

## LEEN TIMES

Although we haven't had the flooding of last year (so far!) the ground is really wet, with some of the harvestable crops beginning to suffer around the Parish. Although we farmers have been known to moan occasionally about the weather, there is often another side to the coin. In our case, the grass just keeps on growing (so I can moan about mowing the lawn) and this the cows turn into milk. So there is some reasonably cheap milk being produced at the moment. The cows are calving apace with 8-10 calves a day. The veg. harvest is just getting going with a reasonable crop of Broccoli going into box schemes around the country.

Farewell Old Friend. The title of a piece written recently about Frank Smith; father, grandfather, partner and indeed friend to this family, to many people in this Parish and the County. He worked so hard, so long and so well for all those things he cared for, a truly wonderful man, with always a bit of fun and a sparkle!

Wildlife news: Young Barn Owls at the Leen. Red Kite seen by several people. Swans hatched 8 off the Pools here, kept them going for about 6 weeks with only one loss until the day came when they went over the weir and couldn't get back up! Thankfully someone took a photo on the Village Green so I knew they were OK. Fungi are beginning to appear, for the first time I have found some local Chanterelles as well as the usual Field Mushrooms and the Ceps. Swallows and martins are struggling a bit; lets wish them well for their long trip over the sea and desert and for the trip back again!

The River is fishing really well at the moment with good numbers of Trout being caught on the Green and elsewhere. Fishing Club meeting is on the Village Green on the first Friday (5<sup>th</sup>) in September at 6pm. The next is Fri Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at The New Inn to decide the future of the Club.

Let me know if you see any interesting wildlife around the parish:

[tony@leenfarmorganics.co.uk](mailto:tony@leenfarmorganics.co.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### Parish Freighter Service for 2008 – Rubbish Removal

One further Saturday date has 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 8<sup>th</sup> November between **8am and 10 am**

### Children's Playground

Some vandalism has occurred again in the playground. Residents are asked to be vigilant, and to report any suspicious activity in the children's playground, either to the Clerk, one of the Parish Councillors, or Crimestoppers on tel: 0800 555 111 anonymously.

### The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wed. 17. September

All are welcome. A Guest Speaker from the Environment Agency will attend the following meeting on Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>

October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, to discuss the proposed new flood defence plan. Everyone welcome. See the separate feature in this magazine.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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



KINGTON RURAL  
LOCAL POLICING TEAM  
WEEKLY BULLETIN



Thefts of garden and farm machinery have been on the increase and it is important you keep expensive machinery locked away safely. Quad bikes and other such vehicles are easily sold on, making them an ever-increasing target.

### Crime Stoppers

Check out Crime Stoppers website for information on crime prevention and how to report information on crime or suspicious incidents anonymously on [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM ON:**

08457 444 888 EXT: 4535  
KINGTON RURAL LINE - 01432 346711  
OR PCSO DONNA JONES - 07970602340.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE INFORMATION WE PROVIDE IS TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. WE DO NOT WANT IT TO WORRY YOU IN ANY WAY. THESE INCIDENTS ARE INFREQUENT AND SPREAD ABOUT A WIDE AREA. WE ARE LIVING IN A VERY PLEASANT AND PEACEFUL AREA.**

IF REPORTING ANY INCIDENTS THAT NEEDS AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE THEN DIAL 08457 444 888 (OR FOR AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999.) **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LOCAL POLICING OFFICER DIRECT FOR THIS SERVICE.**

[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

## W.I. NEWS

**Sept 9th** The Book Club will meet at Pat Baugh's Oak Cottage, Pembridge at 3 p.m.

**Sept 10th** Mr D Trumper will give a talk on "Windsor"

**Sept 24th** The Walking group will meet for a ramble around Wapley, meet at the market hall in Pembridge at 2 p.m.

**October 8th** " Poems and Readings on the Subject of Men" by V.Bingham and J Hughes. This is the evening of Our Show with lots of competitions.

**October 13th** The Book Club will meet at Trish Lloyd's The Granary Broxwood at 3 p.m. Meetings, unless otherwise stated are held in Pembridge village hall at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome and can contact the secretary, **Dianne Davis (01544388399)** for further details



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## POST OFFICE TO CLOSE !

### EDITORIAL

Well, I've just received this devastating news. Most of you will know by the time you read this as it is to be announced on August 27th. Although there is a 'consultation period' it is to be replaced with a service in the Village Hall car park. The opening hours are proposed as 7 hours per week. This is a truly serious blow to the community and must now make the village shop an even more difficult business proposition. Many elderly residents will find it very difficult to get to the car park and without the regular income from the P.O. I fear for the viability of the shop. Were we to lose it the village would be a much poorer place.

