

LEEN TIMES

About 5 years ago the tanalising treatment of fencing materials changed. Instead of stakes and posts lasting 15-20 years in the ground- they now last about 5 years! This has a dramatic effect on the economics of fencing (we have perhaps 40 miles of it!) and once again the wheel turns! Sweet Chestnut is coming back into use-This is a traditional coppice timber that performed many fencing functions in the past. Thankfully we have some on the farm and will be planting a lot more in future.

We finished the Litter Pick! Over a 10-week period over 200 volunteers picked the rubbish out of 109 miles of the rivers Lugg and Arrow. 650 bags and large items of it-over 50 tons moved! A tremendous effort. (including a lot of local help)- Thank you. Hopefully the rivers and streams will now stay cleaner.

During my time in the river I have been able to witness the Lampreys spawning. These are Eel like fish that have a sucker instead of a mouth.

A group of perhaps 20 Brook Lampreys (these are perhaps 6" long) are commonly seen in the river around Pembridge, moving small pebbles from to an area about the size of a tea plate to cover their spawn. I have seen the River Lampreys (About 12" in length and as thick as a finger) grouped together lower down moving stones up to tennis ball size. In the Wye the Sea Lampreys (2 feet+ and as thick as a child's wrist) after hitching a lift up the river on the Salmon, have the uneasy habit of occasional clamping onto a wading boot to try to move that!

Wild life news: Red Kites seen around the village again. A Sparrow Hawk holding a Little Owl down on the ground being attacked by its mate-when disturbed all 3 flying off, apparently unharmed! The Ermine Moths have been busy in the hedges shrouding the Spindle in their gossamer. Himalayan Balsam seriously frosted-Good! A Grass snake in the car!

The school have raised some baby Salmon (alvelins) from eggs in the gravel in their fish tank. These have been safely released into the river on the Village Green to, hopefully, return in 4 years time as the huge fish we see spawning. Let me know of anything interesting around the village.

Tony Norman tony@leenfarmorganics.co.uk



The view from a Cooks Kitchen

YOUNG COUPLES NEW VENTURE

Tom and Bonnie packed their bags and have moved up from Devon to open "a Cook's Kitchen" restaurant and tea rooms. The restaurant is located next to Dunkertons Cider Mill and is in a beautiful barn looking out onto our lovely Herefordshire countryside, a truly idyllic setting. The menu changes daily according to the produce that Tom, the chef, can source locally. The couple are passionate about their work and that is evident from the quality of food and service they give. Good Luck to them both!



Who's Nicked our 'A' Board ?

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Parish Council's advertising 'A' board which has disappeared from outside the Shop by the steps to the Church in the last week or two, the Clerk would be pleased to hear from you.

W.I. NEWS

Members will enjoy their annual evening garden visit for our June meeting and hope the weather stays dry this year.

At our **July meeting on Wednesday 13th July** Bob Anderson will be giving a talk "Looking at how photography has changed over the last 50 years". There will be a small charge for non-members. Please contact Catherine Fothergill 01544 388279 for more details.

Pembridge W.I. meetings are held in the Village Hall on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 7-00pm.**

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

Freddy and Isabella Norman help release the Salmon into the river.

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A Parish Council information service for the people of Pembridge

EDITORIAL

Light nights, bright yellow fields, wildlife everywhere. It must be almost summer ! With the dry weather it's got a feel of 1976 about it.

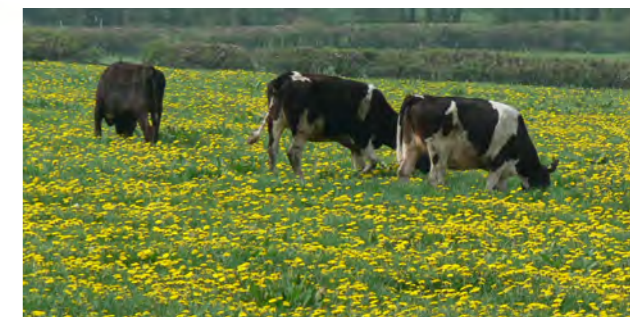
As we move into June the village show looms on the horizon. If you can be of help in any way, please give Julie Miffin a call. She will be delighted to hear from you.

