

LEEN TIMES

Only a month ago we were still finishing up the last of the silage in that late spring. Now we are looking at conserving the grass in clamp silage and round bales as well as making a little bit of hay, ready for the next long winter.

The cows have their calf; milk for 10 months then have 2 months 'dry' (not milked) before the next calf. As most of them calve in August and September, the cows (and the staff) look forward to a well-earned rest over the next 2 months.

On the other farm the veg. staff are going at full blast at the planting, a seemingly never-ending task. As always, they press on with a smile and a wave. We have more children on the farm! With grandchildren, twins, numbers 6 (Grace) and 7 (Paddy) I wonder how many budding farmers there are?

Several bits of wildlife news: Barn owls reported at Milton Cross, East end of the village, Dunkerton's Cider and here at The Leen.

More hares than usual doing their spring courting, mostly, I think, because fewer people than usual are chasing them with Lurchers! An observant tractor driver has spotted a Quail. These little game birds used to be regular visitors (all the way from Spain!!) I was told of one being heard at Milton Cross 2 years ago but I haven't seen one for 20 years. Very well spotted!

A few Cuckoos have been heard/seen but very few. A Raven seriously attacked by Jackdaws, an amazing sight. I think the Raven must have made the mistake of taking a youngster!

We have discovered what a trauma it is to move house! We are now at Leenfields (just past the Leen) Phone 388510

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Tony

Parting shot Springtime dandelions



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

If you are aware of anything in the parish that you feel needs to be attended to by the Lengthsman please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, and the Parish Council will consider these suggestions

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council is seeking suitable land to lease for provision of allotments. If any land is available, please contact

Cllr. John Purslow on Tel: 388060

Or johnpurslow@msn.com

NEXT PARISH MEETING DATES

Wednesday 17th June and

Wednesday 15th July 2010.

7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

All Welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

Mrs. Heather Harding, 153 Bargates, Leominster.

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Pembridge Surgery Opening hours

Monday:	8.45am to 1.00pm	2.15pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.45am to 1.00pm	closed afternoons
Wednesday	closed all day	
Thursday	8.45am to 1.00pm	2.15pm to 6.00pm
Friday	8.45am to 1.00pm	closed afternoons

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EDITORIAL

These magazines seem to come round quicker every time. Well, this one is. Due to the Church magazine being distributed this month we have changed the publication and will now have an issue at the beginning of June and then every 2 months. It eases the load at Christmas for us all so not a bad idea. Summer is fast approaching and I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely weather during April and May. Driest April since 1964 !!

Next month sees the Pembridge show again and Julie will be hoping for as much help as she can get.

Also, please remember the 'Britain in Bloom' campaign. The hanging basket season is immanent !!

On a personal level, I was sad to see the passing of Stan Parrot. A man who always had a charming manor and a ready smile. Old school he may have been, but all the more delightful for it.

So summer is here and so far it's been pretty good weather. Loads of cuckoos with us and, just to add to the excitement, I watch a fox, who was just meandering home, get the unexpected bonus of a very stupid crow who landed nearby. A spin of the head and a quick lunge and off he trotted with the easiest dinner he'll have for many a day.

Ah, the joys of country living. I hope you all enjoy the long days and warm weather to come. Now it's bound to rain all July.....

Glyn

Pembridge School Visit to China

The school took part in a Connecting Classrooms project which is jointly run by the British Council and their Chinese counterparts Hanban. Here is the party in front of the Great Wall. More in the School Newsletter.



PEMBRIDGE SHOW JULY 31st

Preparations for the show are well under way. I now have to think about help that we need to make sure all goes well. Every year we are short of help, Could you help? it could be Thursday or Friday evening setting up tables, chairs and benches. Friday evening or Saturday morning putting up gazebos and party marquees and help on the day where needed. Donations of cakes for the catering tent, raffle prizes, bottles for the bottle stall would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget it's the show's 70th anniversary so if you can find any items suitable for our "museum" please let me know.

