

# Pembridge Parish News

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August - September 2017

## Village of the Year

Penelope Keith (who has presented three series of 'Hidden Villages') is now on a quest to find Britain's 'Village of the Year'. Pride in Pembridge decided to submit an application form. We had to say why we love our village and describe it's appearance; relate any history and heritage (we have lots); state what there is to do in the village (again – lots); list any regular events and describe the visitor experience. We sent it by e-mail and waited.

Lauren and Georgie, from the production company (channel 4), organised a visit with Yasmin Strube and Gilly Lomax (who submitted the application). On July 3rd they explained the process at a meeting of people they had selected. They were particularly interested in the tapestry group (Gill Smith), the poppy knitters (Sharon O'Hare) and the Pembridge Show (Julie Mifflin). They had invited Hugh Higginson to bring some of his slate bird-houses and listened to Bob Anderson explaining some of the history of Pembridge. After the meeting they had a quick tour of the Olde Steppes then went to Westonbury Water Gardens and

also to visit Tony Norman and talk about the oldest herd of Herefordshire Cattle. They were keen to find something to 'embed' the presenter by filming him or her milking a cow or learning blacksmithing, for example. It was clear that they had used other sources to research the village and knew in advance the topics that they were likely to feature.

As we go to press we have learnt that we are in the final 80 applicants. A film crew came to the village on July 14th and interviewed Gilly and Yasmin, then talked to Robbie Williams about the village show, Sam about the shop and also filmed the tapestries. The programme will run over five weeks and feature four villages in each hour-long slot. The final programme, in which the winner is to be announced, will be in prime viewing time on a Sunday night. Once again we are waiting to know if this will go any further.

The programme is to be about 'the heart and soul' of the village and not about looking pretty. To quote Penelope Keith (from an article in the Telegraph): "We must celebrate our unique and wonderful rural communities." [www.villageoftheyear.co.uk](http://www.villageoftheyear.co.uk)

## News from Pembridge CE Primary School

### • Inspiring learning through faith and values

We are delighted with the continued successes of our children this year. They have achieved some excellent results and we would particularly like to wish our seven Year 6 children 'all the best' as they move on to Weobley, Lady Hawkins' and Hereford Cathedral schools. We know they will continue to hold Pembridge close to their hearts as they journey further on.

### Wanted: school caretaker

From September, we require a suitably able person to care for the security and safety of our school site. Hours are from 7.30am each morning and total 4 ¼ hours each week – term time only, with some additional hours as requested. It would suit an actively retired person who seeks to make a difference to the lives of Pembridge children. Enhanced police checks will be required. More details are on our school website: <http://www.pembridgeprimary.org.uk> under the 'Our School' tab and in 'Recruitment'. Closing date: Friday 8th September, 12 noon.

### Open Morning

We welcome 14 new Reception children in September and hope they enjoy their time in our lovely school. In no time at all, prospective parents for 2018-19 will be making decisions about where they would like their children to start their education. We have an Open Morning on **Wednesday 8th November** from **9am** – and all the community are welcome to see the school in action. Please put this date in your diaries.

## Pembridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Regulation 14 Consultation

**August 11th - 25th September 2017**

Please view the draft plan - Full details inside

# Diary

- 5 Aug** - Pembridge Church Fete 2.30 pm \*
- 9 Aug** - WI – Carole Dowding - Flying Helicopters \*  
*Wed, 7 pm Village Hall*
- 19 Aug** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All welcome  
*Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall*
- 13 Sept**- WI - Heather Carrington - Forensic Science \*  
*Wed, 7pm Village Hall*
- 16 Sept** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome  
*Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall*
- 23 Sept** - Race Night for Pride in Pembridge  
*Sat, 6.30 pm Village Hall*
- \* See *The Arrowvale Messenger* for details
- 18 Oct** - WI trip to Westonbirt Arboretum (approx £30)  
*Open to non-members of WI*

**WI** Meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday.  
Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Sheena Palmer 01544 388952 for any enquiries



### Pride in Pembridge RACE NIGHT

23rd September 2017

Pembridge Village Hall 6.30 pm (1st race 7 pm)  
£3 (includes race card and sausage bun)  
Children Free Bar Available

## Shobdon Airfield - An Open Invitation

We'd like the opportunity to show you around our wonderful historic airfield and to introduce you to the team who operate the airfield on behalf of Herefordshire Aero Club and our stakeholders, Tiger Helicopters, Swift Light Flight and the Herefordshire Gliding Club.

