

LEEN TIMES

Spring has certainly sprung in the last few days and everything on the farm has the green light to Go! It is always such a relief to get all the stock out of their winter quarters onto the grass and to find that the seemingly endless stream of feed bills start to dry up!

The Herefords have been doing their stuff. Within weeks we have proud mums casually grazing away with their calves either laid up a few yards away or valiantly trailing on behind. The Milking herd have now had their calves, the bulls have been in and they are mostly safely back in calf. Lambs have appeared all around the village and the arable field work is getting well underway. If there is one thing we need, that is rain. Unfortunately not everything happens exactly when we want it.

The first light gives an inkling of the serious activity in the wildlife world, the sounds are, at times, quite amazing. First Sand Martin in March this year! The frogs have spawned more than ever, with huge shoals of tadpoles showing in their usual places. I spotted an early Mayfly the other day- a March Brown-almost a rarity nowadays, they were so common just a few years ago. If you get a chance, go and have a look at the Fritillaries on the Village Green.

The Lugg an Arrow Fisheries Association are doing a Litter Pick on 100 miles of river and stream Contact me if you want to help.

Dawn Chorus, River Walk and Breakfast (£10); Sat April 30th 4.30 a.m Please book 388510

Woodland Walk- Trees, Bluebells, Moths and a River. Mowley Wood Tues May 10th 6pm Contact 388510

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INTERNET SAFETY - PROTECT YOUR CHILD ONLINE

Keep In The Know About E-Safety

Keep in the know about e-safety and follow the 5Ps for parents.

Positive - Stay positive about social networking sites. Strike a balance between educating children to behave safely and trusting them to get on with it.

Privacy - Make sure children know how to use privacy settings. Explain the importance of keeping information private and not sharing everything with everyone. Check they know all their on-line friends. If they don't, delete them.

Photos - Check that any photos posted are suitable. Photos can easily be copied, changed or circulated. They can potentially stay online forever.

Postings - Establish ground rules about what is and isn't acceptable to say - about themselves and others.

Parents - Encourage children to tell you about inappropriate contact that makes them feel uncomfortable. Offensive images or messages can be reported to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre website:

www.ceop.gov.uk/reportabuse

Bird Watch



Pictured above in their bird hide are some of our avid 'twitchers' from class one. The children recently took part in the RSPB's Little School Bird Watch programme. The class were very excited to take part in the national bird count as well as making some feeders for the wild birds who visit the school grounds. Several species of birds were spotted including great tits, blue tits and robins. The most common species by far were the crows who love to visit the playground after the children's snack playtime in the morning....We wonder why?!!

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

Since the last time I sat down to put the magazine together the world seems to have been stood on it's head. The middle east in turmoil and earthquakes in Japan and my beloved New Zealand. Just working out where to start is a mind boggling exercise.

Once again I'm mindful of how lucky we are in our so called 'backwater'. Of course, we are deeply affected by events like these but we are fortunate to have many advantages. With modern communications we can have sky news on 24/7 or surf the internet for the latest from around the world. Or we can live quietly, ignoring the clamour of the outside world, and carry on with our day to day lives in peace. We often complain about our lack of facilities, slow broadband and poor transport.. But the trade off for these is often a crowded urban environment with high crime rates. Now summer is round the corner let us take pride in our lovely little piece of England.

Glyn

Wednesday 11th MAY

ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING

7.30 pm Parish Hall

Parishioners are invited to come along and ask any questions on relevant parish matters.

ALL WELCOME

ROGER STEPS DOWN



After eight years as Leader of the Council I have decided not to stand for a further term but I will be standing for re election on 5th May as councillor to continue to represent the parishes of Pembridge, Shobdon, Lyonshall, Titley, Staunton on Arrow, Knill, Rodd, Nash and Little Brampton.

HANGING BASKET and

BEST FRONT OF HOUSE COMPETITION

The Parish Council are running this competition again this summer . We had lots of lovely houses, tubs and hanging baskets last year . Please plant something again this year, it does make our village look nice. The prize money for the two classes are 1st £15, 2nd £10 ,3rd £5.

