

Leen Times

I could moan a lot about what has happened to farming over the last few weeks. However I will simply show a picture of our Caravan site and venue for daughter Sally's wedding:

And ask you to reflect on the threat to our animals (and businesses) that is posed by Foot and Mouth.

We have managed to make quite a big heap of good quality silage in spite of the weather and a good sized lump of metal going up through the Forage Harvester (causing many 000's of £ of damage, a lost day and some frayed nerves!)

Cows are calving in earnest (about 10 a day) so we have babies everywhere and the milk is beginning to fill the tank again.

Builders and earthmovers again. A second cubicle shed is going up (to house another 200 cows) and a huge hole is appearing in the ground to be plastic lined to hold all the dirty water from the unit for up to 6 months. This is so that we can fit in with regulations and utilise the nutrients around the farm to the best possible effect.

Unfortunately due to the wet conditions (which has delayed planting) and the lack of sunshine, many of our vegetables are really struggling. However the Carrots, Leeks, Lettuce and some of the brassicas look well and should yield a reasonable harvest.

Thieves are around again! We lost PTO shafts, hydraulic fittings, rams, lights and other bits of equipment off our Carrot harvesting machinery the other night. Apart from the loss, it is the disruption to the operation that is so galling. But please beware and report any odd vehicles in country lanes straight to the police (don't forget to take the number!)

Wildlife News: Walked out of New Inn the other day, a Barn Owl flew over my head and landed on the chimney opposite (I did have a witness!) the first one I have seen in the village.

While out fishing I had the privilege to watch an Otter hunting for about half an hour. I had no idea they moved such big stones around. This was a big dog otter and he moved stones as big as footballs with ease.

Lots of sloes about this year. Wait for a frost and pick a few for the sloe gin competition.

On reading this I find I have moaned- I'm sorry!

We did have a super wedding.

Tony

Articles & Stories Wanted !

Do you have a story about Pembridge life ? Maybe you have worked on the land or had an interesting experience in business or socially. Perhaps you have some photographs or old cuttings about the village. If you have please get in touch with me on: 01544 388497 or email; glynwhiting@tiscali.co.uk

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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

Pembridge Parish News

A Parish Council information service for the people of Pembridge

September - October 2007



Floods bring chaos to Pembridge



Spectacular hailstone cloud over north Herefordshire



Down at The Leen it was a bit damp under foot !

Hailstorms, constant rain, high winds, plague of frogs, we've had the lot this summer. It is officially the worst summer since 1912 if you include May (and I do) so lets hope we have a good September ! July 19th saw the village inundated with rain and the Arrow wreaking havoc from Kington to Ivington. Most people in the village had a story to tell. We were stuck, unable to get home for 48hrs and refugees from the New Inn were accommodated overnight in patrons houses. Properties along the river in the village had some flooding but thankfully it was not severe. We must be grateful that we fared better than the people on the Severn who must be at their wits' end and facing real problems with insurance. Thankfully, it gradually receded over the next few days and we got back to normal. With so much rain on the fields it only requires a few hours of heavy rain to set it off so we're not out of the woods yet. But as I write the sun is shining and the forecast is set fair for a few days so we may salvage something from what has been a very poor summer.

Editorial

Well, where do I start ? We seem to have gone from hot, dry weather of 2006 to unbelievable rain and wind in 2007. If this is a taste of global warming then I'm all for getting out the steam driven hand cart ! Many a farmer has lost a large acreage of crops and one I know in Tenbury lost sheep that were washed into hedges and drowned. It will take a while for them to recover from this summer, not to mention the foot and mouth scare. The old saying that you can't control the weather may be coming back to haunt us.

On the back of the floods we saw the cancellation on the village show. After all the work done it was a bitter blow and I believe only the second cancellation since the war. Let's make next year an extra special one !

I see the Red Lion has changed hands again and has been bought by local lad Cliff Price. The place looks very smart in its new paint job and good luck, Cliff.

While on local businesses, Nigel and Erica have got an application in for their liquor licence and it will be nice to pick up a bottle of wine again at the shop.



So, here we are with the nights drawing in and a feeling that summer has just past us by. I'm off to Scotland soon and I'm not sure I'm looking forward to it ! They tell me it can be quite nice in September.....

But lets stay positive. The autumn colours will be delightful and all the seasons have their charm. It's just that, this year, I can't help feeling we've missed one out !

Ah well, there's always next year. Whatever you do, enjoy it.

Glyn



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Parish Council Report

Millennium Meadow – Move of the overhead power cable

This work has now been completed, with grateful thanks to E.ON Central Networks. This leaves the opportunity for the Meadow to be developed for sporting purposes.

Freighter Service – Household Waste & Furniture etc. Removal

Advance Notice – The one remaining date in 2007 will be **Saturday 13th October:**

Between 11am and 1pm at the Parish Hall Car Park
Any old mattresses, fridges, etc. may be disposed of by this service.

