

Parish Councillors Report

KERBSIDE RECYCLING

Kerbside recycling collections will commence in Pembridge week commencing 5th March.

Starter packs will be delivered next week. The pack will include a purple sack for paper and textiles, a clear sack for cans and plastic bottles, information about what can and can't be recycled and a calendar that details which sack will be collected on which week. The recycling sacks will be collected by a totally separate vehicle to the domestic refuse. There will be no change to the black sack collections. This kerbside recycling service has proved to be very successful in the areas we extended to last Autumn, with an average participation rate of approximately 70%.

2007/08 BUDGETS

The Council will meet on the 9th March to set its budget for the next financial year. It is proposing a non schools revenue budget for 2007/08 of 122.371 million pounds of which 74 million will be raised from Council Tax meaning a 3.8% rise. This means an increase in a Band D Council Tax from £1,043 to £1,083. The Police Authority have increased their budget by 4.9%. Included in the budget are 4 million pounds worth of savings with over 3 million of that saving being diverted to the Adult Care Budget which due to increasing pressures of numbers and needs is increasing substantially. No significant frontline services are proposed to be cut. Included in the Capital Programme for next year are new Library and Info Centres similar to Kington for Ross and Ledbury. The Audit Commission has recorded Herefordshire Council as a three Star Authority improving adequately. Given the fact we receive a Government grant 20% below the National average and our Schools are the third poorest funded per pupil in the Country it is not surprising they consider we give good value for money.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The application for housing behind Terracotta Barn has been refused.

The application at Pinecroft has been approved.

The Agricultural Workers dwelling at Nutfeild has been deferred by the committee to allow the applicant to come up with evidence of need. If this is not established then the refusal will stand.

SCHOOLS UPDATE

Following the successful Osted that Pembridge school had in December the Church Authorities are doing their inspection of the School this week.

Lady Hawkins school has received a Specialist Status in Humanities.

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W.I.News

March 14 "First Aid" by Dr Lias.

April 11 "Decoupage Cards and Boxes" by Mrs Joan Cooke.

An outing to **Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich**, is arranged for **Wednesday 20 June**. Anyone interested in joining members for this outing can apply to Ruth Barker (Tel: 388708) for tickets.

Non-members are welcome at meetings held in **Pembridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.** Further information from the

Secretary **Dianne Davis (Tel: 388399)**

Advertise in Pembridge Parish News !

We are now ready to go ahead with our insert page of advertising. Those people who have contacted me please ring me on 01544 388497 to discuss.

New Advertisers are also welcome.

CURRENT LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS:-

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VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. G. Evans 01544 388638

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Ward Councillor 01544 340269

DOCTORS

Monday: 2.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00 – 11.00am

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Thursday: 2.30 – 4.30pm

Friday: 9.00 – 11.00am

EMERGENCY DOCTOR
(Between 8am and 6pm)
Mon to Fri - a doctor will be available at Kington Surgery on 01544 230302.

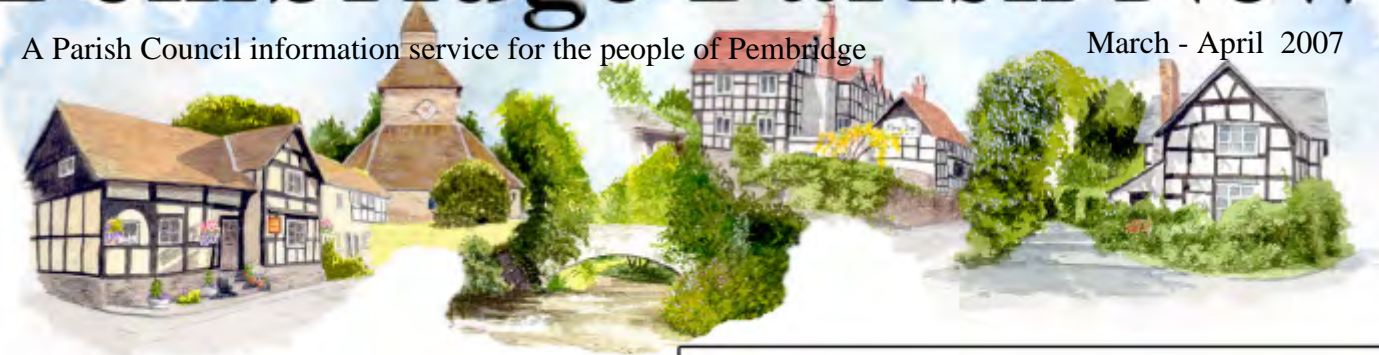
EMERGENCY DOCTOR
(Out of Hours)
Mon to Fri and Week Ends
Between 6pm and 8am call PRIMECARE on 0845 600 8182