Operating an airfield in such a wonderful countryside location does bring with it the responsibility of ensuring that our neighbours are disturbed as little as possible. We take this responsibility very seriously by operating a much larger circuit than at most airfields in order to avoid overflying the villages and individual homes. We promote and publicise this 'noise abatement' circuit on our website and in all published information for visiting pilots and its use is carefully monitored from the control tower. The air traffic service offered at Shobdon Airfield is a Flight Information Service - we can give instructions to aircraft on the ground, but only information and advice to those in the air – so the responsibility for complying with our procedures does rest with the aircraft pilot – but we do have a 'polite word' with any pilots who may 'slip inside' the circuit. Whilst aircraft are free to come and go during daylight hours, we do place restrictions on those operating in the circuit (repetitive flying of the circuit pattern) after 7pm during weekday evenings and 6pm at weekends during the summer months. In the winter, we restrict night flying training flights to one evening a week. We have recently introduced an 'out of hours permit' for traffic wanting to use the airfield when the control tower is closed and this reinforces the need for the correct pattern to be flown, to avoid causing a nuisance to our neighbours. We monitor all movements 24/7.

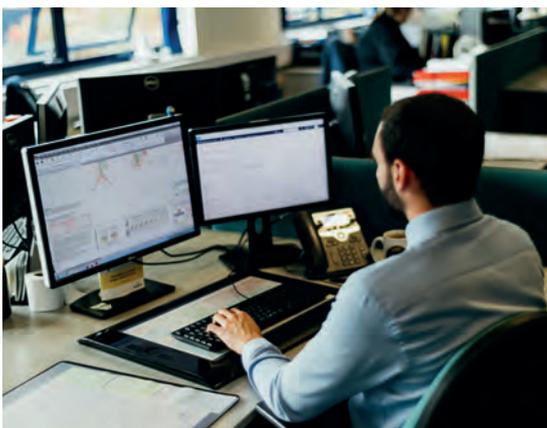
One group of aircraft over which we have limited control is, of course, our military visitors. The Dauphins based at RAF Credenhill make frequent use of Shobdon Airfield for training exercises and most of the time, they are able to comply with our normal operating procedures.

There's lots going on here every day – so if you fancy taking a trial flight and seeing Pembridge from the air, or would just like to pop in to say hello, come on round! We'll be very pleased to see you. Tel 01568 708369 [www.shobdonairfield.co.uk](http://www.shobdonairfield.co.uk)



## A Working Education

Every school subject has its own particular charms, whether it be the promise of new discoveries in the chemistry lab, exploring the beauty of English language in the classroom or the quest for glory on the school playing fields. The question for students is how to turn their passions into careers that they'll love for a lifetime?



To lend a helping hand, Kingspan has been giving students a taste of working life this summer. Our research chemist, Paul Sykes, visited Wigmore School as part of their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) day. He led Year 7 and 8 pupils in an experiment called the 'cup test' – where insulation is created right in front of the student's eyes in an exothermic reaction – before looking at heat loss from buildings and how insulation works.

Year 9 students have also had a chance to get stuck in, visiting the Herefordshire production site as part of their work experience fortnight. During their time on site, they had a chance to learn about a range of roles in different departments including human resources, marketing, research & development and tapered roofing design.

Finally, Kingspan staff have been carrying out mock interviews at local secondary schools - helping students to prepare for that all important first hurdle in the employment process.

After all that work, it's a good thing the students now have a long summer holiday to look forward to!

# Pembridge Parish Council

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips

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The **Waste to Energy Plant at Hartlebury** in Worcestershire was recently opened by the Duke of Gloucester which is a joint project between the two Counties. Nearly all our black bag waste now goes there to be incinerated and turned into electricity. It uses 43500 tonnes of domestic non recyclable waste and turns it in to energy generating 16 mega watts per hour – enough to power all of the homes in Hereford City!

The MP for Hereford, Jesse Norman, has been made **Minister of Roads** following the recent election. He has announced that the receipts of road tax is to be ring fenced for highways and a new criteria of funding to main roads serving an economic strategic function will be established. While the details will come out in the Autumn I have had discussions with the Councils head of highways on identifying the **A44** as a potential highway for extra funding.

I have arranged a visit for my Parish Councils to the **Quarry at Old Radnor** and have invited the new Council cabinet member for highways, Cllr Barry Durkin, to join us and also visit Pembridge. [Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.](#)

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

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

Use [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims) if you wish to make a claim for damage to your vehicle.

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact: [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

if you have a planning enforcement concern contact [Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

An important **review of future Health services in the Kington locality** area is being undertaken between Herefordshire Clinical commissioning group (CCG) and the local Parish Councils. Although the review is not specifically about the Kington Surgery it will clearly feature as part of the work. Originally the review only involved Kington Town Council but I have had discussions with the CCG and extended to the rural parishes. I consider it is important the design of future services reflexes the issues of rural communities not just the Town.

## Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP).

