

Leen Times

Frosty nights and raw days, right in the middle of the Shooting/Hunting season just make it feel right for the countryside in winter. In the middle of one of the drives the other day a Barn Owl flew gently between the guns to have a cap lifted to him/her.

Most of the cattle are now housed. With the prospect of the first grazing again in a couple of months our thoughts turn again to a new spring. We have the prospect of better prices, for a change, but costs of feed, fuel, labour and machinery etc. are already beginning to eat into anything extra we might make. Spare a thought for those that have Beef and Sheep- their returns have gone down-No wonder we are seeing more land ploughed up around the parish.

Wildlife News: 3 Salmon spawning (Redds) just below the bridge at the Leen- They spent 3 nights, each digging about a barrow load of gravel with stones up to the size of a good coffee mug to cover their eggs laid in a cut made in the fast flowing water. Many eggs are unfortunately lost, to be grabbed by hungry Grayling. The Brown Trout having mostly moved out of the main river to spawn themselves in the little brooks and streams. I watched them for a while the other day continually attempting to get up the weir, a major hazard for them, but an opportunity for the Otter, as shown by the fish heads found later.

Talking of fish. We (parishioners) have about a quarter of a mile of some of the best fishing on the Arrow-on the Village Green. Hardly anyone uses it and I wondered if anyone would be interested in forming a Pembridge fishing club? Maybe we could make it better, learn a bit from each other or just talk fishing- get in touch if you would like to meet sometime.

My volunteers have been doing sterling work, helping with various wildlife tasks around the farm- clearing pools/the river/making otter holt/planting hedges/ /coppicing/pollarding/bridge building and much much more.

Again if you would like to team up for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning please get in touch. Have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year Tony Norman tony@leenfarmorganics.co.uk

P.S. Ceinwen (will I ever spell it!) won the Sloe Gin competition again!! A brilliant sample (best of 26 entries)- Well Done



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

CURRENT LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS:

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Cllr. Robert Pierce	01544 388682
Cllr. Roger Phillips	
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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.

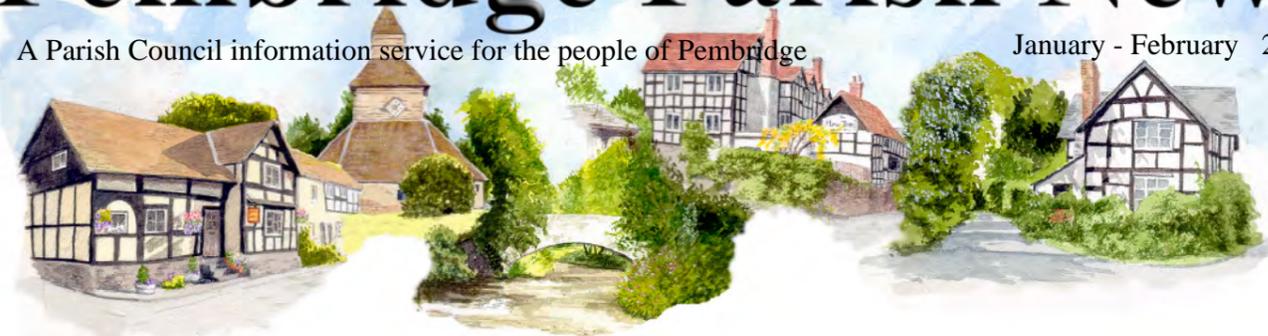
Call NHS direct on

0845 46 47

Pembridge Parish News

A Parish Council information service for the people of Pembridge

January - February 2008



Editorial

Well, here we are starting another new year. I hope we can look forward to a bit more of a summer than last year. I must say how nice the Christmas trees looked again this year, such a good idea from Julie. This year I hope to see more items from you all regarding things past and things to come. I will be serialising segments of the Sunday Times article from 1966 with a selection of pictures for you to comment on.