Thank you
Julie Mifflin



IT'S THAT BLOOMING TIME !!

The village will be entering the Heart of England in Bloom competition again this year, so let's go for gold. We need as many as people possible to help with preparations and planning for the inspectors visit.

We are hopeful of receiving a grant this year to buy plants, flowers etc

If you feel that you would like to be involved please come to a meeting on

Tuesday 12th May at the New Inn, at 7.00 pm

or call Alan Stokes 01544 388769

LAND FOR ALLOTMENTS !!



Allotments!

Land for allotments in Pembridge has been generously offered by Chris and Jacqui Thomas. Anyone within Pembridge parish who is interested in having a plot is warmly invited to contact us for more information, either by phoning **James and Kate on 388758** or emailing mail@arrowvalegroup.org If you apply early you may be eligible for some funding for start-up costs. It would be good to get something in the ground this spring! We look forward to hearing from you!

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Highways

The winter is now behind us but the damage to our 2,000 miles of Herefordshire roads is evident. The Government has given us an extra million pounds towards the cost of the extra repairs and we have agreed that most of this should be spent on the minor and Unclassified roads. Remember please report any potholes or concerns to Amey on 01432261800 or email streets@herefordshire.gov.uk

Lady Hawkins High School

The school has just had an Osted and has been classified as a "good school with outstanding features". The full report is on the websites of the school and Osted. Lady Hawkins has currently 446 pupils and has a cluster of four primary schools at Pembridge, Kington, Eardisley and Almeley. The Governors are determined to follow a policy which will take the school to an "outstanding" position, retaining three class groups per year, our six form with the extra year for all students and the continuing strong culture of a community school.

Looking after Children

As well as seeing to the overall welfare and education of the 22,600 children under 16 in the County the Council is also the corporate parent to currently 185 children. As a result of a variety of circumstances these children are vulnerable and need to be cared by the local authority. Most children will be with foster parents paid by the council who do an important job in giving support and stability. Some more complex cases are placed outside the County at a huge financial cost as well as tackling the emotional problems. If you think you would like to consider being a foster parent please contact the Council and find out more. We all need the best start we can in life.

Council Tax Freeze

The Council has taken the Governments offer of a grant to freeze the level of Council Tax at last years level. The Police and Fire have also done the same. Herefordshire Council budget has made over 10 million pounds worth of savings and the staffing levels will be reduced by over 14% with 250 jobs from 1700 full time positions.

W.I. NEWS

Our April meeting will take place on

Wednesday 13th at 7-00pm in the Village Hall.

Afterwards **Noreen Heywood** will be conducting a Pastels workshop. Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to join us bring along an apron and pastels (if you have them) and let Catherine Fothergill know on 01544 388279 so that enough refreshments can be provided.

Our resolutions meeting will be held on

Wednesday 11th May at 7-00pm in the Village Hall.

This will be followed by a talk by **Mike Truelove** from Community Wheels about this very worthwhile service, the lifeline it provides for the people who use it and the satisfaction to be gained by volunteering for it. A fish and chip supper will follow.

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.

NEW : POLICE SURGERIES IN PEMBRIDGE

A police surgery will be held in the Market Hall on the following dates:

Thursday 14th April between 11am and 12am

Thursday 12th May between 11am and 12am

If there is any relevant matter that you would like to discuss with PC Joanne Ellis or Community Support Officer Richard Alford, please do come along to the Market Hall. If you wish to report anything suspicious, to do with a person or crime, please ring anonymously to **CRIMESTOPPERS : Tel: 0800 555 111**

CANCELLATION –

ROYAL WEDDING PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

The Parish Council has regrettably had to cancel the planned social event, owing to lack of interest. At a recent public meeting (which was advertised in the last magazine) only a handful of local residents turned up with an offer of help; which was insufficient to proceed.

**5th MAY –
ELECTION DAY FOR PARISHCOUNCILLORS AND
HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS &
ALTERNATIVE VOTE REFERENDUM**

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesday 20th April – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 18th May – **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING** – Election of Officers

7.30 pm Parish Hall

All Welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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2010 POPPY APPEAL

I would like to thank everyone who contributed, in any way, to this year's Poppy Appeal. As outlined in the table below, we raised a total of £3755.97 which is a wonderful amount in the current financial climate!

