

Pembridge Parish News

August/ September '15

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Pembridge Show

After the rain on Friday we were so lucky with the weather on Saturday.

We have no facts or figures yet on how we did.

Everyone enjoyed the Quack Pack, the Indian runner ducks were herded by sheepdogs, this was very entertaining.

Instead of children's races we had a timed obstacle course which tested their ability, there was a prize awarded to the fastest in each age group, the children loved it.

The exhibition marquee had some marvellous entries from Pembridge School, the classes were full. The children's judge commented on the excellence of the entries, but also on the commitment of the teachers for undertaking such a mammoth task.

There were a few gaps in the vegetable section but that's usually down to the weather.

Generally it appeared to be a good show with people meeting old friends again.

The R.W.H.Hunt carried on in the late afternoon with a raft race (lots of fun and wet people) and some duck racing. This was followed by a barbecue, Irish singers, skittles and rounders. A full day's entertainment.

Julie Mifflin



Above: The Quack Pack doing their thing.



Left: Robbie Williams with his prize winning vege and array of trophies

Right: A visitor enjoying the beautiful owls on display.



Below: Rafting team in full swing.



Thief Protection

Saturday 19th September
Village Hall 10.30 - 12pm

At the September **Good Neighbour Scheme Coffee Morning** we will be joined by our local Police Officers who will be carrying out an Overt Property Marking System called **CREMARK**. You will be welcome to bring your possessions for marking i.e. Bicycles, tools, computers anything you would like to be protected. Very large items that you cannot bring could also be protected, just come and speak to the Officers and they will arrange a convenient date and time to visit you in your home. CREMARK is a Overt Property Marking System that clearly marks the ownership of your possessions, in order that thieves are deterred and also aids the recovery of your property if it is stolen. So whilst you are enjoying your coffee and cake your possessions will be made safer..... sounds like a great idea!!!! If you would like to take up this offer but cannot make the Coffee Morning please contact us on **0777912249** and we will pass on your details.

Coffee Morning Volunteers Wanted!

Our Coffee & Cake Mornings are held on the third Saturday of the Month and we would welcome more volunteers to come along and help us. It's a great opportunity to get together and we really do have fun. Please phone us on 0777912249 if you could help.

Pat Stokes

Pride in Pembridge

The judging for the Royal Horticultural Society's Heart of England 'Village in Bloom Campaign' has now taken place. The results will be announced in the autumn.

The judge was given refreshments in the church and saw a fifteen minute presentation on the activities carried out throughout the year which keep the village looking attractive. He was also given a portfolio of photographs to refer to. After that he was shown the new wall which restrained an unsightly crumbling bank by the school entrance, and which had flowers attractively cascading down it. Then a brief tour of the school gardens was carried out before heading down Bridge Street to visit The Old Rectory gardens. (Private gardens are not allowed to be shown but those comprising a business are.) The planters of nasturtiums behind the Red Lion and the flowers in the wall down Bridge Street were highlighted as part of 'Greening the Grey', which is an ongoing theme of the RHS for entrants to the 'In Bloom'

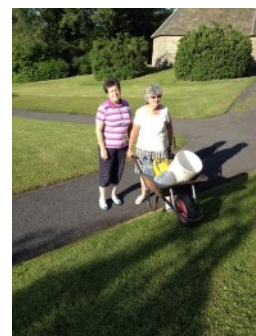
campaign. Finally he was taken to see the work in the Conservation Area and to view the Village Green and the new tree trunk placed there for children to enjoy, followed by a short drive to see the new work at the Camping and Caravan site at Townsend's. Then it was back to the Café on Bridge Street for an excellent light lunch.

Grateful thanks are extended to all those who ensured that every part of the village was looking at its best for the occasion, particularly those who kept all the containers and hanging baskets watered in the warm weather. The Alms Houses looked wonderful and West Street was a picture. Everyone should be very proud.

Thank you too to all those who helped in other ways: Tony Norman, Bob Pierce, Veronica Richardson, Sue and Geoff at Townsend's and Phil Pickard. The PiPs team should also congratulate itself for all the hard work done in the run-up to the competition.

Fingers crossed for another gold!

