

# Pembridge Parish News



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April - May 2017

## Wedding and Country Style Living Fair

### St Mary's Church: Sunday 28th and Monday 29th May

When we started organising this event we were surprised to find that in and around Pembridge there are so many excellent local independent businesses. Come and see for yourself – you will be amazed at the variation of talent being showcased.

In the church and also outside in the church grounds we will have businesses which are offering superb venues in our local area for your special occasion, along with stalls offering gifts and a range of items - from jewellery, through to photography, dress makers, florists to art work, hair and beauty and much, much more. Outside there will be displays of outdoor activities as well as that much needed bar, toilets and the essential transport for your special day!



The church is to be decorated wedding-style by Jo and Joyce Williams from Marston Court ([issyandbella.co.uk](http://issyandbella.co.uk)) – our local much-acclaimed florist duo! Inside the church there will be a display of wedding dresses worn by Pembridge brides through the decades, the earliest one having been worn by Lorna Pinches in the 1930's, along with wedding albums and photographs of many local brides, both in black and white and colour photography. Come and see how fashions have changed in



There will be something for married to join us! You may be and need ideas and help to make is a wedding being planned in the

be a small intimate affair or something more grand, come wonderful local businesses offering a huge range of services help

one to remember for all the family. But if you are planning a church wedding or simply wishing to renew your vows – we will have all the information you need.

If you are a visitor – make a day of it by exploring our unique medieval village as well! Pembridge has the most half-timbered houses of all the black and white villages in Herefordshire, as well as our superb detached 14th Century octagonal Belfry. The Fair is open from **10.30 – 4.00 pm** and refreshments are available in the marquee during these times.

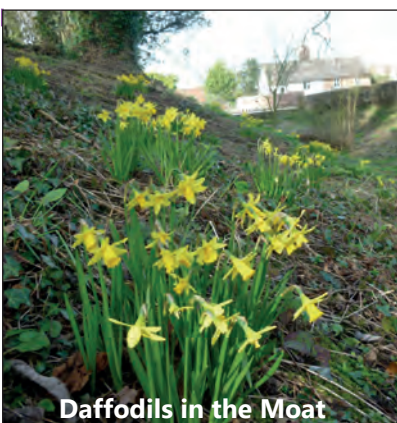


A special 'Songs of Praise' church service will be held on Sunday 28th at 6.00pm when you are invited to come and join us in singing a selection of the favourite wedding hymns chosen by brides and their families when being married in Pembridge Church. The service will be led by Rev Andrew Body and the organ

music will be played by Tim Hollinghurst. You are all welcome to come even if you are not a regular churchgoer!

We look forward to seeing you – please tell your friends about us! - Gill Smith

*The Fair is being sponsored by Henman Marquees of Pembridge.*



Daffodils in the Moat



Red Lion at the end of the rainbow



Mary Wellings celebrates her 95th birthday

# Diary

**8 April** - Hardy Plant Society - Marion Staunton on Sat 3pm *Pembridge Village Hall* 'Blue Poppies'  
NOTE: Meetings replaced by garden visits in summer months - see [www.hardy-plant.org/hereford](http://www.hardy-plant.org/hereford)

**12 April** - WI – Herefordshire Talking Newspaper \*  
Wed, 7pm Village Hall

**15 April** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All welcome  
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 *Village Hall*

**29/30 April** - Wildlife and Sustainability event  
*Court of Noke*

**10th May** - WI - Lino Printing Demonstration\*  
Wed, 7pm *Village Hall*

**20th May** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome  
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 *Village Hall*

**28/29 May** - Wedding and Country Living Fair  
*Pembridge Church Grounds 10.30 -4.00*

**July 9th** Westonbury Mill Water Gardens \*  
Sun 11pm - 5pm (*Money to Pembridge Church*)

\* See *The Arrowvale Messenger* for details

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Sheena Palmer 01544 388952 for any enquiries

## Bridge Street Cafe

Summer opening times will be 9.00am to 5.00pm – everyday. Newspapers are provided (pre-ordered only) and The Hereford Times will be on sale on Thursdays.

