

Pembridge Parish News

December '14/January '15

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Marking World War One

In the past few months the village has commemorated the start of the First World War in a number of ways; you may have seen the knitted poppies displayed throughout the village or the display in church, which gives information about those from the Pembridge who fought and died in the war. The commemorations started with a special service in Pembridge church, followed the same afternoon with a very successful and well attended concert of WW1 songs and poetry called "Pack up your Troubles", produced by Robert Dean.

The events to mark one hundred years since WW1 are ongoing; we are marking the one hundred years anniversary of all those from Pembridge that died in the war by tolling the bell on the appropriate date for the number of years of their life. We will also be hosting the Rifles and Spade Exhibition from Leominster Museum for the first two weeks in February 2015. This will be displayed in the church.

Many thanks to all who have contributed.

Bob Anderson

Christmas Trees

Fifty four Christmas trees have been selected; they have had labels put on showing which house they will be delivered to. They will arrive Saturday 29th November. The lights will be switched on at the Market hall on Friday 5th December at 6.15 with carol singing. There are stalls around the Market hall and Father Christmas in the New Inn. To help raise money for the trees and lights there will be a raffle for a Christmas hamper. Please come and support us, there will be free tea, coffee and mince pies.

The trees will be taken down on Saturday 17th January, please disconnect your lights and leave the plugs outside for collection.

Merry Christmas and Thank you from,

The Christmas Tree Team



Pembridge WI

The new year for Pembridge WI sees a change in committee. Tricia Lloyd and Sue Charles will be joint presidents, Marguerite Fothergill secretary, and Catherine Fothergill treasurer. Margaret Evison and Anne Bowen join them on the committee. The December meeting takes on a festive theme. Sue will be demonstrating a simple floral decoration and Tricia paper angels. Members will then be able to "have a go". The committee will be providing seasonal refreshments. Visitors will be very welcome to attend, (small charge £3).

In January we will be having our Christmas Lunch (venue to be confirmed), and in February our speaker will be Marion Wilcox talking about sheep and wool, with a hands on demonstration of spinning.

The programme for the rest of the year will be displayed around the village in the New Year, and visitors and new members will be most welcome.

Marguerite Fothergill
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Plea for more contributors

Having been editor of the Pembridge Parish News for a few editions now, I have found it difficult to fill space in the magazine.

The magazine has its regular contributors, which I am very grateful of, but it is still unfortunately not enough! Having had feedback from several people, it would be nice to mix things up a bit and hear from other Parishers too. Whether it be photographs, text or ideas it would be great to hear from you.

I am particularly interested in introducing stories and images of the past, which could be relevant to Pembridge's long standing residents in particular. These images do not have to be digital, as they can be scanned on to the computer, so if you have a few hidden away in the draw, please have a rummage.

If you can provide any photos or articles, or have any queries/ ideas on developing the newsletter then please feel free to email me at:

clareroseevans93@gmail.com

Or call on 01544 388 638

Clare Evans

'A Winters Tale'

Christmas Exhibition

The Old Chapel Gallery's Christmas Exhibition, 'A Winter's Tale', opens on Saturday November 8th with a dazzling collection of hand picked, hand made delights! Give the High Street a miss this Christmas and shop for unique British made presents in the calm and tranquil atmosphere of the gallery. Enjoy a truly delightful shopping experience.

Featured will be a cornucopia of wonderful Christmas present ideas from the best of British artists and makers, many from Herefordshire and surrounds - something for everyone!

To adorn your walls we will be showing watercolours by Mary Woodin and David Haswell, acrylics by James Donovan, batik paintings by Marie Therese King.

To keep out the winter chill there will be a 'must have' collection of scarves, wraps and bags in printed cashmere and lambs wool from textile designer maker, Fiona McIntosh and Nuno felted merino wool with silk fibres by Kathie Barrs. Both have created desirable accessories for any ladies wardrobe! (Fiona is also a ceramicist and has made a retro collection of drinking vessels in decorated earthenware.)