Heather Harding is standing down as Parish Clerk and I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years. She will be very difficult to replace.

I know it's early but now is the time to start thinking about things like the village show and whether you can lend a hand. The more people who are prepared to help the more things the village can create or produce to bring it alive as a community. Community involvement is the difference between a village and a collection of families living in close proximity as individual units. It would be nice to think we are a village.

I hope you enjoyed the festive season and your New Years resolutions are still intact. If we can avoid the floods this year and have a nice early spring it would be a bonus.

I shall be heading for warmer climes shortly so will be writing the next issue without cold feet and three jumpers ! Have a safe and happy New Year and a fruitful 2008.

Glyn

This poem, written by Linnet Pearson, Joyce's eldest daughter, shortly after the Sunday Times visit, was kindly sent to me by Sheila Jones.

Such is Fame!

They said they'd like to take some pictures

Paid us such a compliment.

Said we'd be one of the features

In their colour supplement.

The "Sunday Times" required, they said.

A place like Pembridge, tucked away,

But what a let-down when we read

"The village that is here to stay."

So, if you find the facts reported

Tasteless, let me say, the fault

Lies in the way they were distorted,

Take it with a pinch of salt!

Linnet Pearson. 111a.

Village Children Make a difference



Take a bow April, Ben and Nadine. These three stars decided, to make a difference for children in need. Off their own bat they set up a stall outside the village shop and stocked it with a selection of items that they had collected. In the space of a few hours they had collected around £100.

This really is an amazing effort and gives all us grumpy adults an excellent reason to have faith in the children of today. These three young people are a credit to the village and I hope they will continue to show this community spirit in the years to come. Well done !

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.

The mystery of the lady in the phone box was very quickly solved as I received lots of calls regarding her. (Kath Aston was, as usual, a fountain of knowledge) She was Joyce Pearson with her youngest daughter Ruth. Her husband Harold was the village postman for many years and was very well thought of by all accounts. Joyce is still with us and lives near her family in Berkhamstead. Thank you all for your replies.



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Parish Council Report

Parish Freighter Service for 2008 – Rubbish Removal

Three Saturday dates have been arranged for the Freighter and small box van to be present at the Parish Hall during 2008. Any unwanted white goods or items of furniture can be collected, as well as general household rubbish (no hazardous materials please) :-

Saturday 26th April between 11am and 1pm
Saturday 9th August between 11am and 1pm
Saturday 8th November between 8am and 10 am

Development of the Village Green

It is anticipated that development of the North East side of the village green and riverside as a conservation area for plants and animals will take place later this year. More news about this later on.

The next Parish Council Meeting

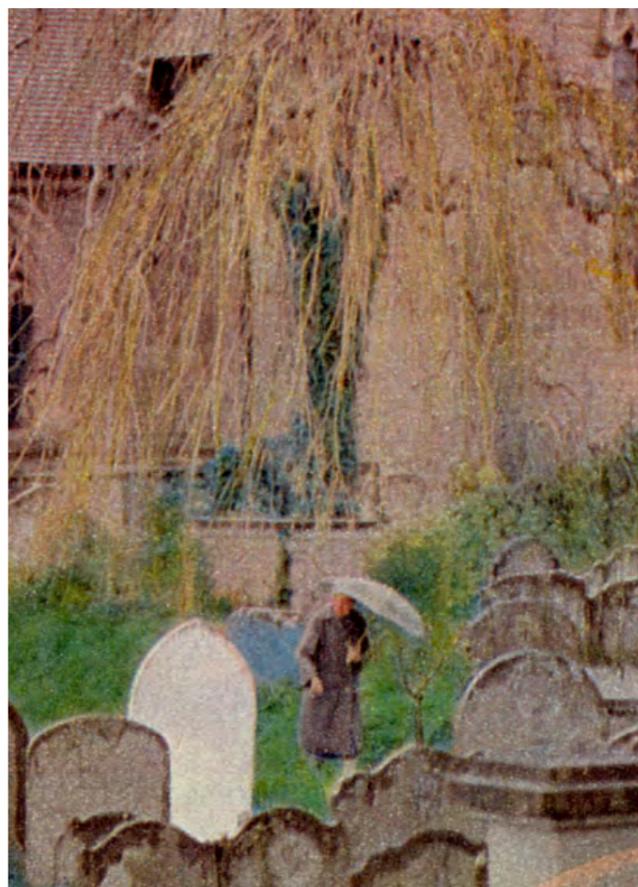
Will be held on Wednesday 16th January 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.
All welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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

