

Pembridge Parish News



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December 2016 - January 2017

Christmas Dinner – Turkey and Roast Potatoes. *Both these essential ingredients are available from Townsend's Farm Shop.*

The turkeys are supplied to Townsend Farm Shop by Walsgrove Farm and are free-range bronze turkeys. The flesh is unaffected by the feather colour but the shaft is darker leaving a more prominent mark on the skin. The day-old chicks arrive on the farm in late June, are reared inside until they are six weeks old, then they are let out to feed on grass during the day. They are given a specially prepared ration to ensure the best flavour for Christmas and in September they are fed home grown oats to improve the texture and flavour of the meat. None of the foods they are given contain additives or pesticides. The turkeys are killed and dry-plucked at least ten days before being sent to the suppliers and are hung in a cold store. They will keep for a long time if properly gutted. The feathers are bagged and sold on for use as cattle bedding.



Su and Geoff Smith grow three varieties of potato on their farm – Estima (great all-rounder), Marfona (grows to a good size) and Picasso (pink eye – great taste). During March the land is fertilised with manure from the cattle, ploughed, power harrowed, ridged and bed formed. Certified Scottish seed potatoes are planted in

early April. Potatoes are planted on the same land once in five years. In order to prevent potato blight, the crop foliage is sprayed every 7 -10 days in the growing season. When they reach the optimum size the potato haulm is flailed off and the potatoes are left to set.

The potatoes are harvested in late August and September with a manned Grimme bunker harvester and put into tonne boxes in the field, then taken to an insulated cold store ready for sorting. The sorting process involves boxes going onto a box tipper – hopper – brush cleaner – grader – automatic bagger and sticher into 7.5 kg, 12 kg and 25 kg bags. Any rotten and damaged potatoes are removed from the grader by hand, chopped and fed to the cattle.

The Christmas "turkey" was designed by Geoff and his father, John. The head and neck are made from an old tree bough, the body is a large straw bale covered in old carpet and the tail is made from corrugated metal. Each year it is treated to a new beak and a fresh spraying of "feathers". The sight of it outside the entrance to Townsend's raises many a smile and marks the beginning of Christmas for Pembridge, along with the Christmas trees.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

*Turkey Flock Photo – Goodmans Geese and Turkeys www.goodmansgeese.co.uk
Christmas 'Turkey' Photo taken in 2008 when first created and technical information regarding potatoes from Su and Geoff Smith of Townsend Farm www.whatmeatcompany.co.uk*



Macmillan Coffee Mornings.

The coffee morning held at The Old Chapel Gallery on Friday, October 7th raised £400 for the Macmillan charity. Yasmin wishes to thank all those who contributed cakes and raffle prizes.

The coffee morning held at 6 Curl View on Saturday, September 24th raised £500 for the Macmillan charity. The money was raised from a raffle of prizes kindly donated by local businesses, cake sales and donations. Christine would like to thank all those who supported this event.

Diary

2 Dec - Christmas tree lighting ceremony - refreshments

Fri, 6.15 pm Market Hall.

14 Dec - WI – Silly Games *

*Wed, 2pm Village Hall**

17 Dec - PGNS Coffee Morning - All welcome

Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall

17 Dec - Village Quire

*Sat, Pembridge Church 7.30 pm **

24 Dec - Radnor & West Hunt meet

*Sat, New Inn 11 am ***

28 Dec - Sloe Gin Competition

*Wed, New Inn, 8.30pm ***

31 Dec - New Year's Eve Party at New Inn

Sat, 8.30pm Music from the Shirley and Garfield Road show.

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6 Jan - Hound of the Baskervilles - Rain or Shine Company

*Fri, Pembridge Church**

11 Jan - WI – New Inn for lunch *

14 Jan - Hardy Plant Society - Social Event

Sat, Glasbury Village Hall, 2 pm £3

21 Jan - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome

Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall

* See *The Arrowvale Messenger* for details

** See *New Inn notice board* for details

Remember that **fireworks and animals do not mix!** If you intend to have a firework party could you please warn your neighbours. Remember that the loud sounds can carry quite a distance, so do warn farmers and equestrian properties in your locality of your intentions. Thank you.