Artist Blacksmith Andrew Findlay, who was one of our first blacksmiths 25 years ago returns to the gallery with his latest collection of Waterlily and Ginko bronze bowls, organic candleholders and garden pods. Using traditional and modern hot forging techniques to produce metalwork in a unique and remarkable naturalistic style.

No line up would be complete without jewellery . We will be showing a new collection by Rachel Darbourne who uses recycled polythene in a fantastic range of colours, the end result is very desirable and durable, alongside a new collection of silver jewellery by silversmith Debby Marsh. John Mainwaring creates quirky wooden sculptures that are carved and then painted. It has been said that his pieces are the collectable's of the future.

There will also be chunky sweaters for men in lambs wool and silk, felted lambs wool jackets in a fabulous collection of colours for women and new winter collections from our regular British makers.

Don't delay your visit, you won't be disappointed!

For more information go to www.oldchapelgallery.co.uk

Yasmin Strube



YOUR HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Cllr Olwyn Barnett

Last month the Chairman of the Council Olwyn Barnett passed away after a long battle with cancer. Olwyn was a County Councillor for over 30 years on Hereford and Worcester CC and Herefordshire Council representing Shobdon for nearly twenty years. Many residents will remember the passion and commitment she gave to her community. She was a former Vice Chairman of Education and Social Care committees, Cabinet member for Social Care and was a great champion for local schools. We can thank Olwyn for the installation of the traffic calming gates either end of the village well over 20 years ago, the first such measures in the County. She was one of the small original group of Herefordians who worked in the eighties to establish St Micheals Hospice and was its second Board Chairman. She had integrity, locality and was not afraid to take on organisations but also be very honest and straight with the people she represented . No one better deserved to be elected Chairman of the Council and Herefordshire has lost a true champion.

Our Outstanding School

This term Pembridge School was inspected by Ofsted and given the highest classification of being Outstanding. Under the new standards of Ofsted very few schools achieve this status. It is a reflection of the dedication, professional high standards, commitment, enthusiasm and care of our school community; teachers, governors, parents and of course our children. We as a community can be very proud of our village school. (Please find the full Ofsted report on the following page.)

Vulnerable Children

The recent high profile deaths of young children in care and the Rotherham abuse scandals, have raised people's awareness to the responsibilities local authorities have for vulnerable children.

These duties range from caring for children needing fostering to complex physical and emotional needs or protection from abuse and exploitation.

Herefordshire currently has several hundred children at risk including 255 looked after children (the council is the corporate parent) who's support ranges from fostering with families to out of county complex specialist support. The proportion is similar to other authorities.

The overall budget for this year is 8.6 million and is broadly equal to the revenue budget for highways (excluding capital highway expenditure).

In County fostering costs over £500 per week while out of county and complex needs placements can cost over £170,000 per annum per individual and more.

The Council works with its partners e.g Police, Health and other agencies to join up intelligence and work closely together. However the risks are always there.

There are two other challenges the sector faces. Firstly recruiting and retaining children's social workers and secondly finding local fostering families. If you would like to more about a career in this sector or details of fostering please let me know.

Highways

I was pleased to get Weston and Milton highways resurfaced and repair work to Noke Lane. It leaves the Bridge Street junction, Noke Lane and village pavement kerbs outstanding. I am working to get those in the capital programme and have arranged a site meeting with the cabinet member. There is 7,000 tonnes of salt in the Council's Salt barns including Kingsland and the grit boxes are full. Last year was a mild winter with only 69 gritting runs completed. In our Parish only the main road and Rhyse lane are part of the regular gritting programme.

Members of the public can report a problem online at: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/roads-maintenance/how-do-i-report-a-highway-problem>

Alternatively they can contact 01432 261 800 which will take them to Herefordshire Council's Customer Service Team or the Clerk to Parish Council.

