

LEEN TIMES

For a few weeks now, the pressure comes off and the family, staff and cows can fit in those well-deserved holidays. The cows finish their lactation after about 10 months, so they have at least 2 months 'dry' before having their next calf. This means we can take them to the most distant fields on the farm where they can enjoy a well-earned break. The spring vegetables have been harvested and the thousands of plants put in the ground for autumn and winter harvest. We have Spring Barley to go into the pit. Here we chop up grain, leaves and stem, while still green to ferment into 'whole crop' silage. This gives us a high value feed and leaves stubble already planted with grass seed so that a few weeks later we can graze it off with the cows.

TB has been in the news recently. When I look back at the figures, I see that in 1986 only 235 animals tested positive nationally. By 2000 this had grown to 6,353 and last year 28,541 cattle tested positive and were slaughtered. This disease really is insidious and heartbreaking for those of us touched by it.

I am fortunate enough to be able to walk grandchildren to school. It is only 3 fields to the village green and then only a short way up into the village. There was a time when every child walked to and from school. (My mother did 2 miles each way, in all weathers, for many years and my dad did it so he could save the bus fare - an old penny!). I suppose it is dangerous because of all the traffic rushing to school, but anyway we enjoy it. One of the children found a delicate white egg-shell that I could immediately identify as Wood Pigeons. Something I had learnt at their age, having spent what must have been hundreds of hours collecting eggs. Illegal now, but what fun and so much learnt about each species.

A fast, small falcon has been seen chasing House Martins. This was almost certainly a Hobby—a great little hunter that comes to us in the spring and often nests in an old crow's nest. They will also catch those great big dragonflies—the Emperors— that can be seen patrolling their territory in a woodland glade or sometimes in the garden. Has anyone seen a Barn Owl?—Let me know.

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26th Annual

EXHIBITION & SALE OF ART

By Local Artists

Plus Artist in Residence, Marian Strangward

Weobley Village Hall
Saturday 27 – Monday 29 August
10.00 am – 5.00 pm daily

Refreshments Light Lunches
Entrance £2.00

In aid of the Friends of Weobley Parish Church

Rule Britannia !



Our final half-term of the year kicked off with the very enjoyable British Cultural Week. All week long we celebrated our rich culture through a range of fun activities and lessons. The children tucked into some delicious fish and chips when a mobile van visited us at lunch time., we enjoyed the traditional jokes and entertainment from a Punch & Judy show, began to learn how to dance with our new maypoles and had numerous picnics, walks and quizzes. See if you can guess which 'Great Briton' the children came to school dressed up as in the picture.

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

It's hard to believe that we are into the school holidays and summer has reached its zenith and we are already past the longest day. Still, with luck, those halcyon days of warm summer evenings and week end BBQ's are still to come.

Now, a word in your ear. Deadline for the mag is 15th of the month prior to publication. That comes between the 14th and 16th, not between the 21st and 23rd. Just a small point but one I'm sure you will appreciate.

As I write the show is only a week away and lets hope for great weather and a good turn out. All those involved deserve warm praise so here's to you ! Check out the info on the new Good Neighbour scheme inside. It's a great idea and is proving very popular.

I'm feeling a bit green this month so Peter gets the front page, and it's something a bit different. Perhaps we are a bit too keen on everything being neat and tidy.

So there we are. Have a great summer, I have a feeling we might be in for a great couple of months. Now where's that cork screw....

Glyn

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

An Open Public Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 26. October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**

All Pembridge residents are invited to attend and give your ideas for any improvements you may wish to see in the parish, which will be considered when the Parish Council sets its Budget/Precept for 2012/13 at the end of this year.

More details will follow in the October-November edition of the Parish News Magazine, but please put the date in your diaries now.

The emphasis is leaning towards more local decision making, so this will be your opportunity to come along and put forward your ideas and suggestions for the future, to benefit your parish.

