

## LEEN TIMES

It has felt like the beginnings of a proper winter this year with clear days and nights of frost. The Fieldfares and Redwings have made very short work of the berries this year with clouds of them now moving onto the frosted apples.

The milking machinery freezes up very easily if it is not drained down properly at night, causing real problems at 5 a.m.! However we learn and the milking parlour soon becomes tolerable with 50 cows inside and warm milk filling all the pipes.

I watched the Trout and Salmon again this year trying to jump several of the weirs. Many of them succeeded because I found over 50 Salmon Redds (where they have laid their eggs) on a stretch of the Arrow between Eardisland and Titley including 5 on the Village Green.

Grandparent duties now have to be expanded enough for 'doubles' with a lad (James) born to Rich and Pip. I am not sure if they will increase to a 'football team'-we shall see! Wild life news A visitor from the continent in the form of a Little Egret (a small white Heron) has been seen on the river.

Young Henry Shipley took this photo of a Slow worm. I haven't seen one for a number of years; they are really legless lizards and can be seen to be different from snakes by their eyelids. Very well spotted.

I have a hardy team of volunteers help me every Sunday morning with various wildlife tasks around the farm (or elsewhere in the parish). It may be planting trees, clearing rubbish, coppicing, making log piles or doing many other jobs that can give the wildlife a helping hand If you would like to help, let me know.

And if you do see any interesting wildlife or farming do tell me about it:

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*Tony*

## Slow worm 'a coming



## BONFIRE NIGHT



I'm afraid I was away for this great event but I am told it was a great success. Thank you to everyone involved and please let's do it again next year !!

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There is no report this issue due to the Christmas break.

[Please address any inquiries to the Clerk: Mrs. Heather Harding, 153 Bargates, Leominster. HR6 8QT Tel: 01568 612143](#)

## Poppy Appeal

(Pembridge, Shobdon, Staunton and Moorcourt)

This year's Poppy Appeal raised an incredible £3702.59, an increase of over £400 on last year's total. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank Gordon and Tula Ticehurst for coordinating the collection in Shobdon and all my collectors for their time so freely given to this worthy cause.

Sharon O'Hare

Poppy Appeal Organiser



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# Pembridge Parish News

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## CALLING THOSE RESIDENTS WHO MAY HAVE A 'RIGHT OF COMMON' ON PEMBRIDGE VILLAGE GREEN IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CHECK YOUR PROPERTY DEEDS

**(THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEDULE 3 TO THE COMMONS ACT 2006)**

The Commons Registration Act 1965 did not require the registers of common land and town or village green prepared under that Act to be kept up-to-date. Provision was made to register certain events, but compliance was optional.

**Schedule 3 to the Commons Act 2006 and Part 4 of the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008 made provision for updating the commons registers** during a transitional period to capture events since 1970 which have not yet been registered, so as to ensure that the registers are accurate and reliable records as a basis for improved management.

The events which may be registered during the transitional period are:

- (i) the creations, surrender, variation apportionment, transfer or extinguishments of a right of common;
- (ii) legal events affecting registered land or registered rights of common, such as a compulsory purchase order, and the giving of any land in exchange.

The transitional period will begin in the county of Herefordshire on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The transitional application period, during which applications may be made without charge, will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**Failure to register any qualifying events may result in:**

- (i) a fee becoming payable for any application made after the end of the transitional period;
- (ii) refusal to register a qualifying event pursuant to an application made after the end of the transitional applications period, if it would be unfair to grant the application by reason of any reliance placed on the registers since the end of that period; and
- (iii) the extinguishments of any unregistered rights of common, or the revival of any rights previously surrendered or extinguished.

**Applications to amend the register must be made** on the appropriated application form, available from the address below or from the commons registration pages of the Council's website: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk). Guidance Notes to applicants are available from DEFRA's website: [www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/issues/common/registration/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/issues/common/registration/index.htm)

**Further information may be obtained from: Commons Registration Office, Franklin House, 4 Commercial Road, Hereford. HR1 2BB or Tel: 01432 261991**

## EDITORIAL

Well, here we are and another festive season has come and gone. I must say I thought the village looked a real picture this year and all credit to those involved in the lights and trees. First class. Also it was great to have the bonfire night back. Another roaring success !!

But amongst these nice moments hangs the gloom of deep recession and in the new year thoughts will turn to jobs and making ends meet. It's hard enough to make a living in the rural economy even in the good times so heaven knows what this next year or so will bring. But we are lucky that we live in one of the most beautiful counties in England and the sun will still come up each morning. Sometimes we forget that the simple things are often the best. Maybe this recession will help us take stock and get away a bit from the mad consumerism that has gripped us for so long.

In a week or so I will be heading off to Spain to paint. The oranges will be ready for picking now and the groves a carpet of wild flowers. I must admit I'm not a fan of England in the winter, even though it can be very pretty.

I do hope you all had a happy time over Christmas and the New Year and can look forward to 2009 with at least some optimism !! It may not be as bad as forecast. Lets hope so anyway. At least the nights will start their gradual withdrawal now and the Spring is next on the horizon.

Ah, lambs and daffodils I can't wait !

*Glyn*

## CHRISTMAS TREES & LIGHTS MAKE THE VILLAGE SPECIAL

See inside for details



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# HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

## Herefordshire Councillor's Report

### A44 speed figures

Herefordshire Council carried out a speed survey on A44 during the Autumn near the proposed pedestrian crossing site by the Kings House. The average number of vehicles per day travelling through the day was 4,622 with an average of 4,860 per 5 working days. The peak of traffic was between 4pm and 6 pm during the week which average at 945 for the two hours. The numbers shown show a decline on previous figures which in some way is an indicator of the economic times particularly with less HGVs.

