6mph
A44 East St in	33.5mph	33.5mph	28.4mph	-5.1mph
Going out	33.4mph	31.4mph	31.4mph	-2mph
Bridge Street - in	33.4mph	31.4mph	28.6mph	-4.8mph
Going out	33.3mph	28.5mph	28.4mph	-4.9mph
Bearwood Lane - in	23.6mph	23.6mph	23.4mph	-0.2mph
Going out	23.4mph	23.4mph	23.7mph	+0.3mph

With one exception to date all speeds have reduced, with a reduction of nearly 5 mph in Bridge Street being particularly impressive. Clearly we need to see the impact of the roundels after next March to properly evaluate the project. More information can be found in my email monthly updates- please contact me for more details.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

USEFUL INFO

The New Inn	01544 388427
(11.00am-3.00pm & 6.00pm to 11.00pm closed Tues)	
The Red Lion	01544 388007
(Monday – Sunday from 12.00pm – 12.00am)	
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)	
Pembridge Café	01544 388922
(under new management times TBA)	

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
David Owens	01544 388422
Wendy Powell	01544 340341
Philip Rogers	01544 387976
Roger Phillips	01544 340269
Philip Thomas	01544 388457
Marguerite Fothergill	01544 388279
Roger Phillips	01544 340269
(County Councillor)	
Becky Bissell (Clerk)	01544 340747
Email:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk	

MOBILE POST OFFICE IN THE CAR PARK -

Mondays 11.45am -1.15pm & Wednesday 1-2pm

*If you would like to contribute news or an event to the next issue
please email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk with details
before 15th January 2023.*