Judith Rogers



KINGSPAN INSULATION

On Top of the World

With summer well and truly here, local children have been putting themselves to the test at their school sports days, and they're not the only ones who've been going for gold. Kingspan Insulation's site at Pembridge has now been awarded a World Class Operation Management (WCOM) Gold award.

This latest award has been a real team effort and marks another major milestone in Kingspan Insulation's journey of continuous improvement, helping to prove that manufacturing facilities here in Herefordshire are right up there with the some of the best factories in the world!

The WCOM programme covers nine different areas including engagement, quality, maintenance, and production; each with its own road map to success. Companies are then given an overall level based on the weighted average of the scores for each area.

Of course, these areas are heavily intertwined so improvements in one can have positive knock-on effects in others. For example, better engagement amongst staff leads to further reduction in processing losses such as waste or lost time.

Most of Kingspan Insulation's work at the site has focused on improvements

in manufacturing processes and this area has already seen great progress. One of the biggest success stories has been on the Kooltherm line where production waste has been cut by an incredible 70% in the last 8 years alone.

As part of the WCOM process, the facility will be externally audited and scored every single year. This will help to support Kingspan Insulation's programme of continuous improvement, with a particular emphasis being placed on further improvements in quality, staff training and engagement.



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The Vernal Flowering

Ambrose P. Hogweed

The vernal flowering this year was spectacular. Wild flowers seemed to literally explode into the spring air under the bare, sprouting branches in the woods, banks and fields around the village. Some years we seem to have the right combination of wet and sunny days with cool nights that prompt both extravagant blooming and stop individual flowers from fading and dying too quickly. This year the result was great skeins of Primroses along south facing hedge bottoms, clumps of Cowslips proudly tufting amongst grasses growing rapidly in the meadows, and swathes of Dandelions gilding fields, hedgerows and roadsides, washes of blue from Speedwell, Alkanet, Forget-me-Nots, Violets, and a myriad greens from trees, bushes and grasses as all creation literally buzzed with growing energy.

The Bluebells were really good this year Westonbury Coppice was carpeted blue by the wild hyacinths, accented with starry washes of white Wood Anemones and butter yellow Lesser Celandine. We



picked our way through the flowers, floating on fabulous scents, surrounded by the chiffy-chaffing of warblers. In the late spring / early summer light, the scent, the constant hum of insects, the budding Ash and Oak trees, and a Roe doe glimpsed nuzzling her new kid combined to make this particular walk truly memorable.

I wish I could preserve the feelings from this season, bottle it, and share it with you all so you might drink it when hearts are heavy, or when spirits are dulled by the mundane round of the grim, wet nights of winter, when life can seem so overtly burdensome.

YOUR HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Firstly can I thank all those of you who re-elected me as your local representative on the Herefordshire Council. The Election seems a long time ago but personally it was good to see people during such fine weather. It is a pleasure and privilege to represent Pembridge and I will continue to do my best to look after you all and the best interests of our County and community. As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Council has published its closed accounts for 2014\15 which shows an underspend of 600K. This was due to tight fiscal control of budgets and a mild winter. The level of general reserves held is 7 million representing 4% of the net budget.

Following the £49 million savings made over the last four years the Council is now consulting on the further £42 million it needs to save between now and 2020. More information can be found on the council website and at roadshows in Kington on 14th Aug and 11th Sept and in Corn Square on 7th Aug and 22nd Sept. There are some very difficult decisions to make and your views are welcome.

Highways

I have arranged with the Lafarge Tarmac Quarries above Kington that they will advise their hauliers to observe a voluntary 20 mph speed limits through the local villages. I arranged a visit for the Parish council to Kingspan recently to view their operation and discuss traffic issues.

I will be liaising with local businesses on the resurfacing at Bridge street junction which should be after the scaffolding as gone from East street.

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website and for reporting problems.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grass-cutting>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

We have a new planning officer Nicholas Hall for our area and I would advise that anyone seeking planning contact him first.

Nicholas.Hall@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you want to report a planning enforcement issue then contact Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk

Roger Phillips

The Festival of Flowers to Celebrate the Pembridge Tapestries

The months of planning the Festival of Flowers resulted in a memorable weekend of celebration for the launch of the Pembridge Tapestries.