Generally approximately under 10% were travelling over 30mph throughout the 24 hours with very few vehicles over 40mph. This information is being used in the assessment works and designs of a pedestrian crossing for the village.

### Hereford County Hospital

The Council's Scrutiny Committee recently monitored the activities of our Hereford Hospital. Patient numbers have increased this year with over 17% more Daycases and over 8% more new outpatients. In the Accident and Emergency Department 98% of patients were treated in less than 4 hours (national target 98%) with 62% within 2 hours.

There is a national target that by December 2008, 90% of admitted and 95% of non admitted patients should be treated within 18 weeks. At Hereford Hospital there has been strong progress made this year with 95% and 99% of admitted and non admitted patients being treated within the target time.

Monitoring of Infections (MRSA and Clostridium Difficile) show good tolerance levels. While the finances are slightly behind budget the patient satisfaction levels on hospital food, disturbance at night and awareness of planned discharge date have resulted in some action plans.

The Three Counties Cancer Care Network has now established a project board to take forward the development of satellite radiotherapy at Hereford Hospital working to open in 2012. There are plans also to establish a bowel cancer screening centre at the County Hospital as well.

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### Pembridge Coffee Mornings.

The Pembridge Coffee mornings are held on the third Thursday of the month, in the Village Hall, between 10:30am and 12 noon. Coffee is free with any donations going to charity. Everyone welcome so hope to see you there.

## THE GREAT CHRISTMAS GOBBLER



As well as the fine Christmas tree display the entrance to the east of the village has been enhanced by this giant turkey. Maybe we should make it a permanent sculpture and call it 'The Gobbler of the Marches'. Should bring in a few tourists !!

## Ahhh..... Vicar

Those of you who do not get into the village as often as you used to may be unaware that Julie Reid, our vicar and official national treasure, has not been well for some time. But I have been informed by my mole in ecclesiastical circles that she is on the mend and will be returning to the coal face in the New Year.

We've missed you Julie. I do hope you're feeling better and that you will be back to your old self soon..



## WEOBLEY THEATRE GROUP

Our next theatre trip is to see **The Sleeping Beauty** danced by the Scottish Ballet at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff on Thursday 22 January 2009.

**Please note if you are going to this**, that the time for leaving Bell Square is now **10.30am**.

There are still a few tickets for **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** in Cardiff on Thursday 26 February 2009, leaving Bell Square at 9.00am. This is 'a glorious romp, brimful of hand-clapping effervescent energy, dazzling dance routines and sixteen smash showstoppers.' The cost will be £23 to include the coach (another amazing price from the New Theatre). Please pay before 7 January 2009.

On Wed 11 March we shall see **Waiting For Godot** with **Sir Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart** in Malvern, leaving Bell Square at 12.30pm. Tickets will be £34. Please pay before 10 February.

**Kate Best - 01544 318513**

## DO YOU QUALIFY FOR SOME EXTRA WARMTH THIS WINTER ?

As winter is now upon us, the need for warmth in our homes is becoming more essential but with this comes increasing energy bills especially as energy prices have risen so significantly in 2008.

Herefordshire Energy Action Team, of Private Sector Housing, Herefordshire Council are at hand to advise Herefordshire private homeowners and tenants of national and local grant assistance to insulate and install other energy efficiency measures in their homes.

The Council **Special Energy Efficiency Scheme (SEES)** offers a **grant of up to £500** for private homeowners and tenants living throughout Herefordshire who are aged 60 and over.

The scheme is in addition open to private homeowners and tenants who heat their homes with:

- 1 Electric storage heaters
- 2 Electric central heating
- 3 Solid fuel central heating
- 4 LPG central heating
- 5 Room heaters with no central heating

### And/or

- 1 Herefordshire residents who pay for their fuel use with Prepayment meters.
- 2 Residents throughout Herefordshire claiming state benefits are also eligible.

Measures covered under SEES are:

- 1 Loft insulation
- 2 Cavity insulation
- 3 Draught proofing (doors and windows)
- 4 Thermostatic radiator valves
- 5 Room thermostats
- 6 Programmable
- 7 Hot water cylinder thermostats
- 8 Tank jackets

Aside from the SEES scheme, there are other heavily discounted utility funded schemes which residents can apply for to have their home insulated funded by energy suppliers.

For enquires about the **Special Energy Efficiency Scheme (SEES) or the utility funded scheme** contact Domestic and General Insulation on **0844 5430043** or Herefordshire Council Energy Efficiency Department on 01432 260398 for any other enquiries.

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

The Christmas lights were officially switched on at 6pm on 5<sup>th</sup> December with a large gathering of people in the market square to enjoy a wonderful community festive feeling.

The school choir sang carols, musicians played, sausage rolls and mince pies were handed out, and Jane did a great job serving mulled wine for every one to enjoy, Father Christmas came to delight so many children, shops stayed open late and stalls had a wide range of seasonal goods on display. Our thanks to every one who contributed to this event, it really was a great success, and is something that we should be proud of and that makes this village so special at this time of year. Many thanks to Julie Mifflin and her helpers for all their hard work in arranging this and setting out the Christmas trees.

*Alan Stokes*



Winter draws its cloak across the Herefordshire countryside. This view from the editors terrace.

## CONSERVATION AREA PROGRESS

Kingspan Insulation Trust has approved the conservation area proposals for the village green and preparatory works will start in the new year. Trees on the north east bank of the Arrow will be coppiced, to let in more light, and there will be controlled spraying to minimise undesirable weed growth.

It is hoped planting can take place in March. With something like 500 trees and shrubs to plant Tony Norman will be looking for volunteers. Depending on the weather the walkway and path will be constructed in May or June, so that the project can be officially opened in early July at the latest.

## W.I. NEWS

I don't think the W.I. are talking to me any more. If you're out there, send me your news !!