The chairman is gracing us with his presence from now on with comments and insights into what the council is thinking and planning. Could be interesting. If you would like to put forward any ideas for ways to create more of a community spirit in the village please feel free to go along to the council meetings and put forward your idea. We seem to be slipping into a village made up of individual units that , while we live in close proximity, we very rarely get together as a group. Festivals, fairs, sports, book clubs, these are all part of the fabric of hundreds of villages up and down this country. It's a shame Pembridge can't develop the enthusiasm to replicate it. The village hall is ideal for a whole host of events. It just needs a group to put in the effort to get it off the ground.

Maybe it's just that we are all too busy with our lives to care any more , and there is no room in the 21st century for that old fashioned idea of community spirit, of giving up your time for the benefit of the village. If that's the case, it's only a matter of time before all us old busybodies will be dead ...and then what ?

Finally, I'm delighted we have yet another quality place to eat in the parish . 'A Cooks Kitchen' has just opened at Dunkertons. See back page for details

And you think it's hard bringing up kids !



Early summer, and the cows get a taste of the great outdoors



IT'S SHOWTIME !!



It's the time of year to think of Pembridge show. In the exhibit marquee there are 104 classes for you to enter. It would be great if those of you with vegetable gardens could find something to enter, don't worry if you have never entered before we will help you to display your exhibits. If you don't have vegetables you probably have flowers or pot plants. Get a schedule and find a class to suit you and help make the show more interesting. Here are a few of the classes showing the wide variety.

1 Potato - planted in any container, heaviest crop dug and weighed on show ground.
Runner beans - 3pods , Courgettes - 2 , Vase of sweet peas - 9 spikes, Pot plant
Flower arrangements, Handicrafts,
Photo classes - "In the garden" and "Holiday memories"

Baking and Childrens classes
We are having our Pembridge museum again this year with the exhibition themed on the houses and buildings of Pembridge. You may find some old photos of your house.

A lot of people enjoy the beautiful things in the craft marquee.

There are a lot of other activities, the main ones are in the afternoon . There is a very entertaining dog display which children are able to join in. We will be able to sit and listen to the Radnor Valley band.

There are horse showing classes, gymkhana, jumping and dressage. The dog show has pedigree and novelty classes. I nearly forgot the Trotting races which always attract a good following. Apparently last year's races were filmed and shown on television.

We have a bar , burgers and a food marquee , so come early and have lunch with us.

Julie Miffin

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

2011 Elections

Can I thank all residents who kindly supported me at the recent elections and returned me again as your County Councillor. It is a great honour and pleasure to be your representative on Herefordshire Council and I look forward to reporting back to the Parish over the next four years on local issues.

If at any time I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many residents will remember Cllr Olwyn Barnett who was County Councillor for Pembridge in Hereford and Worcester days. Latterly she has continued as the councillor for Wigmore area and I am pleased to tell you she will be taking up the post of Chairman of the Herefordshire Council. She has been a strong representative for communities for over 30 years and secured for Pembridge our traffic calming gateways either end of the village in the early 1990s.

Herefordshire Year of the Orchard

In 1811 Thomas Knight from Wormsley published the first ever catalogue of all apple and pear varieties grown in the County called "Pomona Herefordiensis" and became the second President of the Royal Horticultural Society. The RHS want to celebrate the achievements of growers, horticulturists, cider producers and amateurs in Herefordshire in bush or traditional orchards with the Ponoma Awards. Please go on the web to get more details www.yearintheorchard.org entries must be received by 30th June. They define an orchard as containing 5 or more apple or pear trees.

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WOULD YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR ?

The following are the basic eligibility criteria for becoming a councillor:-

The candidates must be 18 years of age minimum. Should be a Commonwealth citizen (which includes a British subject) or Euronational.

And additionally:

Must be a registered elector for the parish; OR Should have, for a minimum of one year, resided in the locality or within three miles of it; OR Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein; OR Have your principal or only place of work here, which need not be paid, but must be substantial.

Both men or women are welcome to apply to become a Parish Councillor, or if initially just more information is required, then please contact any of the councillors or the Clerk for a chat.