Allotments

We have had several enquiries as a result of our last notice in the magazine and now have three allotments left which we will split into ½ and ¼ plots. Please phone 01544 387627

Pembridge Village Hall Booking Secretary/Steward

From **1st January 2017** Pembridge Village Hall will have a new Booking Secretary/ Steward. Please contact Sheena Palmer 01544 388952 for any enquiries or bookings in the New Year.

Defibrillator in Pembridge

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is available for use in a suspected heart attack. It is located in a box on the outside of the **Red Lion**. The ambulance service is aware of



its location. All the equipment can easily be carried to the patient and comprehensive instructions are given as the device is switched on, allowing an untrained person to use it safely. In a side pocket of the bag is a pack containing a CPR barrier

mask, disposable gloves etc. More Details next edition.

Newspapers at The New Inn

We have started a weekend service for newspapers which we collect from the Eardisland shop (who are delighted to supply us again). Please feel free to place an order for Saturday or Sunday or both and they will be in the pub from 9 am.

The Christmas Draw is up and running – tickets only 50p each and prizes galore!

Kingspan - Have Your Say



Kingspan Insulation needs your help. We would like to get local community feedback on the work we do at our site and, in particular, on our sustainable practice. To accomplish this, we've created a

short survey and would really appreciate it if as many local residents as possible could take part.

The survey is a great opportunity to have your say on how we operate or to ask any burning questions you have about what we do at our site. To thank you for your help, everyone who completes the survey will also be entered into a prize draw for a £25 M&S voucher.

An online version of the survey can be accessed via a link on the community page of our website (www.kingspaninsulation.co.uk/community). Alternatively, you can request a paper copy either by ringing us on 01544 388601 or by sending an email to info@kingspaninsulation.co.uk with the subject line – Community Survey.

The results will help to guide our future practice and we'd love to get as much local input as possible so, if you can spare a few minutes to fill out the survey, we'd really appreciate it. Who knows, you might even be the lucky winner.

Don't forget as well that the deadline for Kingspan Insulation Community Trust projects is fast approaching. The Trust supports local projects which meet at least one of its four objectives: road safety, healthy recreation for young people, environmental conservation and biodiversity.

There is no limit to the number of applications you can submit before the deadline on 31st March 2017. Full entry guidelines and information, including application forms, can be found at www.KingspanInsulationCommunityTrust.org.

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Local NHS Review: NHS England has produced a 5 year plan for the delivery of NHS services in Hereford and Worcester referred to as the STP (Sustainable Transformation Plan). It is now out for consultation and there are elements which need more public awareness.

This includes a proposal to downgrade maternity services at Hereford Hospital, and while increasing the number of acute beds in Hereford by approximately 15 it is proposing to reduce the number of beds in the County Community Hospitals, such as Leominster and Kington Court by 60. Removing the community beds sends more people home sooner which of course puts the financial pressure on the council's care budget and Herefordshire council tax payers! Please go onto NHS England or the local website www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk for more information.

Locally it is good to see our Acute Hospital in Hereford has come out of special measures and improvements to our local surgery practice in Kington.

Safeguarding: Recently both the adult's and children's annual safeguarding Boards reports were published. Safeguarding or keeping the most vulnerable safe has to be the number one priority of any local authority. It tends to be in the background until go things wrong. It is a hugely difficult area and progress within both Boards is steady. I think it is worth reminding people that "bad things" happen in Herefordshire too - eg sexual exploitation and domestic abuse. I attach a link to these reports for your perusal <http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50040960/HS-CB-HSAB%20Annual%20Reports%20-%20cover%20report.pdf>

Highways: In October the Council successfully won a case against our old contractors Amey for £9.5 million plus costs. There is potential for them to appeal and some of the funding was for specific projects. I will be lobbying my colleagues for as much of that as possible to be placed in the highway budget. I have consulted with the parish council on local roads that should be included in next year's resurfacing budget.

The resurfacing of the A44 through the village and the C1083 Bearwood lane from Hall to A44 were put forward last year and feature again together with the Noke Lane U91418, Bearwood crossroads C1082 and a section on the C1032 near Kingspan .

I have supported Herefordshire Council in submitting an application for 20 million pounds to the Governments Highway Challenge fund for road maintenance and lobbied Bill Wiggin to support it. I have supported the improved measures at Lawtons crossroads and the extension of speed limit at Monkland and consideration of reduction of speed limit on the A44.