## School Governors Wanted

Do you want to contribute to your local community and get involved in children's education? Are you willing to challenge and ask questions? Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and interested in gaining new skills? Would you like to make a difference and work as part of a team?

If so, you may be interested in becoming a School Governor. We are looking for community members or people involved in local businesses who will help our school to continue to thrive and offer outstanding education in Pembridge.

[http://www.pembridgeprimary.org.uk/docs/Vacancies/Pembri dge\\_School\\_Governors.pdf](http://www.pembridgeprimary.org.uk/docs/Vacancies/Pembri dge_School_Governors.pdf) or contact Sue Biddle, Clerk to the Governors, at [office@pembridge.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:office@pembridge.hereford.sch.uk) or 01544 388366 to arrange an informal discussion with one of the governors.

**Tea/Coffee/Chat with WI** There will be two dates where you can meet up at The Steppes tearoom and learn what is going on. These will be Tuesday 25th April and Tuesday 30th April at 3.00pm.

Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279

## The National Memorial Arboretum

The Pembridge Branch of the Royal British Legion hosted a representative from the NMA in February and learned much more about it. Did you know that the site covers 150 acres and over 330 thought-provoking memorials? Some are for animals, others for land girls and many for non-military people.

Gardeners amongst you may know the site features 30,000 trees with a combination of native and specimen samples. It's also home to a variety of flora and fauna making it a haven for nature lovers.

The Arboretum is a wonderful place and well worth visiting. We are going on the 16th May. We've booked the land train to take us round the site after attending the daily memorial service. The train will give us an overview and enable members of our group to decide which memorials they will individually visit after lunch. Many will take a picnic but the NMA has a restaurant and coffee shop for those who want to be catered for.

If you would like to join us tickets for the coach and land train are still available. You'll be most welcome.

Graham Hudson 07770 635897

## Spring forward

This time last year we were singing the praises of spring and it seems a year later there is no change. It's hard not to be in awe of our local surroundings here in Herefordshire as we watch the new lambs finding their feet and hedgerows bouncing back into life – we can even ignore the odd spring shower or in recent weeks the sleet storms!



To encourage as much wildlife back to our site as possible, we hope to reap the rewards of biodiversity work we carried out last year. Following our ecology report undertaken in 2015, we made a big push to introduce and improve existing habitats at the end of autumn, holding our annual Biodiversity Big Day Out which we hope to repeat this year with more local primary schools.

As mentioned last year, we discovered a colony of red-tailed bees so a large part of our biodiversity event was spent getting muddy and planting wildflowers along the bumblebee banks around site. Now our bumblebee banks are flourishing - full of daffodils and snowdrops, our trees are full of bird feeders and our bug hotels are full of creepy crawlies. Next on the list is our hedgehog house – we just need to wait until the current resident has ended their winter slumber.

To keep up to date with all the biodiversity goings on, or to read the latest sustainability and responsibility report, visit our website: [kingspaninsulation.co.uk/Sustainability](http://kingspaninsulation.co.uk/Sustainability).



# Pembridge Parish Council

## Herefordshire Councillor's Report

### Lobbying

I have been involved in three areas of lobbying in recent weeks. Firstly I am pleased we have received notice of £998,000 for pothole repairs in 2017/18 from Government and I have also lobbied for any compensation funding from Amey contractors be spent on our highways with Pembridge village as a priority. I have responded to the consultation on School Funding and the continued poor support for rural schools including a sparsity factor of 0.08% for our village primary schools.

I have been involved with a lobbying campaign to raise the concerns about the impact of social care costs on local government services. It was always a concern for me that everyone recognises the pressures in the NHS but not for social care. If you do not invest in prevention services and social care then you have more acute illnesses and bed blocking.

Nationally we are an ageing population as the baby boomer generation starts to retire. In Herefordshire our population will grow by just under 10% from 188,000 in 2015 to 205,000 in 2034 (twenty years). However the number of over 65 year-olds rises from 44,000 in 2015 to 63,500 in 2034 with the number of people aged over 85 doubling. Generally we are not only living longer but also more healthily hence the need to keep active mentally, physically and socially.