We welcomed people from all over the UK as well as internationally. But, it was the support of the people from the Parish of Pembridge and others in the Arrowvale Group, which was so encouraging.

The weekend started with an Opening Service where the team involved in developing the tapestries opened the Festival, followed by the Talgarth Male Voice Choir, who literally set the tone for the weekend!

We were blessed with excellent weather throughout the weekend, which meant that people were able to relax and enjoy every aspect of the Festival, including organ recitals organised by Tim, tours of the village with Bob and the display of scarecrows!

The Taiko Drumming, led by Pete Goodman, on Saturday evening was a revelation. Few of us knew what to expect and initially wondered if our ears were up to the pounding drums, or even if the church roof would remain intact! But their performance and energy was amazing. The lovely voices of Pembridge School Choir made a perfect contrast to the evening. Robert Dean brought us a Spring Serenade on Sunday evening with poetry by Christopher Goode accompanied by the delightful voices of Henry Manning and Charmian Bedford.

The flower displays, organised by Joyce Williams and her talented team depicted the tapestries beautifully as well as enhancing the porch, the windows and the sanctuary.

Poppy Appeal Awards

The Pembridge Branch of the Royal British Legion are proud to announce that two of our members have received awards. Margaret Reid has collected on behalf of the RBL for 35 years and Pat Teale for 20 years.

Herefordshire's Lord Lieutenant presented their awards and congratulated them at a ceremony in Hereford on the 7th May.

The Pembridge Branch is vibrant and growing and is open to military and non-military members. We run various social events (Margaret and Pat are staunch in that too!); recently a showing of the film Noel, a talk by a distinguished war correspondent and coming in September an evening with someone who parachuted across the Channel!

Graham Hudson hudson@lineone.net

Parish Council News

Parish Council Accounts 2014-15

The year-end accounts for 2014/15 have been submitted to our external auditor Grant Thornton for approval and already been return with no cause for concern.

Neighbourhood development Plan.

A new round of grant funding has become available to assist in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group met in early July and are producing a skeleton plan over the coming weeks. It is envisaged the skeleton plan will be a concentrated document specific about delivering homes, supporting business and protecting and conserving Pembridge.

New Speed Indicator Devices

Pembridge and Titley Parish Councils are sharing the use of a new speed indicator device (SID), which has been deployed in the village during June. This is a good step to combat speeding in our villages.

The display by Sandra Edwards of Pembridge in the Steam Age, highlighting Linda and Ron Jones' honeymoon getaway, set many cameras whirring! (Linda has lived in the parish all her life and was one of the amazing stitchers of that tapestry).



The Leen Hereford bull, "Onward" was also much admired and patted by so many children. The work on the font "A Tapestry of Colours" by Ness and Joyce was a complete contrast, where natural objects were used creating amazing patterns.

We welcomed the Dean of Hereford, The Very Rev. Michael Tavinor to our Sunday morning worship where he celebrated communion and talked about our exhibition and the link with the Quaker tapestries in Kendal.

The amazing catering team of Sharon, Clare and Jen and their band of helpers, fed us over the weekend with an array of cakes, sandwiches and much more. The Monday barbecue, supported by music from our perennial rock star Phil Weaver, fed a large number of visitors, enabling everyone to relax and celebrate the success of our Festival.



You may have gone home with plants from the wonderfully stocked plant stall organised by Liz and Roland, a jar of jam from Catherine and Marguerite, a cake from Sheila and Kate, a cushion from the craft stall, or even a tapestry brochure but hopefully you will have taken with you the memories of a Festival which involved so many talented people in Pembridge.

Gill Smith & Jacqui Thomas

The Pembridge Tapestries On Exhibition in Church now

Together with Tapestry Aprons £10,
Tea Towels £5, Brochures £5
and now
Postcards of the 12 tapestries
Excellent value at £5 for a set of 12 or
50p each

(All items make excellent gifts!)

Pot Hole Repairs

Herefordshire Council have a quick and easy new way to report potholes and defects on our roads. The new online interactive map is easy to use and allows you to view all defects in any area of Herefordshire.. All reports are logged and updated immediately onto the council's database. If you would like to report a pothole log on to www.herefordshire.gov.uk and navigate through the transport and highways section. Or just Google Hereford pothole map!

