

Pembridge Parish News

A Parish Council information service for the people of Pembridge

May - June 2007



This great photograph of West St. taken in 1902 is from a wonderful book of pictures I believe was published in conjunction with the W.I.

Weobley high School PTFA is holding a sponsored Bike Ride on Sunday 20th may, 2007. It starts from the school at 11am, will be circuits of 2 or 5 miles, up to a total of 15 miles followed by a BBQ at the school. If you don't want to ride , feel free to walk round.
Further details, consent and sponsorship forms through Jane Denny 07814 576386.

Pembridge Surgery Hours

DOCTORS/NURSES SURGERIES AS FOLLOWS:
Monday:..... 9.00 – 12.00 –NURSE
 (& DOCTOR USUALLY)
 2.30pm – 5.00pm-DOCTOR
Tuesday: 9.00 –11.30-DOCTOR
Wednesday:..... 9.00 – 11.30-DOCTOR&NURSE
 2.30pm - 4.30pm-NURSE
Thursday:.....2.30pm – 5.00pm-DOCTOR
Friday:.....9.00am – 11.30-DOCTOR

DOORS OPEN FOR COLLECTION & ORDERING OF PRESCRIPTIONS:-
Monday: 9am-1pm & 2.15pm-6.00
Tuesday: 9am-1pm
Wednesday: 9am-1pm & 2.15pm-4.45pm
Thursday: 2.15pm-5.30 pm
Friday: 9am-1pm

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

CURRENT LIST OF COUNCILLORS

NAME	TELEPHONE
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Cllr. G. Evans	01544 388638
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Dog Fouling

West St. has seen an increase in dog fouling over the last few months and quite a few parishioners have commented on it. Please, if you have a dog, make sure you have a bag to collect it's stools and take it home with you. We have the rubbish bins emptied regularly but they are not the place for this, particularly with summer approaching. If you see someone with a dog and they ignore it's mess don't be afraid to point it out to them. I'm sure they'll get the message !

Here's a poem I wrote a few years ago.
Hope you like it.

They're Back !

A morning walk, the dog and me,
down the lane and through the trees,
over the stile, along the field
the river winds and slowly wheels,
The air is quiet, it's early Spring,
the water trickles, the blackbirds sing,
the heron waits on a lofty perch,
like an old vicar, ready for church.
Then all at once, as if on cue,
they dart and dive , swerve and skew,
skimming inches above water and banks,
shouting and laughing and playing their pranks,
looking in holes, inspecting the sights,
seeking a good one to bring up their mites,
They're early these few, this dozen or so,
it's only mid April, along way to go,
but oh ! what a joy to see them arrive
the martins are back ! and long may they thrive.



Editorial

Another issue round again, how the time fly's. Some of you will know that I am not standing for re-election to the council in May and will be standing down. It's been a challenging year and , unfortunately, I will be overseas for long periods over the next couple of years which makes it impossible to do the job. I'm sure they'll get along just fine without me !

Spring is well and truly here with swallows, cuckoos and even the odd flycatcher. The meadows are ablaze with dandelions and the blossom is everywhere. Aren't we lucky to live in such a wonderful place ?

Please take care in the lanes. They are full of wildlife at this time and they tend to have their minds elsewhere ! The birds are also much slower off the ground (see how fast you can fly with 6 babies inside you !) so please make allowances for them. And when the babies are fledging give them a bit of time to. They're much less able to get out of your way.

Let's all try and keep the Spring carnage to a minimum so we can enjoy the songs throughout the summer. I hope you have a great one, I know I will !

Glyn

Pembridge Show Appeal

Pembridge Show began in 1940 as part of the 'dig for victory' campaign during the war. Preparations for 2007 show are underway, but it is a lot of work for a few committee members. Twenty years ago when the show was smaller we had a committee of 30 plus people to run it, now we have 14. We get marvelous help from the ladies in the catering tent, but we are desperate for more help. This does not mean you have to join the committee and attend meetings throughout the year although you would be welcome.

Help is needed to :

Set up the show - put up tables, benches, bags in rubbish bins etc. organise the catering in the tea tent.

Sell raffle tickets (sitting down or walking around)

Putting up jumps for gymkhana and clear round jumping.