If interested, please respond by June 14th.

Mrs. Heather Harding,
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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 16th June between 11am and 12am

Thursday 14th July 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.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesdays 15th June, 20th July and 21st September (No meeting in August). All at 7.30 pm Parish Hall

Everyone Welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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

E-Mail: harding153@hotmail.com

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HAS TAKEN PLACE for 2011/12, AS FOLLOWS:-

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Garfield Evans CHAIRMAN
Cllr. Kenneth Myers VICE CHAIRMAN
Cllr. David Owens
Cllr. Alan Stokes
Cllr. Mrs. Julie Mifflin
Cllr. Phillip Thomas
Cllr. Robert Pierce
Cllr. Philip Rogers
Cllr. Roger Phillips **WARD COUNCILLOR**

In aid of Herefordshire MS Therapy Centre

Herefordshire MS Therapy Centre

Bodenham Open Gardens
Sunday 12 June 2011
1.00pm - 5.00pm



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I have a shocking announcement to make: democracy in Pembridge is dead, a thing of the past, strangled by its old adversary apathy. The ghosts of yesteryear who fought for freedom and the right to vote must be spinning in their collective graves. What do I mean? Well it's simple. The Parish Council should be a democratically elected body of thirteen members. As things stand, it has nine members, none of whom has been elected. The nine members must co-opt a further four members. The electorate of Pembridge will then end up with a representative body of thirteen people without a vote ever having been cast. These thirteen people will hold office for a period of four years, throughout which they will be empowered to make decisions that will affect us all.

How can this have been allowed to happen? It can only be apathy. Apathy determines that out of an electorate of more than eight hundred, only nine people could be bothered to go through the fairly straightforward process of seeking an electoral nomination.

Only nine people care enough about the community to put their names forward to serve on the Parish Council and that's the thing that is really shocking.

Garfield Evans



Clementine Lovell (soprano) and Italian tenor Nocolo Gabelli performing the final scene from La Boheme at last years Italian evening at Pembridge Church.



Don Pasquale

Director **Darren Royston**
Producer **Clementine Lovell**
Musical director **Chris Huntley**

Experience opera in bars, barns and boats! No formal theatre environment, just amazing music and action right under your nose!

Pembridge Church
Saturday 2nd July
7.30pm

picnics from 6.00pm
Tickets (selling well so don't leave it too late!) £15.00 - picnics £7.50

from R. Anderson The Garth, Pembridge, Herefordshire HR6 9DX
Tel: 01544 388292

Cheques payable to Pembridge FCC and enclose SAE please

www.pembridgechurch.org.uk

NEW PRE-SCHOOL OUT DOOR AREA OFFICIAL OPENING

Pembridge Pre school official opening of new outdoor area.

On Wednesday 22nd June at 12:30 we are having an official opening of our new outdoor area which was funded by a grant from Herefordshire Council.

The children are really enjoying the area and we use it daily.

We would like to thank all of the parents and the village hall committee for their support in enabling us to enhance this outdoor area for the children who attend pre school.

Rev Julie Read will be officially opening the outdoor area at approx 12:30 and a small tea party will follow.



Cows steaming in a sun shower at the end of the garden. ed.



The Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme – a free service supporting people in the community, run entirely by local volunteers will be launched on 1st June.

Who can benefit from the Scheme?

Our volunteers are happy to visit **anyone who needs help** and lives in the Parish of Pembridge, particularly people who are, elderly, disabled, isolated and single parents. Examples of how the Scheme might help you are: Fetching prescriptions and library books, shopping and doing errands, small practical tasks at home e.g. changing a light bulb, occasional light gardening work, calling in for a chat and lots more.

How do you arrange for a volunteer to visit you?

If you would like a volunteer to visit you, please call us on **07779 122499** between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday to arrange a visit. You may have to leave a message but we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact us on **07779 122499**

We have been able to set-up this scheme through the generosity of the following and would like to thank everyone for their support: **Herefordshire Council, Lynhales Nursing Home, Pembridge Parish Council and Pembridge Art Market.**

Remember the phone number 07779 122499 Give us a ring !!