The savage cuts in the post office along with the privatisation of the service has done more to disrupt rural life than anything since Beeching destroyed the railway system in the early 1960's. We have been paying the price for his tunnel vision for the last 40 years and this axing of the post offices system will have the same effect. We in the rural areas no longer count. We're a minority that has no say in our future because Westminster only takes notice of the urban and city dweller, the ones that have the muscle when the votes are counted. Makes you sick. Well, another "summer" twitches in its death throws. Sort of started badly and fell away! Mild it may have been but sunny it was not. Even the wildlife has been keeping out of the weather and sightings of anything have been few and far between. Just as well the Olympics have been a success. A bright spot in a dismal summer. Oh dear, the Bulls have lost their first 2 games of the season..... Roll on Christmas !

Glyn

## PEMBRIDGE ART MARKET

The annual Pembridge art market will be held in the village hall from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. As usual there will be work by local artists and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to your support and are sure you will enjoy the exhibits as well as having a chat with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Who knows you might even win an original water colour in the raffle.

## GREAT DAY FOR THE SHOW



Picture by Lizzie Duffield, Pembridge

The Pembridge Show had a very successful day in July with good weather, a full programme of trotting races and plenty of things to see and do. With the sun coming out and a gentle breeze lots of families headed down.

The gate was up this year and after all invoices are in and paid I hope we will have made around £1,500.00 profit. This is a great relief as the show has struggled to break even over the last year or so.

The Show Committee would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. K. Johnson for allowing us to hold our show in their field, all helpers, exhibitors, judges and the public who attended the show, without their support we would not be able to hold the show.

Mrs. M. Williams and Mr. Tong of Bearwood won 11 cups between them in the horticultural marquee, other winners included locals Mrs. B. Petrie and Sarah Norman, with Jonty Goody winning the cup for the most points in the children's section.

There was a lovely atmosphere at the show this year and the sunshine came out to make it a perfect day.

Lets hope we have turned a corner and we can build on this for next year. Thank you all once again.

Joyce Price

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer.

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## SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS FOR JUST £10,000

Pembridge Primary School are seeking to raise £10,000 towards a wooden sprung floor for their new school hall. Parents, former pupils, local businesses and community members are being asked to 'sponsor a floorboard' in return for their name (or any name they wish) being engraved, in perpetuity, on a wall mounted 'mini floorboard' in the new school hall, commemorating all donations. The minimum donation for a commemorative floorboard is £10. To-date, over £2,500 has been raised. The new school hall will offer a great deal more space and flexibility for our popular and successful village school that continues to expand year-on-year with pupil numbers topping 100 in April. In addition, the hall will also be made available for use by the local community outside school hours. The inclusion of a wooden sprung floor will allow the children and future hall users a much safer and higher-quality environment in which to operate. With the school producing two, major theatrical productions annually and utilising it daily for assemblies, sport, dance, music and drama, a quality floor covering is essential. Donations can be made in 'mini floorboard blocks' of £10, £50, £100 or £500 with the size of donation recognized on the wall-mounted 'commemorative floorboard'. All donations would be gratefully received and cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Pembridge School".

### PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.

For further information, please contact the school office on 01544 388366 or email: [office@pembridge.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:office@pembridge.hereford.sch.uk)

Christmas Floral Demonstration  
Pembridge Village Hall  
**Monday December 2nd at 7.30pm**  
Ticket to include a glass of wine and a mince pie!  
Proceeds in aid of the Pembridge Flower Festival  
For details phone  
Jean on : 01544 388393 or  
Trish on: 01544 340340



Last year's floods were a wake up call on climate change for all of us. If global warming is to be stopped everybody has to do their bit and that includes businesses like Kingspan Insulation.

What you may not know, is that for many years Kingspan has been ahead of the game on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, keeping its impact on the environment to a bare minimum through its climate change action plan. The company regularly works with independent experts to help find opportunities to make improvements.

Earlier this year for instance, a combined heat and power (CHP) system was installed at Kingspan's plant, allowing the whole site to benefit from energy generated by a much more efficient system. It is expected that this will lead to a big reduction in annual carbon dioxide emissions.

Old fashioned lighting units have been replaced with more efficient modern equivalents, each one twice as effective as the older models. So far, more than 70% of the old units have been replaced cutting out unnecessary use of electricity.

On the factory floor where large motors were using more electricity than needed, the installation of energy demand control systems has further cut the amount of power being used.

Traditionally diesel-powered forklifts have been used to transport goods around the site, but new LPG versions can do the same job with far fewer carbon emissions, so more than 30 of the old forklifts are being replaced with these more efficient vehicles.

Kingspan takes both its environmental and community responsibilities seriously and this is one of the reasons for the creation of the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust. The first two years of the Trust have flown by and during this time nearly £100,000 has been distributed to some excellent local projects, including several to help the environment.

Funding was recently awarded to Lady Hawkins High School allowing them to help improve the school grounds and encourage biodiversity. This support has enabled students to plant cherry trees, daisies and a variety of shrubs in an area of the grounds that was previously just empty scrubland.

The students have also made the area more appealing to wildlife by installing bird boxes which will work together with the carefully chosen plants resulting in a suitable habitat for a number of different species. Bat boxes, a wormery and a bee bank have also been installed.