Running a produce stall , Bottle stall and Skittles.

Ideas and help with green / environmental issues display

Picking up rubbish next day.

These jobs need only be for an hour or two, if that is what you can spare.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Contact Julie Mifflin, tel. 01544 388414,

email juliemiff@hotmail.co.uk

Party @ the Park 2007 raising money for the County Air Ambulance



Venue :- Townsend, Pembridge
 In association with Pembridge Community Access Point
 a team challenge of agility,
 and ingenuity.
 Teams of 10 race each other
 through each challenge to win the
 mystery prize and to raise money
 for the County Air Ambulance.

On the 7th July 2007 we challenge you to
 compete in the
 'It's a Knockout Roadshow'

- Knock-out Show
- Charter
- Helicopter Rides
- Food Alley
- Extreme 180 foot Bungee Jump
- Children's Fun Zone
- Fire Brigade / Police
- Stalls
- Charity Auction by John Amos & Co
- Bar
- Evening Disco Roadshow
- Caravan & Camping Available



If you would like to get involved as a Team, Sponsor or Exhibitor, please contact Su or Geoff on (01544) 388527 or email info@partyatthepark.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH

OPEN PARISH MEETING FOR RESIDENTS

This is an opportunity for all residents to put forward and discuss any points & ideas that you feel need airing. Items already put forward are : some kind of Spring and Autumn fair, uses for the Millennium meadow, possible tennis courts.

STARTS 7.30 PM

At 7.00pm there will be a chance to have a half hour surgery with the police to discuss any local concerns.

Tea & coffee will be served

IT'S YOUR PARISH, HAVE YOUR SAY !

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Parish Council Report

Community Shredding Service

This pilot project was very successful but will no longer be available as regrettably it did not prove to be economically viable. Thank you all for your support though.

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
Let's all hope that any possible need for these has now passed.

Freighter Service – Household Waste & Furniture etc. Removal

Advance Notice - Dates for this service during 2007 will be :
Saturday 11th August & Saturday 13th October
All between 11am and 1pm at the Parish Hall Car Park

Recycling Facilities at the Parish Hall

Please continue to use these facilities.

Children's Playground on the Millennium Meadow

The annual ROSPA safety inspection of the equipment is to take place imminently.

Parish Council Website

This website is still being upgraded and we hope that it will provide you with regular information which will be of assistance. It is now hoped to commence operation in May by logging in to: pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council External Audit of Accounts has been called for 29th June 2007

Crimestoppers – you can ring anonymously if you know of any local crime or criminals:

Telephone : 0800 555 111

Parish Council Elections will be held on 3rd May 2007

The date for submittal of nomination papers has now closed. The names of the successful councillors will be updated in the next edition of Parish News.

Parish Council's Annual Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday 16th May 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Election of officers will take place then. All welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

Mrs. Heather Harding, 153 Bargates, Leominster. HR6 8QT
Tel: 01568 612143

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What now for burials ?

You may remember over a year ago now I reported on the concern about the future of the burial ground at Pembridge Church. The Church asked a committee of people (Rev Julie Read, along with John Beesley Churchwarden, Julie Mifflin, Roger Phillips and Richard Gwilliam who all hold positions of note within the community) to work at looking at the future of burials for the parish of Pembridge.

We have explored the possibilities of extending the burial land further and seeking new ground. Various options have been looked into and the practical issues linked with these considered. We have looked at the effect of closing the burial ground and what that would mean. These have each raised serious concerns and difficulties. And we have looked at the current land around the church.

Burials have a legal hold over the land for 50 years, although permission is needed at any time for erecting or removing monuments and gravestones. We are well aware that those tending graves might well do so for longer than this legal limit and have been very careful to see that "living memory" is more important than legal limits whilst we have been looking into these issues. Mrs Jacqui Thomas and Mrs Meryl Griffith have done research using the burial registers and the headstone information to compile a database of information. A copy of this database is available to look at in the church, and this lays out the headstone information in alphabetical order of the name of those buried. This means that those who come looking for the grave of a family member or friend can use this database and the map that is enclosed to locate the information they are looking for. We hope that the information in due time will be available on the web site www.pembridgechurch.org. Thank you to Jacqui, Meryl and Bob Anderson for their work on this project.