We should be proud that our show has survived 70 years and is still successful, that's due to a lot of work over the years by people in Pembridge.

For offers of help or donations tel.
Julie Mifflin 388414

VILLAGE WORKING BEE

Litter pick in the village

Sunday 18th July

meeting at the Market Square at 10.30

just turn up

picks, bags and Hi Viz jackets provided

Your help is invaluable and with the 'Britain in Bloom' competition just around the corner it's vital that the village looks it's best.

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Recycling

Last Autumn the council introduced a new system of collection which included the delivery of 60,000 wheeled bins enabling on average 300 tonnes of recycled waste per week to be collected compared to 93 tonnes under the old scheme.

Although coming under some government pressure to withdraw it we also ensured that we retained the weekly black bag collection. Because many houses in the village could not store bins they have continued to receive the clear and purple bag collection which means they can use them for glass. I am looking to see if more main street homes can have bins which would allow any of their neighbours to deposit their bottles in those bins.

The Council has a limited offer on compost bins for green waste. The 220 litre compost bin for £7 and the 330 litre compost bin at £10 with an offer of buying a second one for half price. There is a delivery charge of £5 per order. These bins normally retail at £39 or £49 each. Please order online at www.hw.getcomposting.com or call 08445714444.

Kington Surgery Planning Application

As hopefully you all know by now the planning application for a new Health centre in Kington has been approved by the Herefordshire Council Planning committee. The actual motion was mindful to approve the application with officers signing off the conditions in consultations with the local elected members.

The site is up the A 4111 on the left hand side of the road opposite Arrow plant entrance. The centre will have improved space and services which include a dental practice, rooms for outside consultants which will mean people not having to travel to Hereford. The funding is in place to build and work can begin this year

The practice which has 8,400 registered individuals covers 600 square miles and includes 3 nursing homes, 4 residential care homes, and Kington Court.

Over the last three years and longer over 17 sites had been investigated in and around the outskirts of Kington with only this site being available. If the new centre was not build there was concern that the existing facilities in Victoria road will fail the Quality Care Commission in January 2012.

I have worked with the local practice to support this application with the improved service it can offer to the whole of the practice which includes our own surgery in Pembridge. I am told by the Doctors that with these new facilities additional GPs and staff in pharmacy can be employed.

This should improve waiting times and the prescription service, and a more regular service at both Pembridge and Eardisley.

Cllr Roger Phillips

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KINGSPAN PEMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY

Kingspan has worked very hard at over the years on improving road safety and reducing the impact that road freight to and from the factory has on the local community. We were dismayed, therefore, to learn about a recent incident when a Spanish HGV driver making a one-off visit to Kingspan's site went through Pembridge village via the bridge over the Arrow, a route that we bar our regular drivers from using, and had a collision with a parked car. Thankfully nobody was hurt, but this incident has further highlighted the need to prevent such accidents, however they may arise. Kingspan already advises drivers on exit from the site not to travel via the bridge over the Arrow and has educated those companies that regularly deliver to the site to also give the route a wide berth. However, dealing with drivers making irregular or one-off visits has proven difficult. Drivers these days follow the directions given by Sat-Nav systems which are unaware of the difficulties that HGVs have with the junction in the middle of the village.

Following this incident, Kingspan's first action will be to write to all hauliers known to be either delivering or collecting goods to or from the site, strongly reiterating that the route via Pembridge and the bridge over the Arrow is off-limits. This letter will include a direction map that will be translated into all of the languages we hear in our transport area. It will demand that these maps be provided to all drivers prior to making a trip to the Kingspan site.

Kingspan's second action will be to talk to Herefordshire Council about the possibility of installing more road signs to direct drivers via the preferred route. Kingspan would welcome your support in getting the signs approved to help prevent this kind of incident from happening again. The correct mechanism for this is via the Parish Council, so please let your Parish Councillor know if you would support the idea of better signage. Community consultation is extremely important and often useful, so we would also welcome any ideas you may have for further measures to realistically manage the issue and help protect the village.