Thank you all.

Shobdon House Static Points	364.11
Pembridge & Staunton House to House and Static Points	1665.09
Pembridge British Legion Donation	425.00
British Legion Wreaths	36.00
Pembridge Church Collection	469.89
Staunton Church Collection	160.88
Radnor & West Hereford Hunt Cap	615.00
Private donations	20.00

Total £3755.97

Sharon O'Hare
Poppy Appeal Organiser

KINGSPAN PEMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

No newsletter this month

PARISH PLAN REVIEW 2011

Ideas for future "Action Plans" to complete the review were discussed at the Parish Plan Review Public Meeting on Wednesday March 9th.

The original "Steps for Action" were drawn up under five main headings - Traffic - Environment - Leisure - Housing - Business Tourism and Farming. If you would like to contribute ideas for future action under the above or any other heading please contact the Clerk to the Council, Heather Harding

e mail: harding153@hotmail.com or if you would prefer Tricia Lloyd Tel : 01544 340340

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You can't beat a well laid hedge

Take a bow David and Jake Morgan !



Referendum on the parliamentary voting system

On Thursday, May 5, as well as taking part in the local elections to vote councillors onto Herefordshire Council, voters will also be able to take part in the first nationwide referendum for more than 35 years. Voters will be asked to say "yes" or "no" to changing the system used to elect Members of Parliament at our general elections.

The overall responsibility for the referendum lies with the Electoral Commission, although your voting paper will be collected in when you hand in your ballot paper for your local councillor – this could be at your local polling station, or via a postal vote.

The commission is keen that everyone understands what they are voting for in the referendum, so look out for an explanatory booklet they are sending out to every household in the UK.

This booklet will be supported by an advertising campaign – run by the Electoral Commission – and further details can be found on the commission's website – www.electoralcommission.org.uk

If you are not registered to vote, you will not be able to vote in either the local elections or the referendum.

To check that you are registered, or if you wish to change your preferred voting arrangements, please contact the electoral registration team on 01432 260107.

The last day for receipt of applications to appoint someone to vote on your behalf (called a proxy vote) is April 21.

GRANTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

YouthBank

Grants for Young People by Young People Over £22,000 has been awarded during the past 2 years by Herefordshire YouthBank. Set up in early 2009 by young people with help from the Herefordshire involved youth work team, it provides small grants of up to £900 for young people aged 11-25 for their good ideas in the community.

Not just work...

Decisions on grants are made every month by a panel of volunteers aged 16-25 and there are currently 10 young people who volunteer their free time on the panel. However it is not all hard work.

Volunteers are crucial

Herefordshire YouthBank is one of only two YouthBank's in the whole of the West Midlands region and is sustainable because it relies upon volunteers and is not reliant upon government grants or paid staff. The Youth Panel really want to continue this grant giving, particularly with the loss of other funding schemes locally and nationally, so watch this space for future news on more funds. In the meantime, if you are aged 16 - 25 and would like to make a difference, contact HVA on 01432 343 932.

ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR PEMBRIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME.

Eleven people have stepped forward as volunteers for the scheme and hopefully with funding in place the steering group will be ready in the early summer to start advertising the phone number throughout the area so that anyone requiring help, especially the elderly can use the scheme. The phone number will be made known through the Pembridge News, leaflets and posters in Doctors surgeries etc.

A core group of volunteers will hold the scheme's mobile telephone number on a rota basis. They will be backed by a team of volunteers, who will be CRB checked, who will agree to help in one or more ways – things from changing a light bulb, fetching prescriptions, shopping, occasional tidying of a garden or befriending someone who is lonely or new to the area. Anyone who would like to find out more about the scheme or volunteer themselves should call **Pat Stokes on 01544 388769** or email paturnal@btinternet.com



Congratulations to the boy's football team who have qualified to play in a tournament hosted on the West Bromwich Albion premiership pitch in May.

Come on Pembridge.....Boing ! Boing !

(sorry, editor is a Baggies fan)