The land behind, to the West End and in front of the church is burial ground that has been used over and over again. The land we are using at the moment (at the East End) is an extension that was buried in for the first time at the end of the 19th century. It is to this land that we have concluded, and that the PCC of the Church have agreed, that we should focus our attention whilst looking at the next 50 years of burial. There is still land that has never been buried in, where trees have been removed, or where with careful management it could be made available. And we have considered the way of our ancestors to reuse some of the ground with care and attention. This would be where the burials are approaching 100 years old and there have been no subsequent burials and there are no headstones.

With the expertise of Caring for God's Acre, Tony Norman (Tree warden) and the Conservation Officers of the Council, we have looked at the trees and hedges that form the backdrop to this area, and would like to remove some trees and plant a hedge at the bottom of the burial ground to make the most of the area we have.

a) This would involve putting in an application to remove the cypress trees at the bottom of the burial ground and planting a hedge along the border. This would give room for a young English Yew to flourish for future generations. This would make best use of the area still remaining at the bottom of the churchyard.

b) We would also put in for permission to remove the 2 golden cypress trees in the middle of the churchyard which are lifting stones around them. Where trees are removed we would like to plant young native trees within the hedgerow. cont....

c) We would also put in for permission to remove some of the cypress trees on the north side of the burial ground, and restore the original plan of Irish Yews that were laid out in pattern at the start. This would allow the largest area of land in a strip along the hedge on the North side of the burial ground where we could apply to reuse the land for future burials.

There is a map on display in the church that shows the area that we would apply for permission to rebury in and I would urge anyone who has any observations about this to make themselves known to me within the next few weeks, so that we can proceed with the necessary permissions and secure the future of burials in Pembridge Churchyard for succeeding generations.

Rev Julie Read (Rector)

Leen Times

"If you ask yourself what you might do in small ways, they may seem trivial. Turning off that light, even switching off the stand-by button on your TV set. Trivial things, but what they add up to is a complete change of the way in which you view your life."

Sir David Attenborough, March 2006

We all need to review the way we live from time to time and I would ask you to carefully read the note at the end of this piece. The farm has moved into busy mode. Babs Herefords are calving, all cattle are now out grazing (so all fences and gates must be checked and repaired or renewed). Purple Sprouting is being picked. Ploughs are out turning the ground over for grass seeds, barley, potatoes or vegetables. Muck has been spread, the grass has been rolled and harrowed and the cows still need to be milked every day. Rubbish from Hedge laying and other environmental work has been cleared up and the mower has been out on our camp site and the lawn. We have been inspected by several bodies and have the constant task of testing the 800 or so cattle for TB. When we have nothing else to do we must deal with the ongoing disaster that is DEFRA and its close relation the RPA (Rural Payments Agency). Wildlife news: Swallows, Martins, Cuckoo, Warblers etc. all seem to be about on time. The wild flowers are about 2 weeks early, with carpets of Wood Anemones, Blue bells (with Early Purple Orchids) already painting the floor of the woods. Incidentally the Blue bells growing in some of the hedgerows round the Parish are good indicators of sites of Ancient Woodland long gone. Oak is way before the Ash this year so it seems we are heading for another drought!!

Tony Norman

Arrowvale Environment Group

This is a newly formed group that is trying to help the parishes of Pembridge, Shobdon, Byton, Lyonshall and Staunton-on-Arrow (the "Arrowvale Group") to reduce their carbon footprint and make a positive contribution towards the environment. We have an opportunity for individual houses to be "carbon footprinted", letting you know how much carbon you produce in a year and what steps can be taken to reduce this (thereby saving money as well). This survey can be done free of charge, in confidence and is planned to take place on 12th and 13th June – you will need to allow the surveyor to access your house and have available your fuel bills, an idea of car mileage etc. If you are interested in the carbon footprinting and/or joining the Environment Group please contact Val Jermy (01544 388 500) or Ann Hutchinson (01568 708 368).



He's here ! The cuckoo arrived with us on April 14th. Lock the doors !

Kington Rural Local Policing Team:

Local Police Officer: PC Sharon Wilson

Community Support Officer: Donna Jones

Sergeant: Colin Smith

Based at: Kington Police Station, Churchill Road, Kington.
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