Nurse Advice
(Out of Hours)
For Health information and Nurse advice.
Call NHS direct on 0845 46 47

Pembridge Parish News

A Parish Council information service for the people of Pembridge

March - April 2007



Editorial

The sun is shining from a cloudless sky as I write this. However, the mountains in the distance are Spanish and not Welsh! I'm looking forward to getting back and to a Pembridge Spring. I'm really pleased to see that at last we are to have roadside recycling. If we are to really get on top of waste this is by far the best way to get everyone involved. Please do your best to use it to the full.

After the success of the Christmas lights in the streets we are hoping to encourage you all to participate in the 'Pembridge in bloom' competition this summer. It's fun to enter and the splashes of colour make the main street come alive.

On a more sombre note we seem to have an increasing level of vandalism and wilful damage within the village. This is something Pembridge has not had much experience of in the past and is of great concern to the council. Not only is it a worrying trend but also a drain on council resources. Ripping railings off the children's play area or throwing picnic tables in the river is neither clever nor cool. If you see it or hear about it don't turn a blind eye. It's important to our community that this behaviour is not tolerated otherwise it will only increase.

On a personal note, I will not be standing for re-election in the council elections in May. I will be out of the country far too much over the next year or so and would not be able to take part to the level that is required. I will, however, continue to edit this publication. I have had very positive feedback from many parishioners who enjoy it.

So, through the mist and rain I sense Spring is out there somewhere and it won't be long before the swallows are here and we are listening for the first cuckoo. The beginning of Spring is a wonderful time in the countryside and soon Pembridge will shrug off its winter coat and once again bask in the Summer sun. May you all enjoy it.

Community Access Point

The CAP proposal is moving ahead and the committee have submitted their funding proposal. We need volunteers to help co-ordinate activities such as 'flicks in the sticks' etc.

The CAP will be permanently located at the village school, with evening tuition being held at both the school and Village hall (time and dates to be finalised with Andrew Teale (head master)). The tuition offered will be free but limited places of just 4 for each category novice, beginner, intermediate and master level, the rest of the details are a little hazy presently. The other 2 computers will be vacant for users to access the web etc.

PEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM

This summer the Parish Council is holding a competition in Pembridge village for the best:

1) HANGING BASKET - 1st Prize £15

2) BEST FLORAL FRONTAGE AS SEEN FROM THE PAVEMENT - 1st Prize £15

Everyone welcome to enter – the smallest space to the largest will be judged from the pavement. Prizes to be awarded at **Pembridge Show on Saturday 28th July.**

Final Shredding Service

**Don't forget the last shredding service will be Saturday 10th March
Signs will be up the week before as usual**

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SHREDDING SERVICE

The final opportunity to participate in having your garden waste shredded will take place on Saturday 10th March between 10 – 12 am on the Village Green.

Please bring along your unwanted garden materials together with sufficient bags to take home your shreds. Alternatively eco-friendly bags can be purchased there for 10p each.

The Shredding Service was provided for a few months in Pembridge as one of several village pilot trials, and it is hoped that you have found this service useful.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE

The 2nd Parish Open Day did go ahead on Saturday 10th February despite the atrocious weather conditions that weekend.

Draft layout plans were available to view for six new properties at a proposed site off Curl View Crescent: – 4 houses and 2 flats.

The Architect and a representative of the developers, Marches Housing Association, were both on hand to provide detailed responses to individuals' questions.