Footpaths

Thank you to all those landowners who have cleared the paths through their crops. Please can you all keep a check on them for any more overgrowth during the summer! If you are out and about on the parish footpaths and find a problem please report it to the Footpaths Officer, Michael J Hancock or the clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday September 16th - Parish Hall 7.30pm

Rebecca Bissell

THE LEEN TIMES

Most of the cows stop milking at this time of year at The Leen. We 'dry them off' so that they get a complete break from milking for a couple of months before they have their next calves in September and October. We grow long grass for them that is virtually 'standing hay' and in it they look really happy, mostly laid down, 'cudding away' and taking a well-deserved holiday. This also gives us a chance to utilise the old meadows that we have on the farm after the multitude of wild flowers have flowered and gone over. Staff and family can also take the chance to have their own holidays although work on the farm never really stops with a few cows to still milk and other cattle to oversee, poultry to feed and care for and now, the Anaerobic Digester to feed and manage. The harvest is nearly on us and no doubt the weather will give us some tricky times. With this year, a significant drop in prices across Milk, Cereals, Beef, Lamb and Potatoes will make it tough going in the farming world.

On a walk recently beside the Arrow I was able to spot a Reed Bunting, a Dipper, a Kingfisher, a brood of Swans, an Otter 'spraint', evidence of Bank Vole, a 'Bumble Bees' nest in a bird box, some Damsel flies, 17 different species of wild flowers and 2 Brown Trout and a Grayling—the only thing that ruined it was some litter thrown down by some idiot (which I cleaned up and put in the bin 5 yards away!) The walk lasted ten minutes and it was round the Nature area of the Village Green.

Wildlife News- Over 200 species of plants counted in 3 fields around Moseley Common, Leverets seen again (but the Hare population still struggles) A Hobby seen, as is a Red Kite very regularly now. A sighting of a brood of grey Partridge—these are getting rare in this area now.

I am doing a survey of the Wye valley (including the Arrow) for Invasive weeds-Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam have all invaded and will take an enormous effort to control—If you see a 15 foot high Hogweed—DO NOT TOUCH IT—let me know.

Please let me know of any interesting sightings of wildlife- if you can get a photo—that's even better!

Thank you to all those that keep me on my toes anyway.

Tony Norman (tony@theleen.co.uk)

Pembridge WI

Upcoming Meetings-

- August - we are to gather at the Village Hall at 1.30pm before going out to Moors Meadow near Bromyard, taking a "bring and share tea".
- September - we are expecting an "up -lifting experience" from Hearts Lingerie (in aid of Breast Cancer) at the Village Hall 7pm
- October- we have a talk on "History of Marriage" from Eleanor Mason(registrar) also at the Village Hall at 7pm.

Previous events-

Our coach trip to Trentham Gardens was very enjoyable, not only a delightful garden but also a delightful

shopping experience.

Future Plans-

- We are hoping to visit Shrewsbury by train where we will take a boat trip and have lunch.
- We also plan to have a lunch outing to The Royal Oak on Bromyard Downs preceded by a walk and followed by tea at Tricia's where we will be discussing the programme for 2016.
- The Reading Group will meet and also we will be going ten-pin bowling.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and hopefully may even like us and become members! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, please see above for meeting times.

Tricia Lloyd (0188555 488319) Marguerite Fothergill(01544 388279)

Circuit Training

Pembridge Village Hall, every
Tuesday evening @ 6.30pm

Calling all parishioners who would like to improve their fitness!

Steve Harris runs a weekly Circuits class, which is excellent training whilst at the same time great fun. Those of us who have been attending for some 4 years all began with varying fitness levels and age – I'm not going to admit to mine! You can join the class at any stage of fitness and work to your own level, gradually increasing performance. Steve does not expect you to arrive fit – that's the point of his class –but he is really motivating and enjoys watching people improve over the weeks.

However, we do need more people to join in to make it worth Steve's while, it would be such a shame to lose this class conveniently held in our village. So PLEASE come and give it a try!

For further information Steve's contact details are: **07885 580690**/
stevessfitness@btinternet.com

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

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