

LEEN TIMES

Frosty nights and autumn is here, leaves changing, carpeting the ground and the veil in the woods fast clearing. Work on the farm never ceases. With maize silage going into the clamp and the final drilling of autumn cereals and broad beans, last spreading of muck and the final grazing by the cattle, the farm moves into winter mode. Milking still carries on morning and evening, every day, but further jobs are added— Feeding, bedding down, mucking out, it keeps on and on. The threat (and regulations) of Foot and Mouth gradually recede, only to be replaced by another raft of problems with Blue Tongue disease.

Building of the new cubicle house, dirty water lagoon and cow tracks have now been virtually completed, just leaving a mass of tidying up and fencing to finish that project. We now have scaffolding all round the end of the house, repairing the roof over some of it. Apart from the hammering and clatter, we have relocated a bit of wildlife and discovered an old mullion window that hasn't seen the light of day for many years. Vegetables have been (mostly) harvested (or ploughed in-as is the case this year!) leaving just the leeks to be harvested over winter. Wild life news: Mass of Swallows and Martins reported a week later than normal.

Blossom on an apple tree the day I was picking the fruit! A Heron flew off the other day from the river side leaving behind a flapping, good sized Trout (11/2lb), only a small puncture wound in the side, so popped it in the pan. It had some fairly well developed eggs in it but it was in good condition and it certainly tasted good! Nice to get one back for a change. Squirrels everywhere-they're having a good time of it- but I'm afraid we will have to start poisoning them- they are doing so much damage.

I keep watching for field mushrooms, ceps and chanterelles but so far—really disappointed. New grandson born!: Hugh Norman to Chris and Sarah, brother to Freddy- more farmers????

Sloe Gin Competition: New Inn, Dec16th. 7.30pm
All the best for Xmas

Tony



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Millennium Meadow

Move of the overhead power cable

This work has now been completed.

The next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday 21st November 2007
at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

All welcome.

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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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(& DOCTOR USUALLY)
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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

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Monday: 9am-1pm & 2.15pm-6.00

Tuesday: 9am-1pm

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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.

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November-December 2007

EDITORIAL

I just can't get used to thinking about Christmas in October. I mean, all the leaves are still on the trees, we've barely had harvest festival and they haven't even started working up to bonfire night yet! But printing deadlines and strategic planning seem to bring it a little further forward each year. No doubt by the time you get this you'll all have done your Christmas shopping. As I write the clouds are low and grey and there's rain in the air..... and that's in Spain!

I notice at long last the water company are installing new pipes down Bridge Street and into Curl View. A long time coming but I'm sure all concerned will be happy with the result. Meanwhile I hope you will all support Julie with her quest for parishioners on the main roads to have a Christmas tree in their front garden. Last year it looked really lovely at night and gave the village a warm glow.

So, no world cup, no grand prix world champion. I tried hard to get excited about it but as we get older life seems to have far more important things closer to home to dwell on things like that too long. And there's always next time. Just saving it all for the Olympics!.....

Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year, even if it is only October!

Glyn

TENNIS CLUB

As many of you know the council is looking into the viability of constructing a tennis court within the village. The council have done some research and it is obvious that a lot more support will be needed to move forward. We do not yet have the necessary number of committed members nor sufficient people to take on the role of committee members or organisers. There is also the need for ongoing maintenance and supervision of access, booking etc.

To qualify for LTA funding we would have to meet strict criteria and without the support of people who are prepared to be involved in the running and maintenance of a tennis club we will not be able to do this.

So this is a final appeal to anyone who is prepared to be involved in the founding and running of a Pembridge tennis club. If you want to get involved please contact cllr John Purslow on 01544 388060

Unless we can get enough people involved it will be impossible to make it work as a viable proposition.

Apology

Last issue I mentioned the Red Lion and wished Cliff well. Unfortunately I failed to mention Nicky his wife who gave me a stiff talking to in the shop later. So good luck Nicky and keep up the good work!

SUNDAY TIMES 1966



In August 1966 the Sunday times produced an article on Pembridge portraying it as a village lost in time. It's a fascinating article and I will publish excerpts from it over the coming months

This is the front cover of the colour supplement and shows the village phone box in use. Can you identify the little girl or the mother making the call? I will publish more as I have space.

PEMBRIDGE AMENITY TRUST

The Trustees would like to thank Phil Partridge for his contribution as treasurer to the Trust. Phil resigned earlier this year when he moved to Hereford. The Trustees are delighted to welcome Wendy Douglas as the new Treasurer. Wendy was brought up in the area and has returned to

CHRISTMAS TREES

Last year thanks to a grant the parish council were able to buy Christmas lights and trees for the village. This was a great success, the village looked magical when it was dark. We would like to do it again this year, we have the lights and spare sets and will supply the trees. This year we are asking if tree sponsors could take on the responsibility of including them on their own household insurance. Everyone would be supplied with low voltage ,outside , LCD lights plus a RCD breaker for safety.

If you had a tree last year could you let me know if you would like one this year? I have spare sets of lights so it would be nice to put up more this year. If you have space for one or could suggest a good position please let me know. I would appreciate it if I could have the list of tree places by November 20th.

Julie Mifflin tel.388414

SCHOOL CAR PARK

For health and safety reasons the school car park has been closed to parents. Therefore there are now more people walking to and from their cars and homes to school with children at 9am-9.15 am and again at 3.30 and 4.30. Please would motorists using Bearwood road at those times take a little extra care.

