

Pembridge Parish News

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Bus Journey from Pembridge

Those of you who regularly walk up Bearwood Lane will have seen the remains of a bus behind a hedge just past the cross-roads. It was partially hidden by shrubs and trees and in a crumbling condition and appeared to be beyond repair.

However, it has been removed with the aid of a winch and airbags and taken to Barry and is being restored by the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group. The photographs tell of an interesting journey! www.old-bus-photos.co.uk

Originally the body was built by Welsh Metal Industries (WMI) of Caerphilly in 1947. This company was created for aircraft production purposes during WW2 and after the war they

started making bus bodywork. They built bodies that were radically different due to using a substantial amount of aluminium, which resulted in a very light structure resistant to corrosion. They were fragile however, and there were reports of the windows sometimes falling out!

The chassis was made by the Associated Equipment Company (manufacturer of commercial vehicles from 1912 -1977) in 1933. It was removed and sent to WMI so that they could attach the body to it. www.gracesguide.co.uk/AEC

The bus was new to Rhondda Transport in the South Wales valleys and after being demonstrated by WMI it was purchased by Yeomans. After service with them it was converted to a caravan and used by Yeomans for a few years



until being purchased by Mr Bailey and placed in the yard in Pembridge around 1954 where it remained until February this year.

On the ctpg website is the following short article:

TG6311 returns to Wales following 50 years parked up in an overgrown yard in rural Herefordshire. A 1933 AEC Regent chassis, new to Rhondda with a 1947 prototype Welsh Metal Industries body. Quite a special bus and certainly a very Welsh one.

Full story to appear soon. www.ctpg.co.uk/author/mike

Village of the Year Competition

The filming for this has now finished and we await the Channel 4 schedule to know when the programme will be run (watch notice boards for this information). It has been an interesting experience – whatever the outcome!

The production company have controlled the content once they received our application. They have chosen the businesses, societies and individuals that they wished to film and we have often been given very little notice. A typical message would be a demand to film someone talking about the market hall – for example. They would let us know on a Monday that they intended to film on Friday morning. Doing their bidding over the summer holiday period has not been easy and many thanks to all those who contributed ideas and support over some hastily-called meetings. There was even the possibility that we might have had to organise a major event – a festival or something - with only ten days notice and not necessarily on a week-end. It has been quite stressful!!

Diary

- 4 Oct** - Heartstart Course - book 07779122499
Wed, 7pm Village Hall, 6-8 pm
- 11 Oct** - WI – Bread Making
*Wed, 7pm Village Hall **
- 18 Oct** - WI - Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum *
- 21 Oct** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall
- 21 Oct** - Harvest Supper
*Sat Pembridge Parish Church 7.30 pm **
- 31 Oct** - Tea, coffee and chat at The Steppes
*Tues 3pm WI **
- 5 Nov** - Bonfire and fireworks - gates open 6 pm
Sun, Millennium Meadow
- 8 Nov** - Open Morning Pembridge CE Primary School
9 am at school. All community welcome to see school.
- 8 Nov** - WI - Annual Meeting
*Wed, 7pm Village Hall **
- 18 Nov** - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall
- 18 Nov** - Woodcock Fayre Pembridge Church 10.30-3pm
** See The Arrowvale Messenger for details*

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



Registered Charity No: 1082309

Would you know what to do if your loved one suffered a life threatening emergency? If not book a place now at a

**FREE Two Hour
HEARTSTART
Course
Pembridge Village Hall
Wednesday 4th October 2017
6-8 pm**

Booking essential.

**Contact Pembridge Good Neighbours
Scheme: paturnal@btinternet.com
Tel: 07779122499**

OR

**info@herefordshireheartstart.co.uk
0845 60 60 654**

You will learn how to- call for help, help someone who is unconscious, recognise the warning signs of a heart attack, deal with choking or serious bleeding and perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Simple skills save lives

www.herefordshireheartstart.org Twitter @HeartStart_HFD

REGISTERED CHARITY - DONATIONS IMPORTANT

Herefordshire Heartstart is affiliated to the British Heart Foundation, but as a local initiative we do not receive any funding from them, nor the government for our scheme. We rely on donations and grants to keep this vital service running.

Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Sheena Palmer 01544 388952 for any enquiries

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is approaching again it is now over 10 years since we started and it grows every year. We don't charge for entry but have a donation bucket, people are extremely generous so along with the profit from the Burgers and Hot Dogs and donations this pays for next years fireworks which can be £800 - £900. This year, as usual, will be on November 5th, gates open 6pm, bonfire lit at 6.30 and fireworks 7pm. Unfortunately no sparklers allowed due to insurance.