Spotted Orchid in Pembridge Churchyard

Perhaps somebody in Pembridge might like to see a photograph of the one solitary so-called "Common" Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) that somehow, despite all the odds, managed to come

up this year in the churchyard during early June. Much to his credit, the gentleman who cuts the grass noticed it among the other flowers growing there, and carefully mowed around it. Not content with that,

he then called on a neighbour who confirmed what he suspected and immediately telephoned me - hence the photograph. It had scarcely begun to flower, and there were many more flowers yet set to open on the spike. The following morning I looked again, admittedly not without some apprehension, only to find the flower-head lying forlornly on the grass, snapped off at the stalk by something or someone, and wilting in the morning sun. Fortunately it is a perennial, and the rootstock is still there, but whether it will ever get a chance to flower again in another year is rather debatable.

Just think what this churchyard could be like. Not a mown featureless expanse of lawn, but managed under the Caring for God's Acre scheme; with at least part of it, larger or smaller, set aside for the benefit of the small mammals, reptiles, butterflies, insects, fungi and plants that would undoubtedly thrive here if only given the chance to do so. That orchid is quite possibly the last remnant of a number of them that once grew here among the graves, along with other scarce plants that must now take their chances under the regular regime of mowing. The landscape all around us is now under intensive agriculture, with few refuges other than churchyards and roadside verges where the often complex interactions between animals, insects and plants can be left to take place. But knee-high grass and flowers are not considered tidy, ordered, respectable, decent; and the contemporary countryman's tendency to dominate the landscape around him with Roundup and the strimmer is seemingly irresistible. The common stinging nettle, the essential food plant for at least seven of our native butterfly species, is anathema; and our many roadside plant species are cut down long before they can fulfil their role of feeding the butterfly caterpillars whose eggs are already laid on them. It is little wonder that our wildlife is threatened - and all for the want of some knowledge, and just a little thought. If Bredwardine, Cusop, Dilwyn, St. Weonards, and Weobley have all managed it, surely Pembridge can too. Can't it?

Peter Klein

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

PEMBRIDGE TRAFFIC

The A44 is one of the main routes into mid Wales and as such our village has always had a high throughput of traffic. Since I have been your councillor I have ensured that we regularly monitor both the amount and speed of traffic. During the past 10 years we closed the A44 for a week for the complete resurfacing/restructure of the road with quieter surfacing, signposted Kingspan traffic via Kingsland and Shobdon and latterly the Council and Parish Council have operated the SID (Speed Indicator Device) at West End. It is not possible to secure a By-pass for the village and we have looked at a zebra crossing but the Bridge Street junction complicates such a measure. Both Shobdon and Eardisley have higher levels of traffic than Pembridge with a greater volume of HGVs. There has also been in the past monitoring of noise and more recently nitrogen dioxide levels have been carried out. Levels of pollution were found to be half of that permitted and remain constant. I would be interested to hear from residents about any damage to any houses along the A44 which we could record and monitor for any future schemes or projects to deal with village traffic.

2010/11 COUNCIL BUDGET

Herefordshire Council balanced its £142 million budget but it did need to call on earmarked reserves including Winter Maintenance (due to bad weather) and Social Care. There was a £4 million overspend in Adult Care (Older people budget, Mental Health & Adults with learning difficulties) this was offset by recovery budgets being in place in other spend areas during the last six months and gains in careful management of the council's finances. The Council's borrowing has increased of which 80% is supported by the government to support School buildings, social care, highway schemes. Other borrowing is totally supported by the council tax payer and that funds the repayment of projects like Leominster Swimming Pool, new Crematorium, Riverside Primary School and refit of Hereford Swimming Pool.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service which has 996 users in the County will come to end this September as part of the £10.3 million pounds reductions. A service will remain for those residents who are housebound as well as delivery to nursing homes (schools service is unaffected). Unlike other Councils no main library is being closed and the council will work with any community group to establish a community library where groups come forward.
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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.

NEXT POLICE SURGERY IN PEMBRIDGE

Thursday 18th August 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**

If you wish to receive a copy of the monthly Police Bulletin please contact:

kingtonrural.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

Wednesday 21. September at 7.30 pm

in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 19. October at 7.30 pm

in the Parish Hall

All Welcome.