MILLENNIUM MEADOW

The work developing the meadow halted over a year ago while we waited for central networks to bury the electric cable as it was dangerous to have overhead cables in a playing field. This has now been completed and we can now start the next stage. We need more committee members and more ideas , if you are interested please come to a meeting on November 22nd at the village hall.

PENBRIDGE SHOW.

The AGM is being held on November 14th. Everyone welcome with new ideas to keep our sixty seven year old show running. We are holding a race evening in February to help cover some of the cancellation costs, more details in next issue The under 5s at Pembridge preschool had all produced paintings and money boxes made from recycled materials. It was decided that we would judge these at the village hall so they wouldn't be disappointed. The winners were -

Recycled money box

1st Oliver Lloyd,
2nd Louis Gateley ,
joint 3rd Louise Samson and Zoe Bennet

Painting

1st Georgie Jones,
2nd Archie Roberts,
joint 3rd Felicity Layton and Darwin Bissell.

(Well done all of you, ed.)



YOUR VILLAGE GREEN

It is generally considered that the village green is a valuable asset of the village and provides unique opportunities for recreation and leisure for parishioners and visitors alike.

Recently a car parking area has been designated and plans are afoot to improve the entry area by filling the potholes before a more permanent solution is provided, possibly financed by a Kingspan Insulation Community Trust grant. In order to focus more time and energy on the maintenance and development of the potential of the green your Parish Council has decided to set up a Working Group which will report to the Council on maintenance matters, recommend and maintain a 5 year plan for the green and oversee any project work that is approved by the Council. The Working Group will consist of 6 parishioners, at least two of whom will be Councillors. Bob Pierce and I have agreed to fill the councillors' posts, Tony Norman with his widespread knowledge of local wildlife and the green has volunteered as one parishioner which leaves three to be recruited. If you are interested in the green and its development, have the time to attend occasional meetings, be available to possibly monitor or supervise work and would like to be a Group member then let me (388767) or Bob Pierce (388682) know.

Currently we are awaiting the result of a grant application to the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust for funds to develop the north east section of the green as a nature conservation area to protect and encourage local flora and fauna and complement the activity section on the northwest of the green.

Ken Myers (Vice Chairman)

PENBRIDGE ART MARKET

The number of art markets and similar art events in the county seems to be increasing every year yet the popularity of the Pembridge Art Market with both exhibitors and the public does not diminish.

This year saw an increase in the number of paintings displayed over last year and a very encouraging number sold. The quality of work was high and local artists were well represented. Olwyn Parker of Leominster donated the raffle prize, a very eye-catching oil, which was won by Rene Fothergill who the previous day had expressed a keen desire to win it.

The Art Market committee is pleased to be able to donate £280 to the Pembridge Amenity Trust specifically for the development of the parish's Millennium Meadow.

The committee would like to thank all artists and visitors for their support as well as those volunteers who gave of their time to make this another successful art market, in particular Lindsay Simpson whose first year it was as the Art Market manager.

Ken Myers (Chairman)



HEREFORD COUNCILLORS

REPORT

Lady Hawkins School

This September the School celebrated the 375th Anniversary of its founding in 1632. Lady Hawkins, a daughter of the Vaughan family of Hergest Court, was the widow of Sir John Hawkins and left the bequest for a school in her will when she died in 1625. The Founders Day service held every year on or about the 29th September. This year the theme was Slavery and Freedom; this was particularly relevant as Sir John who as an Admiral of Queen Elizabeth the first's fleet not only fought the Spaniards but also was one of the founders of the Slave trade.

The School which is one of 14 High Schools in the County and is attended by 480 pupils has recently been awarded a Specialist College Status in Humanities in recognition of the excellence in Geography, History and English. The aims are to extend learning opportunities, broaden pupil experiences and understanding in a wider local, national and global context.

Lady Hawkins has always been proud of its strong community links and continues to have good results at both G.C.S.E and A Level.

Summer 2007

This has been a difficult summer for the County with record levels of rainfall having an impact on our tourism and infrastructure with over 2.5 million pounds worth of damage to Schools, Roads and Bridges. The Foot and Mouth and Blue Tongue outbreaks have been devastating for Farming with restrictions and collapse of livestock prices. The continual restrictions and lack of access to a genuine export market may have long-term consequences for our Community. Herefordshire landscape has long relied on the mixture of arable and livestock farming for its attractiveness and our Cattle and Sheep are important component in that. In my entire ward, which goes out to the Welsh Border, there are only 3 Dairy farmers producing milk. The Council is supporting the promotion for British Food and Farming in all our schools and we as consumers must ensure that the retailers are giving a fair price to the producer. Fairtrade is a concept not just for foreign goods but those produced at home as well.

Highways

I have reported to the Parish Council that the pothole team has been around the Parish roads. The Milton crossroad alterations which is a dangerous junction given the volume of traffic has now been completed but the length of time taken has been an issue. During the next month I have meetings with HGV operators and the Shobdon Aerodrome to discuss parishioner concerns.

Roger

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RECYCLING

If you have a domestic appliance that on longer works or you no longer need don't just bin it ! Social Enterprise have started a scheme where they will take you old appliance, refurbish it (if possible) . This work helps to make vocational training available to teenagers as well as provide opportunities to offer adults with disabilities employment and training. For more information and a leaflet call : 01905 766883 or visit: www.wastemissionimpossible.org.uk for a copy.

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W.I. NEWS

Nov 1 ANNUAL MEETING and election of the President and members of the Committee for 2008.

We shall be entertained by Val Bingham & Joyce Hughes with "Poems and Readings on the subject of Men"

Dec 12 CHRISTMAS MEETING when John Turrell will talk about "Children's Games and Songs" and members will exchange Christmas gifts.

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.