There are 2,000 care beds in Herefordshire with 85% of those 1730 beds being for older people's care. (Adults with longer term difficulties account for the 15%). Of the 1730 beds, 54% are self-funders - people who have over £23,500 of assets. Herefordshire Council, via the social care budget, pays for 35% of all beds; NHS 7% and approximately 5% are empty at any one time. In the Kington area there are 160 beds and in Leominster area 239.

## Parish Clerk's Report: April/May 2017

### Pembridge Annual Parish meeting

Please come along to the Annual Parish meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 12th April, 7.00pm. Reports will be received from community groups along with updates on activities from the ward and parish councillors.

### Turnpike travellers site off Bridge Street

The Parish Council has been discussing the continued problems of waste collection at the turnpike site with Herefordshire Council. It is hoped that Herefordshire Council will look to improve their management of the site and arrange better waste collection services soon.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) steering group met with the Parish Council on 1st March and received a presentation from consultants, Data Orchard, on the draft plan. Final comments from Councillors will be considered on the draft plan and it is hoped to complete the final version over the next few months in preparation for further parish consultation. Any questions or comments please contact the clerk on [rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com) for more details of the next meeting.

### Parish Mowing Contract Renewal

The Parish Council have chosen Richard Mills as the mowing contractor for mowing of grass throughout the village, including the millennium meadow and the village green for the 2017 contract.

### Lengthsman work

During the winter months, the lengthsman will work to maintain ditches and drainage issues throughout the parish, he will also be repairing and clearing pathways across the parish. If you find any areas where work is required, please contact either lengthsman co-ordinator Alan Stokes 01544 388769 or the Clerk Rebecca Bissell email: [rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com).

### Don't forget to report any highway or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council interactive map!

Herefordshire Council have introduced a new website where you can report a pothole or footpath problem anywhere in Herefordshire on the website. All reports are logged and updated immediately onto the council's database. If you would like to report a pothole log on to <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads>.

### Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday April 12th – Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday April 19th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday May 17th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm.

## Pride in Pembridge

We have cleared the path leading up to the village hall by the vicarage and so reclaimed about 1½ feet of path that had been covered in slippery leaves and hedge debris. This took eight of us about two hours.

More daffodils have been planted on the further bank of the moat. Sadly the snowdrops planted on the bank down Bridge Street have not flowered – whether they do not like the conditions there, or we did not plant them deep enough or mice have eaten the bulbs we just don't know! However, the ones in the car park have flourished.

## Leen Times

Tony has been unable to write a column for this edition due to other commitments.

**“Find It Fix It Flog It”** Have you got a barn or shed stuffed with unwanted clutter? Then Channel 4' Find It, Fix It, Flog It is looking for you! Our presenters will restore & upcycle your old items, making you big money in the process. To take part, contact the production team on: Email: [takepart@yetitelevision.com](mailto:takepart@yetitelevision.com)  
Tel: 02920 223456 Address: Find It Fix It Flog It, Yeti Television, Floor 9, Southgate House, Cardiff, CF10 1GR  
Applications must be made by 31st July 2017

## Boot Camp on Millennium Meadow



PEMBRIDGE  
**good neighbour**  
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**A helping hand is just a phone call away!**  
**07779 122499**

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: 9.00am - 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)

## BBC Hereford & Worcester Munitions Campaign

BBC H&W has launched a campaign to get official recognition for the forgotten people of the first and second world war - the munitions workers. Thousands of people, mainly women, worked at the sites at Rotherwas in Hereford, Blackpole in Worcester and dozens around the county. They were known as the Canary Girls because the toxic chemicals turned their hair and skin yellow, caused their teeth to fall out and led to early deaths. Nicola Goodwin is producing the project and she'd love to hear from anybody who worked at the munitions at Rotherwas, Blackpole or elsewhere in Britain. She's also collecting people's memories of their families and any photos that you may have of people who worked in the munitions. If you can help please contact Nicola on 01432 355255 or at [nicola.goodwin@bbc.co.uk](mailto:nicola.goodwin@bbc.co.uk)

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