E-Mail: harding153@hotmail.com

May we wish you all a Very Happy New Year



A lone parishioner crosses the churchyard in 1966. Note the gravestones in the foreground and the tomb in front of the weeping willow. And so overgrown! All gone now.

Weobley News

Ballroom Dancing

The next course of Ballroom Dancing in Hopelands, Weobley Village Hall, starts on Friday 1st February 2008 and finishes on 14th March. There is always room for new members - if you are willing to follow a pretty steep learning curve. This will be the 7th term of dancing, and the cost is £20 per person for the seven-session course. If you are interested, please ring me on 01544 318513.

Kate Best



Weobley Theatre Goers

The spring programme is now out for Malvern and there are so many excellent shows on that it has been very difficult to choose what to see! However, being dictated somewhat by the intervals we need between the shows, I've reserved tickets for **Wed 6th February** to see 'Legal Fictions' by John Mortimer, with Edward Fox: "The writer of Rumpole of the Bailey brings his insider knowledge to this hilarious double-bill of legal drama. The Dock Brief and Edwin use barbed wit and judicial humour to show that the law can make an ass of any of us." The cost for this will be £23.50 to include the coach, leaving Bell Square at 12.30 pm. **Please book by 5th January 2008.**

From a drama we move to a musical - Joe McGann in 'Fiddler on the Roof'. This is about a Jewish village in Tsarist Russia, where dairyman Tevye is doing his best to preserve tradition in the face of a changing world. This is on **Wednesday 19th March**, leaving Bell Square, as usual, at 12.30 pm. Tickets will be £27.00. **Please book by 17th February.**

I am hoping to make a booking for the summer musical trip to Cardiff very soon, but haven't got the dates quite yet. We will be going to see **South Pacific** sometime in July and I will need to book the seats quite early in the year. If you would like to put your name down, please let me know as soon as possible. Confirmation of dates will be out in January.

Anyone is welcome to dip in and out of the programme as and when you wish! For further information or to book, please ring me on 01544 318513.

Kate Best

W.I. News

Jan 9 Mrs Edna Pollard will talk on "The History of Fans".

Jan 16 Annual Lunch at The Kings House, Pembridge.

Feb 13 Mrs Jenny Moore on the Architect and Goldsmith Louis Osman, "The Man of Gold", who lived at

Harpton Court, Old Radnor.

At the Annual Meeting in November Mrs Tricia Lloyd was elected President. Committee members for 2008 are Nora Barrett, Pat Bough, Dianne Davis, Hilary Nunn, Pat Teal and Sue Threlfall.

Meetings, unless arranged as away visits, are held in Pembridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome and can contact the Secretary, Dianne Davis (01544 388399) for further details.

For all dog lovers.....

If It Should Be

If it should be that I grow weak,
And pain should keep me from my sleep,
Then you must do what must be done,
For this last battle can't be won.

You will be sad – I understand,
Don't let your grief stay your hand,
For this day more than all the rest,
Your love for me must stand the test.