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below

<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>

Roger Phillips

Parish Clerk's Report

20 mph speed limit in Pembridge

The Parish Council recently met with Balfour Beatty to discuss a 20 mph speed limit through the village. This will largely depend on the existing vehicle speeds being under 24 mph. The options are:

Option (1) *Request the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit and ensure it will be prioritised and ranked alongside all the other new requests received into the traffic regulation order (TRO) Programme for 2017.*

Option (2) *The Parish Council, Herefordshire Council or other external body could fund the complete cost of introducing a 20 mph speed limit. Costs that would include all the signing and the making of a traffic regulation order. These charges would be around £4000.*

The starting point is to gather speed data to make a sensible decision. This is collected with rubber tubing on the carriageway. The Parish Council have requested quotes for the tubing and will continue to investigate all traffic calming measures when a costing has been received.

Congestion due to parking along Bearwood lane

Parking along the Bearwood Lane has been a long term issue in the village. The school has repeatedly requested parents to refrain from parking along the school entrance. After meeting with Balfour Beatty representatives, it was agreed by the Parish Council in October to request that no parking Zig Zag lines be painted outside the school entrance on Bearwood Lane. However, it is hoped that this section of roadway will be included in the 2017/18

resurfacing schedule and liaison will be required to ensure that the lines are added after the road has been resurfaced.

Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) steering group has been making good progress with the draft plan of objectives and policies and hopes to be finalising details in the New Year. The next stage is to prepare for further parish consultation. Any questions please contact the clerk on rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com for more details of the next meeting.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council continues to receive reports of repeated dog fouling around the village especially in the Millennium Meadow. This has become so bad that concerns for the safety of children playing in the meadow have become a high priority. Notices will be posted shortly asking all parishioners to keep their dogs on leads in an effort to clean up the meadow for the enjoyment of all. It is the law to clean up after your dog, be responsible! Dog bins are provided for poop bags to keep our pavements, hedges, greens and play areas clean, safe and tidy. Thank You.

Land & Property Owners

Please remember: It is your responsibility to ensure hedge cutting and ditch maintenance along highways and footpaths.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday December 21st - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday January 18th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm.

Leen Times

Disaster has struck!

For years we have been very conscious of TB, and indeed, have lost many animals through this pernicious disease. So we had separated our pedigree Hereford herd from the rest of the cattle and kept them isolated a very long way from any other cattle. As I have mentioned before, all our cattle are tested for TB every 60 days. So we were quite confident the Hereford herd was clear of TB.

However, when the next test came, animal after animal showed positive! We started with 40 Herefords in the herd-cows, calves and the stock bull - Jason (see photo). We finished with just 6 calves and 10 cows and the rest had to be slaughtered.

We lost the bull, the cows and calves, and the worst - the embryo's inside their mothers (they were due to be born in the new Year) - most of the next generation. Now, this is devastating, not just for them, but for us as a family and for the history of the breed as some of those cattle families trace right back to the formation of the herd in 1780.



We have moved the survivors to further isolation and hope that they will survive the next test.

To lighten our lives, a Barn Owl flew over our lawn the other day. Happy Christmas

Tony Norman

Congratulations

On October 18th Clive and Juliet Williams received the Gold Award for Bed and Breakfast from Visit England at the Olympia Show in London. See www.lowe-farm.co.uk for further information. More details to follow next month.

We are a free service supporting people in the Parish of Pembridge. If you need someone to:

- Fetch a prescription
- Walk or feed your pet
- Do some shopping
- Just call in for a chat or errands

These are just a few examples of what we could help you with. Just give us a call - we look forward to hearing from you.

The Steppes

Tue - Sat: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Bridge Street Cafe

Every day: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

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

Old Chapel Gallery

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday: 11.00am - 4.00pm

Mobile Post Office

Monday: 2.00 - 3.00pm Tuesday: 1.30 - 2.30pm
Thursday: 3.30 - 4.30pm Friday: 1.30 - 3.00pm
Saturday: 9.00 - 10.00am (No Service on Wednesday)

Pride in Pembridge win the lottery.

The PIP group were successful in being awarded almost £10,000 from the Big Lottery fund 'Awards for All'. We made the application to fund an extension of the boardwalk in the conservation area, and to replace waste bins and provide more seating on the village green. The 70 metre extension to the walkway will provide much needed improved access towards the far end of the conservation area, over a length of the path that is often very muddy and slippery alongside the river. We expect the work to be completed in the Spring of 2017, and will be carried out by a local construction company.



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