Several views were put forward by those who attended, and these will be combined with the views of the Parish Council, and all will be considered with regard to making adjustments where necessary. The final plans are still some way off completion.

These properties will either be available to rent or on a shared ownership scheme, and will not be available to purchase fully outright. Thus enabling the stock to continue to be available in the parish for local affordable housing need in perpetuity.

The properties will only be available to those with a proven local need, therefore it will be necessary for such people to first register with Home Point housing scheme and be added to their waiting list, which should be done as soon as possible. Tel: 01432 359500.

More information will follow as it becomes available.

FREIGHTER SERVICE – HOUSEHOLD WASTE & FURNITURE ETC. REMOVAL

Dates for this service during 2007 will be:

Saturday 14th April, Saturday 11th August & Saturday 13th October.

All between 11am and 1pm at the Parish Hall Car Park.

KINGSPAN'S COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT – FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Details of this project were highlighted in the last edition of this magazine. If you have an idea which you think will benefit the community that will need funding, please first look at the terms and conditions on the following website: www.KingspanInsulationCommunityTrust.org.

Deadline for applications is 31st March 2007 for the next round.

SANDBAGS AVAILABLE

If you require the use of any sandbags to prevent water damage in case of flooding, please contact Tony Norman who keeps the stock of sandbags. Tel: 388305.

FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEMBRIDGE BY THE MUSEUM ON THE MOVE (IN A BUS)

The next visit by the Museum is planned for Saturday 28th April between 10am and 4pm at the Parish Hall for which entry is free.

This interesting Anti Slavery Exhibition will be touring the county with its exciting new exhibition to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery.

Herefordshire was connected to the man responsible for establishing England's slave trade route from Plymouth to the west coast of Africa and then to the Americas or the "New World".

Sir John Hawkins came to Herefordshire to marry his Kington wife, Margaret Vaughan (Lady Hawkins), in the 16th century (they were possibly married in Eardisley Castle). He undertook three slave-raiding voyages to Africa where he traded goods for slaves, then shipped the slaves to the Americas where they were traded for goods.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT – 2007/08

Some suggestions have been received to date, these include: - Picnic, Beer & Wine Festival, Wine Baguette & Petanque Festival, Party for New Parishioners to meet representatives of the local organisations, Mobile Cinema/Flicks in the Sticks, Bonfire Party on the Millennium Meadow.

It should be noted that the overhead power cables on the Millennium Meadow will hopefully be moved underground this summer; therefore we cannot include that site as a venue for any event until we have a better timescale as to when the Meadow will be reinstated.

If anyone has any further ideas for social events, please would you let the Clerk know.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2007

If you are interested in applying to be a parish councillor please contact the Electoral Registration department of Herefordshire Council as soon as possible on Tel: 01432 260000.

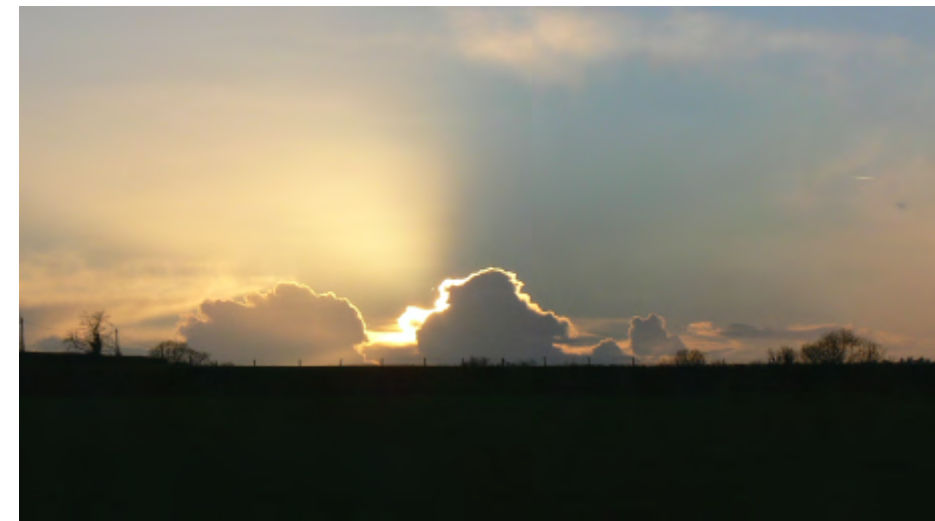
If you have any enquiries please contact the Clerk:

Mrs. Heather Harding, 153 Bargates, Leominster. HR6 8QT
Tel: 01568 612143 E Mail: harding153@hotmail.com



Summer is still a long way off so just to remind you, here's Herefordshire in all it's Summer finery.

Just a Taster !



Another glorious winter sunset

Vandalism and Wilful Damage

During the last few months the following acts of vandalism have occurred:

Laurel branches have been broken off shrubs outside the public toilets.

Rubbish bins have been broken, outside the public toilets and on the children's play area.

Fence palings around the children's playground have again been ripped off.

Down pipes at the public toilets have been broken into small pieces.

The picnic table in the car park has been smashed beyond repair and nuts and bolts (from the broken table) have been put in the sanitary disposal machine in the ladies toilet.

A shed at the village hall has been forced open at least twice.

A lovely young red maple tree at the village hall has been broken off and pushed down a drain, breaking the grating. A new picnic table on the village green was thrown into the flooded river.

Drivers have reported that whilst driving over the bridge from Shobdon they have had chipping's thrown over the wall at their windscreens.

Most of this vandalism has happened between 5.30pm – 9pm.

This makes disturbing reading for those of us who take a pride in our village. Pembridge has a long history of almost no petty crime or wanton vandalism. It's up to all of us to keep a watch for such acts and make sure the perpetrators are identified and punished.

The Neighbourhood Watch will start patrolling the area on an ad'hoc basis with immediate effect to try and catch the culprits. If you see anything suspicious please report it to me (The Parish Warden) and I will pass any information onto The Police.
Parish Warden/ Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Chris Buchan.

Marie Buchan
Residential Finance Officer
Resources Directorate
Bath Street
Direct no 01432 261616
Fax 01432 261711

Pembridge Village Hall

The Pembridge Village Hall AGM is on
Tuesday 28th April 2007 at 7.30pm
at the village hall.

Anyone wishing to join the hall committee is welcome, we have approximately four meetings a year.

Please contact

Mrs Carol Jackson 01544 388956

Leen Times

As I write this, at the end of February, the cows are out quite happily grazing. It does seem a bit odd! But thank goodness! Because we have nearly run out of grass silage the early grazing has got us out of a hole. There is only whole crop wheat silage left in the clamp and that won't last long. The cows are milking very well and, for once, we are getting a reasonable price for it. Almost a happy farmer!!

The leeks are nearly finished, with purple sprouting to come in March/April and broad beans to follow in May- that will complete our cycle for the season.

First frog spawn Feb.16th and the first curlew of the season heard and seen on the same day. Again it seems odd, that is about 3 weeks earlier than normal. However, the frogs are now spawning in earnest, with each female laying 2000/3000 eggs. They lay their groups of eggs on the surface in the sunniest part of the water as opposed to the Toads who lay their eggs in strings in the deeper water in about a month's time.

I have now got a wonderful team of helpers (a cross between Disney's seven workers (although definitely not dwarfs!) and the Last of the Summer Wine) that toil away on Sunday mornings, doing wildlife work around the farm. If you want to join them, do get in touch.

2 Barn Owls reported; one on the A44 Marston turn, the other on the straight mile, Bearwood. I have seen our own at The Leen and one other near Burton Court.

Dates for the diary:

March 27th Arrow Valley River Landscape Project.

7.30pm Village Hall

April 28th Dawn Chorus and farmhouse breakfast. 4.30 am The Leen Please Book: Marcus Jones 388 679

May 20th Rogation Sunday `beat the bounds` Walk: Shobdon to Byton (lunch) then to Staunton on Arrow for tea (more details next issue)

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