Please address any inquiries to the Clerk:

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Chairman's Chat

Once again with the recent introduction of the Good Neighbour Scheme, Pembridge is leading the way in Herefordshire. From the original idea being presented to the Parish Council to the implementation of the scheme seems to have taken hardly any time and this is largely due to the enthusiasm of the organisers and those who have volunteered. There is no doubt that the scheme will do a great deal of good and should prove invaluable to those who use it. However, it does make one reflect on why a community such as ours needs such a scheme. In the last month or so I've heard opposing views. One parishioner queried the need for it. His view was that he was a good neighbour and we should each do our bit. Then, from someone who recently moved away, came an opposing comment: "It was so nice moving into the new house, everyone came around to introduce themselves and bring little gifts – it was never like that in Pembridge".

It can be all too easy nowadays not to see what's right next door. For some the Scheme will be a starting point and for others just a gentle reminder, if not the norm.

Garfield

KINGSPAN PEMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER



NOT EVERYTHING IS WASTE!

Although you are all aware of the need to recycle, be it your daily newspaper or an empty tin of beans, you may not know that Kingspan Insulation has also been busy recycling. Not just the waste from their Pembridge factory, but with a new partnership scheme that diverts construction site waste from landfill and sends it to energy recovery, using Kingspan's innovative waste take-back service.

This partnership of Kingspan Insulation, E.ON, Wetherby Building Systems and Entec UK triumphed at the 2011 Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management awards ceremony which took place at the newly-refurbished Savoy Hotel in London in May. The award for Best Waste Management Initiative in the Commercial and Public Sector recognised the work undertaken by the partnership.

The team at Kingspan Insulation were extremely delighted that the entry put forward by E.ON was successful, especially as the project partnership was not based on a commercial agreement but resulted from the interest of key people in each company to develop a more sustainable approach to waste management. Of course there has also been some more recycling activity at a local level with funding provided by the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust to pupils at Lady Hawkins School for the purchase of six purpose-built recycling bins to be placed around the school; three for plastic bottles and three for cans.

If you have children who attend Lady Hawkins School you will know that it constantly looking for ways to encourage and increase eco awareness amongst its students and, following this funding, recycling now plays an important part in this.

Lady Hawkins School received funding from the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust for the purchase of six purpose built recycling bins to be placed around the school grounds; three for plastic bottles and three for cans.

PEMBRIDGE
good neighbour
SCHEME

Phone : 07779 122499.

We successfully launched the **Good Neighbour Scheme** on the 1st June and have had great response from both Hereford & Worcester Radio and local newspapers. It is the first Scheme of its kind in Herefordshire that is run entirely by local volunteers and we are so proud that we have made it happen in **Pembridge**. The Scheme is a really important asset to our community and our volunteers are happy to visit **anyone** who needs help particularly people who are elderly, disabled, isolated or single parents. Just give us a call on **07779 122499**.

Letter to the Editor.....

This was the pick of the responses to Garfield's comments in the last issue.

It was good to see a new entry in the last issue of the Parish News, Garfield's "Chairman's Chat". By design, accident or playing devils advocate the Chairman raised the emotions in this household. Garfield, for as long as I have lived in the Village, has been heavily involved in the community and I was surprised to read his sweeping statement that "Only 9 people care enough about the community to put their names forward to serve on the Parish Council". Now if his point was indeed to stir emotions and eradicate apathy then perhaps he forgets the myriad of institutions, trusts, groups and societies within the Parish all with one aim, caring and making the Village a better community.

These organisations whether the Amenity Trust caring for the fabric of our historic buildings, the Village Show group continuing the tradition of the summer fete, groups organising the Christmas trees and lights and bonfire nights or indeed the newly formed "Care in the Community Group" and many more are all manned and supported by volunteers who care for the Village.

Being a Pembridge Parish Councillor is indeed a worthy role but it is wrong to indicate that only the 9 Parish Councillors care about the Village as many many more people in the Parish discharge a social duty in caring for and making Pembridge a better place to live and work in.

Adrian Lomax, Parishioner