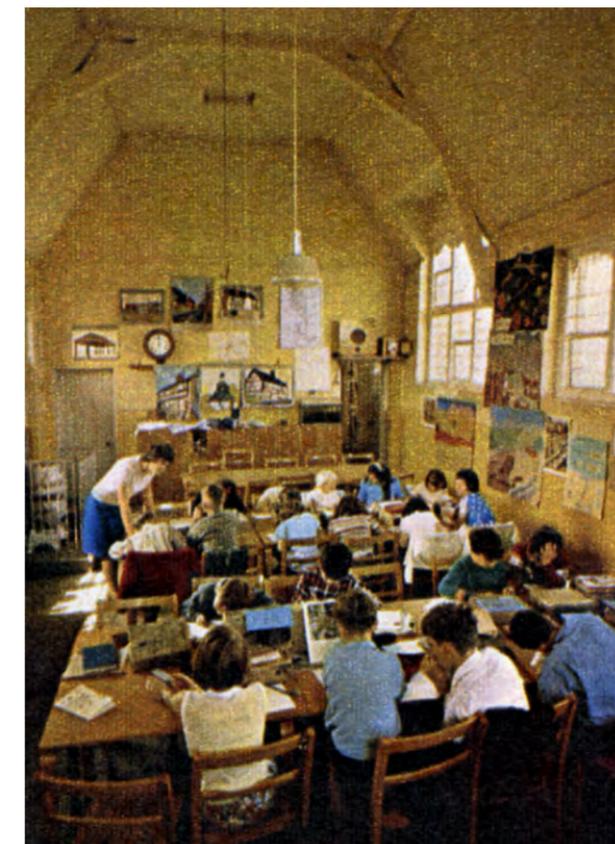
We've had so many happy years,
What is to come can hold no fears,
You'd not want me to suffer so,
The time has come, please let me go.

Take me where my needs they'll tend,
And please stay with me until the end,
Hold me firm and speak to me,
Until my eyes no longer see.

I know in time that you will see,
The kindness that you do for me,
Although my tail its last has waved,
From pain and suffering I've been saved.

Please do not grieve it must be you,
Who has this painful thing to do,
We've been so close, we two these years,
Don't let your heart hold back its tears.

Pembridge School 1966



This picture of the school in 1966 shows a slightly younger Mrs Aston hard at work in the class. Can you see yourself here? Let me know if you can or tell me any interesting stories relating to the picture.

I will gradually publish all the picture, and some of the text from the Sunday Times article over the coming year. Please keep an eye out for it and let me have any anecdotes you may have regarding the visit or relevant stories about the people shown in the article.

Poppy Appeal

Sharon O'Hare would like to thank everyone who collected or contributed to the wonderful total of **£3237.48**.

The breakdown of this figure is as follows;

Shobdon Collection	374.40
Pembridge House to House and Static Collections	1381.18
Pembridge British Legion Donation	100.00
British Legion Wreaths	36.00
Pembridge Church Collection	412.32
Staunton Church Collection	146.87
Staunton Church Donation	60.00
Radnor & West Hereford Hunt Cap	726.71
Total	3237.48

I especially would like to thank all my collectors who so readily give their time for this worthy cause.

The Kingspan Insulation Community Trust

Do you have an idea for, or a live project that aims to:

- support the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- encourage biodiversity (the variety and number of plants and animals);
- improve the health and fitness of young people through recreation; or
- promote road safety.

Is the project site, are the beneficiaries of the project or are you or your group located within the three Parishes of Shobdon, Pembridge and Kingsland?

Do you need funding to carry out the project?

If you can answer yes to all of these questions you could qualify for funding from the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust. Please read on to find out more.

The Kingspan Insulation Community Trust has been set up in order to benefit the residents of the three Parishes of Shobdon, Pembridge and Kingsland. Funding can be given for projects that meet the criteria laid out above.

A 'pot' of money from a minimum of £500 to a maximum of £25,000 will be made available twice a year. There will be deadlines set for applications, and the Trustees of the Trust will decide at their absolute discretion which applications will receive grants.

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

The closing date for applications for the current round of grants is October 31, 2006.