No hazardous substances though, thank you.

Recycling Facilities at the Parish Hall

Unfortunately there has recently sometimes been a delay in the recycling banks being emptied, but hopefully this situation will improve. Please do continue to use these facilities.

Village Green Car Parking Area

The pot holed area near the entry to the site is scheduled to be improved before the end of this year.

Village Green Riverside Trees

The Environment Agency will shortly be carrying out an improvement programme to all the riverside trees along the Village Green. This will involve a certain amount of tree coppicing, and the cut wood will be left on the Village Green for any parishioners to freely take. There will thereafter be a management programme in place to ensure that the trees along the riverbank stay in good shape and in the correct density.

An additional new seat will soon be provided on the village green.

Parish Council External Audit of Accounts has been successfully completed

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

Telephone : 0800 555 111

The next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

All welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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

E-Mail: harding153@hotmail.com

Weobley Theatre Goers

The next production we shall see is 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Malvern on 26 September leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 12.30pm. This is not a traditional production, so, for those of you who are coming, I would recommend you become acquainted with the story before you go! It should be an amazing experience.

As regular theatre-goers with the Group know, we usually see a production in Malvern every 5-6 weeks in the autumn. Sadly, however, the programme for Malvern from September to January is very limited: there are 5 plays running in consecutive weeks (A Midsummer Night's Dream falling in the middle) and then it's all opera for the next few weeks. The only possibility is a Tom Conti comedy at the end of October, but as we saw Tom Conti in a play only last year this didn't seem appropriate. I have looked at other theatres in the area from Brecon to Cheltenham and Cardiff to Birmingham – but haven't come up with any plays I feel would fit the bill.

So, the only other play we shall go to this autumn is **Donkey's Years**, direct from the West End at Malvern on Wed 5 December. "Six former students reunite 25 years after their graduation at Oxbridge College. Sitting at a dinner together, they begin to relive their past in the present."

Please book by 30 November - £23 to include the coach.

Hopefully, the spring programme will be better planned and we will have plenty of choice.

Kate Best – 01544 318513

The Kingspan Insulation Community Trust



Don't forget about the trust. Get your thinking caps on and make a significant difference to your village.



For more information and to apply for a grant visit:
www.KingspanInsulationCommunityTrust.org

Pembridge Community Access Point

Pembridge CAP requests the pleasure of your company at its

Official Launch Evening

Friday
21st September

Photography courtesy of Bob Anderson



7pm till late
Pembridge CE
Primary School

Come to see what you can do at

your CAP! Find out about the free facilities now available in Pembridge. Did you know...

- you can learn how to use a computer or digital camera at your own pace?
- you can keep in touch with distant relatives?
- you can play interactive multi player games on a big screen?

Come along to find out what the CAP can offer to individuals and local businesses.
Refreshments provided

For further information contact:

Henry James
CAP Chair
01544 388002

Su Smith
CAP Vice-Chair
01544 388085

Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer with the CAP to supervise sessions or help others, please come along to the launch and meet the group, who manage the CAP.



Pembridge Amenities Trust Honorary Treasurer Wanted

Pembridge Amenity Trust has a vacancy for the position of honorary treasurer. The Trust is a registered charity with seven trustees, all of whom are volunteers, and an honorary treasurer and secretary.

The Trust is responsible for securing the protection and preservation of features of historic interest in Pembridge and educating the public in the architecture and history of the area.

The Treasurer is responsible for the day to day financial function of the Trust. This involves making all payments on behalf of the Trust, banking receipts, keeping books and records and reconciling the bank and recharging the

Parish Council for work carried out on their behalf.

Preparing annual accounts and financial reports for Trust meetings and preparing and filing the statutory forms for the Charities Commission.

The Treasurer is involved in Meetings with the Trustees and liaise with them and the Secretary on any project reporting.

The Trust holds an average of 4 meeting a year and these last approximately 2 hours.

There are around 4 financial transactions per month. The position would suit someone with a book-keeping or accounting background. Phil Partridge, the previous Treasurer, would help the new person by passing on his knowledge.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Garfield Evans, Chairman, on 01544 388 638

Leominster Shopmobility- Tel: 01568 616755

6 Morris Mews, Leominster

Free services: Offer a wheelchair for a day's shopping as well as privacy for nursing mothers to feed their children together with a free nappy service. They have one of the few warm, dry, clean toilets for the disabled in Leominster. They are an Advice Centre for the disabled, their families and carers.

W.I. News

Sept 12 "Beautiful Landscape of the Marches" an illustrated talk by Mr Alan Bull.

Oct 10 "The Second World War" a talk by Mr Pete Weston.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome and can contact the Secretary, Dianne Davis (388399) for further details.

The Book Fair, postponed in July because of the bad weather, will be held later in the year.