Not only will the students at the school benefit from the more appealing natural environment, the increased biodiversity will make for great learning opportunities and help to keep them fit, especially as they have done the lion's share of the planting work!

## HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

### Your Refuse Collection Service

The current 3.5 million pound Waste Collection contract is up for renewal and a new contract will come into place in summer 2009. Although the Council has come under significant pressure to get rid of the weekly bag collection and provide a biweekly service we have decided to retain the principle of a weekly plastic bag collection. Given the issues of health and hygiene particularly in rural areas we believe ratepayers would want the opportunity to retain this service.

In addition at the moment recycling is offered to 72% of all the County's households including Pembridge village on a fortnightly basis. It is proposed in the new contract to extend this to all Herefordshire properties as is practically possible (over 90%). They will be collected fortnightly and include glass, paper, cardboard, metals, plastic but not clothing. We will do all the sorting at one of our central collection points. All these collections will be kerbside any elderly, disabled or infirmed resident can inform us of their condition and we will collect from anywhere agreed on their property.

Because we are collecting mixed recyclates including glass we will need to collect them in a rigid container. We will be giving all residents a choice as to the size of this wheeled rigid containers so it will be appropriate to their circumstances. In those rare situations where the resident has nowhere to store this bin we will provide a bagged service. This will be assessed by an officer before collections start. The cost of not going down this route is just not viable. The aim is to increase Herefordshire's recycling rate to well over 40% by 2012 and well beyond in the future. A failure to do so will increase the amount of Landfill Tax currently standing at £48 per tonne and could rise to nearly £200 per tonne.

### Radiotherapy Centre

The Radiotherapy Centre for Hereford has now been confirmed. There has been a lot of work done by many people and organisations. As a Council we have been lobbying via our Health Scrutiny committee for the centre getting Worcestershire and Gloucestershire to support us. I have personally been liaising with Cllr Michael Jones the Leader of Powys Council to ensure the distance factor that people have to travel for treatment to Cheltenham is well understood.

The Chairman of the Herefordshire Primary Care Trust and myself have had meeting with Welsh Assembly officials in Cardiff to lobby them to continue to support our Acute Hospital in Hereford. Currently 10% of all patients treated at Hereford come from Wales and it is important that that they continue to help the financial viability and retain the services at our acute hospital.

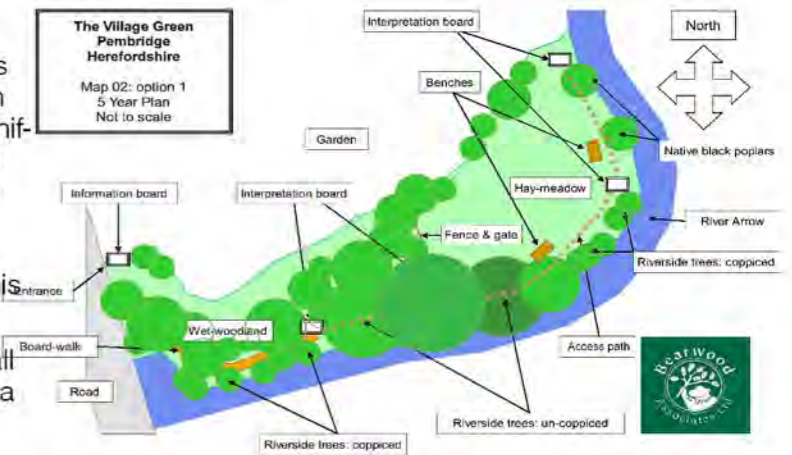
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## VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT



This report was prepared in advance of a meeting of the Parish Council on 27<sup>th</sup> August to approve a scheme proposed by the Village Green Working Group put together in conjunction with the consultant environmental company Bearwood Associates Ltd.

Following investigations by Bearwood Associates into the flora and fauna of the green it was felt that the creation of a wet woodland area and a natural grassland area would be most appropriate. The wet woodland would be an example of a rare habitat, most having been grubbed up in the distant past for meadow and pasture, and would enhance the biodiversity of the site. The result would have great amenity and educational value as there are no such local woodlands available to our community.

As a contrast to the woodland the development of a grassland area, by mowing and seeding, will produce an ecologically valuable species rich meadow.

The plan of the development shows a boardwalk/pathway to guide visitors through the area along with seats and interpretation boards.

If any Parishioner wishes to know more about the project or has any questions then they have the opportunity either by attending the September or October Parish Council meetings or by contacting the Clerk to the Council.

## BONFIRE NIGHT IS BACK !!

The Millennium Meadow Committee are pleased to announce the return of the traditional village bonfire on the Millennium Meadow on 5th November.

The event will open at 7.00 with the judging of a guy competition and fireworks will start at 7.30.

The guy competition is open to individuals or teams of up to 4 young people.

You may have seen collection boxes for the fireworks fund, please contribute generously to make this event whizz along.

More details to follow."