There has been some concern about HGVs and Tractor movements down Bridge street. I have written to the Police Commissioner and to date I am awaiting confirmation from the Police Divisional commander to the prosecution of illegal HGVs via residents photographs. The Parish Council will also be discussing the offer from Kingspan to put up a sign to direct traffic straight on at the junction on the A44. In the new year I am arranging a meeting of local large farming business, local hauliers, Police and the Parish Councils. The purpose is to ensure a good understanding of each other's concerns in the interests of safety, verge maintenance and operational efficiency on all the local highways.

Planning

To date we have not suffered from speculative developers pouncing on our village with large residential developments as others have suffered. Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy is with the inspector and a public hearing to deal with the more contentious elements is scheduled to begin in February. The Core Strategy indicates that Pembridge should grow by 12% over the next twenty years and together with the Pembridge Neighbourhood Plan that will protect us from over ambitious developers in the future.

Roger Phillips

KINGSPAN INSULATION - It's good to be awarded!

Everybody likes to receive recognition when they have worked hard, and Kingspan Insulation has done just that following success in the Chamber of Commerce Regional Awards, where they not only won Manufacturer of the Year, but also the Sustainability Award for the West Midlands Region.

A key part of winning these awards is the work undertaken by Kingspan as part of its Net Zero Energy initiative, which aims to have all Kingspan Insulation facilities running on entirely renewable power by 2018. Recent work for this in Pembridge has included the installation of an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant. The plant works by anaerobically digesting poultry waste and energy crops like maize supplied by local farmers to produce biogas, heat and fertiliser. Schemes like the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust have also contributed to this success.

As you probably already know, each year the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust award funds to a number of projects within the catchment areas of Wigmore High School, Lady Hawkins' School, Earl Mortimer College in Herefordshire. All that is asked is that they meet at least one of the Trust's four objectives which cover: ecology, biodiversity, healthy recreation for young people and road safety.

A recent project that has received funding is for equipment to support the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme at Lady Hawkins School. So if you know of a project that could benefit from some funding and is in need of recognition then why not put forward your own application.

Application forms and details of other local projects that have already been helped by the Trust since it was set up can be viewed on the website:

www.KingspanInsulationCommunityTrust.org

Prepared by: Smith Goodfellow Limited, Macclesfield, Cheshire



Pupils at Lady Hawkins School have received new equipment for their Duke of Edinburgh programme thanks to funding from the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust.

'OUTSTANDING'

Delighted staff and children at Pembridge CE Primary School are celebrating after being rated as an "Outstanding" school in their latest Ofsted report, placing it amongst the top schools in the country. It has become one of the few primary schools to be judged by Ofsted to be outstanding in every area since the introduction of the new inspection framework published in July 2014.

Following an inspection on 2nd and 3rd October, the school received the maximum five "Outstanding" grades for Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Safety of Pupils, Quality of Teaching, Achievement of Pupils and Early Years Provision.

The report compliments the school in many ways and Inspector, Mary Le Breuille, reported that, "Pupils make outstanding progress in all subjects and leave with standards that are high. Teachers show they have high expectations and plan lessons which interest and challenge pupils."

The Inspector added that "Pupils are proud of their school and of their teachers and are keen to do their best. Attitudes to learning are exemplary and pupils quickly develop key values. Pupils have a well-developed sense of right and wrong and treat others with respect and kindness".

The report goes on to say, "The leadership of the school, including governance is strong and leaders act with drive and ambition to eliminate weakness".

Parents praised highly the warmth and approachability of staff, the good communications and the family atmosphere of the school. One parent commented, "Pembridge CE Primary represents all the values I would want to see in a school".

Acting Head Teachers Sarah Palmer and Hazel Watkins said:

"The success of our school is a real team effort with the leadership team, teaching and non teaching staff, administrative staff, governors, children, parents and wider school community all playing an important part. We would like to thank them all for their contribution to making Pembridge CE Primary School the successful school that it is. We are so pleased that the dedication and quality of our colleagues, teaching and non-teaching, has been fully endorsed and look forward to building on our success."