If you have any suggestions you can send these to john.garbutt@insulation.kingspan.com.

Bonfire night

This is an early call for any helpers who would like to be involved in the organisation of this years bonfire night in the millennium meadow. It will be a cracking night and Cliff is keen to make it the best yet.

Cliff Price: 388647

Pride of Herefordshire 2010

Nominations are now open for the 2010 Pride of Herefordshire awards, which aim to celebrate the achievements of unsung heroes throughout the county. The awards, being run by Herefordshire Partnership, with sponsorship from local businesses, have nine categories. Winners in each category will take home £100, as well as a specially designed trophy that they can keep for a year. The awards ceremony will be held in October. The top three in every category, together with the people who nominated them, will be invited to a gala dinner, where the winners will be announced. Nominations close 16th July 2010. Please support the awards by making a nomination and promoting the awards through your contacts. To make an on-line nomination, log onto the website at www.prideofherefordshire.com or contact me, Philippa Lydford on 01432 261788 plydford@herefordshire.gov.uk

Herefordshire Entrepreneur Award: Someone who is successful in business, with an innovative approach. They may have diversified into new areas of work or use new technologies to make a contribution to the local economy.

Herefordshire Learner Award: Someone who has learnt new skills and uses them in their day-to-day life. An achiever who may have overcome obstacles to gain a recognised qualification that has helped them to gain a new job, or use newly learnt skills to help others.

Herefordshire Courage Award: Someone who in a personal or community capacity has overcome adversity to do something new. They may have made their community a safer place by their actions, have done something courageous for someone else or made a selfless act, putting other people first.

Herefordshire Environmental Champion: Someone who has made a difference to the environment in his or her local community. They may have introduced a recycling scheme, cleaned up a messy area or cleared footpaths. They may be a champion for climate change, bio-diversity or conservation.

Herefordshire Young Carer Award: Someone up to 18 years old who looks after or helps others, whether family at home, or in their community. They may care for animals that need help or check on someone, do their shopping or cleaning for them, or just keep them company.

Herefordshire Adult Carer Award: Someone who looks after or helps others, whether family at home, or in their community. They may check on someone, clean around the house or garden, or just keep them company.

Herefordshire Health Champion: Someone who may organise sport and games in their community, support a club, organise a walking group, dance class or healthy eating club. They may be a champion for health and well-being issues, healthy lifestyles and exercise.

Herefordshire Community Group Award (for less than 10 members): A group or organisation of less than 10 members, which has made a difference to the quality of people's lives in their area. They may raise money for charity, run a community shop or club or support vulnerable people.

Herefordshire Community Group Award (for more than 10 members): A group or organisation of more than 10 members, which has made a real difference to the quality of people's lives in their local area.

There is also an overall winner award which is given to one of the individual award winners who judges feel has made the most significant contribution to raising pride within the county.



This view looking down East St. towards Kington shows how little Pembridge has changed over the years. Paint a few white lines and remove the cars and it could be today. Note how the wonderful cruck truss stands out just past the Esso sign.

Weobley Theatre Goers

We shall be **Stepping Out** in the direction of Cheltenham on Thursday 24 June, leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10.30 for the matinee at 2.00pm.

If anyone would like to go, but hasn't booked, just let me know and I may be able to get you there on a cancellation.

On **Saturday 4 December** we shall be going to the Millennium Centre to see **Mamma Mia!** Leaving Weobley at 11.00 am. Cost will be £55.50 (no concessions on this show) payable **before 27 June**. Hopefully, this will be a Christmas treat for the young and older.

Then on Thursday 3 March **2010** we are going to see **La Fille Mal Gardee**, performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Birmingham Hippodrome. Leaving Weobley at 10.30am. Cost is ££38 to be paid **before 27 June**.

I have also booked to see **Swan Lake on Ice** at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff on Thurs 28 October leaving Weobley at 11.00 am. Cost will be £38 payable **before 15 September**.

If you would like more information on any of these or wish to book, please ring **Kate Best 01544 318513**