### Regulation 14 Consultation

Pembridge NDP Steering Group has now produced a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan with all relating reports ready for regulation 14 consultation.

**The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing Friday 11th August 2017, 8.00am to Monday 25th September 2017, 12.00pm midnight.**

Members of the parish are urged to **view the plan and make any representation on the response forms and return to the Clerk or leave in one of the reply boxes** situated in the places listed below by 25th September 2017. As part of the process, the Steering group will also contact statutory consultees for their comments.

*You can find hard copies of the NDP draft plan and response forms at:*

**The Old Steppes,  
The Café on Bridge Street,  
In the Church,**

*You can borrow or view hard copies of the NDP draft plan from:*

**The NDP chairman Andrew Pace, Tel 01544 340696  
Parish Council Chairman, Garfield Evans, [garfieldevens@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldevens@gmail.com)  
Parish Clerk, Rebecca Bissell, [rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com)  
Ward Councillor, Roger Phillips, [rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

*You can view and download the plan and response form from:*

**Pembridge Parish Council website – [www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Your comments at this stage of the plan are important. These will be considered by professional consultants employed by the group and the Parish Council, before the revised draft plan is forwarded for inspection by and independent examiner. The final stages will be a referendum vote to all parishioners to *make* the plan law.

**PLEASE VIEW THE PLAN AND MAKE YOUR RESPONSES BEFORE 25th SEPTEMBER 2017 SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE CLERK – [rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com)**

**Footpaths & Hedges** 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! A reminder to land/home owners that is your responsibility to ensure hedge cutting along pavements and footpaths is done. If you are asked to clear them and do not, the Parish Council can request for Balfour Beatty do the work, they in turn will charge the owner. 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.

**Fastershire** are a company formed by Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Councils to improve rural broadband services in the two counties. If you are receiving poor service they may be able to help. There is a county wide phased new infrastructure project over the next 2 years hoping to bring some properties 1Gb of fibre broadband. Register your interest on their website, or for further information visit [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com).

**Next Parish Council Meeting Date: Wednesday September 20th - Parish Hall 7.00pm** (No planned meeting for August)

## Leen Times August / September 2017

The farm rolls on with the routines of milking cows, keeping the digester fed with its 30 tons of material a day and the ever-growing chickens fed, watered and cleaned.

Once again the dairy cows at the Leen are being 'dried off' so they have a well-earned rest of 2 months before they have their next calves and the milking starts all over again. During their 'holiday' the cows graze off our wildflower meadows and other areas of grass that have been left to grow for them. This gives some of the family and staff the chance to have a deserved break.

Sadly, this wretched disease of TB continues to cause us problems, with the sad loss of more cattle at the last test. Maybe it will end... one day.

On a lighter note, we have had a lot of visitors to the farm over the last few weeks- beginning with several hundred coming to the farm on Open Farm Sunday, then others coming from as far away as Scotland, groups from schools, colleges, natural history and conservation clubs and local organisations. It is good to show (and encourage) people to see how food is produced, where it comes from and some of the amazing wildlife that we are all part of. We have met some interesting people and enjoyed doing it. I think we shall do more next year.

I can hardly believe that the oldest grandchild, Freddie, has finished his last term at Pembridge School. It is time to move on and I suppose it won't be long before the others follow on behind. It really seems no time at all since I walked up to school for the first time with Fred. It was good to have his class looking at the insects by 'River Dipping' and learning all about the Arrow on the Village Green.

The boardwalk and new seating have now been installed in the 'wildlife area' of the Green. It has been good to see so many people using this area, and indeed, for so many to enjoy the Village Green as a whole. The 'Wildflower Meadow' part has been made into hay, to clear the area for the school holidays. There are plans afoot to enhance the plants with a range of wild bulbs and other seeds.

Wildlife news: Hobbies (a type of hawk) spotted chasing the young Martins. Emperor Dragonflies seen in some numbers. Also numerous Damsel flies and Butterflies including more Small Coppers and Common Blues. Several Broad leaved Helleborine plants have been found.



Female Emperor laying eggs

We have photographed what we think are 5 different otters using one marking place on the Curl Brook and Barn Owls, partly covered in fluff, sitting outside their nest box.

Please let me know of any interesting wildlife sightings.

Tony Norman (tony@theleen.co.uk)

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, Tues 09.00 - 10.00 am

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00 am - 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)

### Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm

Appointments only on Saturday

*Children enjoying the Open Farm  
Sunday at The Leen*



### Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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Cllr Michael Hancock	387941
Cllr Mrs Julie Mifflin	388414
Cllr David Owens	388422
Cllr John Puslow	388060
Cllr Philip Rogers	387976
Cllr Alan Stokes	388769
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Cllr Roger Phillips - Ward Councillor	340269

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