For further information please read our full report which can be found on the school website www.pembridgeprimary.org.uk

Church Charity Shop

The week in the shop in Leominster raised £1170. Although not as profitable as last year, it is a very welcome contribution towards the upkeep of the church and its grounds.

We would like to thank all of you who donated items for us to sell and those who gave up their time to help.

We were left with some books which we have added to our "Bring and Buy" bookcase in the church. Do pop in and see if we have a title that you haven't read – a bargain at 50p per book, with new ones arriving on an ongoing basis.

Also for sale in the church are Christmas cards, candles and other craft items. This is a new venture and we would appreciate your support.

Jen Myers

Poppy Appeal

I would like to thank everyone involved with this year's collection of £4076.86. This is an amazing amount, only achieved by generous people giving of their time and money in what, for many, are difficult economic times. I cannot thank everyone individually here, but I hope you all know how much I appreciate your support for this cause. THANK YOU.

*Sharon O'Hare
Poppy Appeal Organiser.*



THE LEEN TIMES

Nearly all the milking cows have calved now and the herd has come into the buildings to get them off the wet ground. So we are set into the winter routine of feeding, bedding, scraping and milking. We have just finished the third crop of broilers and are beginning to feel somewhat more confident with this new enterprise. The Anaerobic Digester seems to be progressing well and we look forward to starting it up. The Herd of Herefords have given us a few noisy nights when their calves were weaned, but seemed to have settled down OK now.

The times for collecting mushrooms, nuts and sloes have all flown by and the leaves are mostly blown off the trees. We have now come to the time to plant more and thanks to lots of helpers we have managed to plant up another wood on the Village Green.



Thanks to the generosity of The Woodland Trust and Tyrells Crisps we have been given the trees, the canes to support them and guards to keep the rabbits off. Let's hope our young helpers enjoy them as the years go by.

Please take a walk down to the river to see the work that has been done. In a rash moment we got a young lad to make 100 bird and bat boxes for us. We have Owl boxes, open fronted boxes, boxes with different sized holes and boxes with no holes for different sorts of bats. We shall put them up all over the farm and in some of the buildings to see if we can give the wildlife a few more homes.

As soon as the weather starts to turn, give the bird feeders a really good clean and the birds a bit of a hand over the hard weather- And keep the cat in!

Wild life news: in early November a mass migration of Wood pigeons went over the farm, there must have been thousands in the air at once, all heading south and east for some reason (maybe it's all those acres of oilseed rape that attract them).

I noticed a Roe deer just a few yards from the village. These animals are getting more and more numerous and will soon be in the gardens eating the roses off!
3 different Barn Owls seen. Maybe they will welcome some new housing.
The Sloe gin competition is back!

Friday 12th of December, entries in by 8.00pm at the New Inn. Always a good time to taste and learn about how to make it.

May I wish everyone a happy Christmas and New year

Tony

National Historical Team seeks help!

A National historical research team seeks information from builders or DIY householders who have found, during house or barn renovation work, items like trinkets, coins, charms & especially boots or shoes; hidden in walls, chimneys or roofs. These would have been originally been left as good luck or superstition tokens 16-19th century. One shoe already recorded in Pembridge. Respondents would get historical feedback & total anonymity.

Contact Tom Bennetto 01544388972.

Pembridge Good Neighbours

Call 07779 122499 9.30am - 5.00pm

The Steppes

Week days: 9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am - 12.30pm

Mobile Post Office

Monday: 2.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday: 1.30 - 2.30pm
Wednesday: No service
Thursday: 4.00 - 5.00pm
Friday: 1.30 - 3.00pm
Saturday: 9.00 - 10.00am

Your Parish Councillors and telephone numbers

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Cllr Andrew Pace - Vice Chairman 340 696

Cllr Tom Bennetto 388 972

Cllr Kevin Duggan 388 833

Cllr David Williams 387 929

Cllr Ms Catherine Fothergill 388 279

Cllr Mrs Julie Mifflin 388 414

Cllr David Owens 388 422

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