Christmas Trees

This year Christmas trees will be put up on the weekend commencing December 1st with the lights switched on in the Market Hall on December 8th at 6.15 pm. There will be Father Christmas, stalls, a raffle etc. Plus free tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Village Art Clubs

Would you like to join a local art club at which you can enjoy three hours of friendly painting tuition a week for ten weeks per term? I am happy to teach you painting in oils, watercolour and acrylics – so come and have some fun with old friends or make some new ones! I need ten painters to make the class viable and I'm looking to start in October at Pembridge, Kingsland and Wellington village halls. Hurry and let me know if you are interested!

Please call Mrs Liz Watson on 01568 368908



Pembridge Show and Trotting Races

We had a successful show with more people through the gate than other years. The Trotting Races, Gymkhana, Show Jumping and Dog Show had lots of entries, entertaining many people and - fortunately, no incidents. The Pantasy Steel Band provided Caribbean music during the afternoon with a chainsaw sculptor



Vegetable Hampers in the Marquee

carving birds and animals from wood. The Owls and Hawks were a great attraction with the Hawks giving a free flying demonstration.

There were good entries in the exhibit marquee with the cup for the most points in the vegetable section going to Robbie Williams, while in the cookery section, Rosie Melvin won the cup for most points in cookery section along with 1st prize for the show stopper cake.

Pembridge Parish Council

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips

Kington Surgery: I have been working with partners to establish a local commission overseeing the future of health services in the Kington locality. This includes an oversee of the GP Surgery, three nursing homes, Kington Court with the Logan Jack unit, Minor Injuries Unit, Pharmacy and Dental provision as well as district nurses and mental health team. I have secured a Parish Councillor to serve on the project. There is an opportunity for public comments at the **Masonic Hall in Kington on Tuesday October 3rd 16:00-19:00 pm**. I can give a more detailed update if you contact me via my email.

Parish Councils visit Dolyhir Quarry: I arranged a visit for my five Parish Councils to the Quarry at Dolyhir just over the border at Old Radnor. We had a useful discussion on speed, safety and Gore quarry the two quarries send out approx. it through local villages. We travelled around the feet of five different layers of rock including Blasting takes place several times a month and the of 100 different products. This local stone is of very travels via our roads to a freight depot at Moreton east. Indeed our local quarries supplied the runways limited amount of stone is imported to make the nursery bend on the A44.

The Quarry employs 100 people with 80 sub to express concerns with them on speeding and another 100 feet down and planning permission is in Tarmac's ownership which means that invited the new Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr the opportunity to show him the state of the highway in Pembridge. I am working with him and officers on a potential joint bid with Worcestershire to the Government's maintenance challenge fund for the A44 and /or inclusion in the new government strategic A road network funding.



communications. Together with the neighbouring 6,000 tonnes per day of stone product virtually all of site and saw the extensive excavations exposing 170 limestone and granite.

stone is crushed on site and developed into a range high quality and in demand. Much of the production on Lugg and is sent chiefly to London and the south for Heathrow, Gatwick and the M25 surface. A coloured safer surfacing like we have at Lyonshall

contracted drivers and we had a good opportunity safety. The existing quarries can be excavated in the system to extend into the adjoining land which operations will continue for the rest of this century. I Barry Durkin to join us on the quarry visit and took

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The Parish Council require the services of an **internal auditor** for 2018/19 onwards: Local parishioner, Carrie Pierce has provided internal audit services on a voluntary basis to the Parish Council for several years. She has now moved from the parish and has decided to step down from the role in March 2018 for which Councillors are grateful for her time and support. The Parish Council are now looking for someone with an accounting background who could spare a few hours to support and review the Parish Council accounts twice a year. If you can help please contact the clerk: rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The draft NDP for Pembridge has now completed its Regulation 14 consultation. Pembridge NDP steering group along with their consultants and the Parish Council will review and consider all comments received before progressing to the next stages of completion.

Car park & toilet land transfer: The Parish Council have been in legal negotiations with Herefordshire Council to transfer the parcel of land known as Pembridge car park and toilets into their ownership. It is hoped completion of the contract and the land registry paperwork will be finalised within the next few months.

Clock Tower Bell: You may have noticed the bells in the church tower have not been ringing over the past couple of months due to a damaged pendulum on the clock. Hopefully by the time this goes to press this will have been fixed and they will be ringing out over the village once again.

Annual Budget & Precept: In November & December the Parish Council consider the budget and precept requirement for 2018-19 and would like your views. The proposed budget will include funding for the parish lengthsman to undertake various jobs that will no longer be done by Herefordshire Council and continuing the mowing contract. The Parish Council will continue to look at areas of the parish that need improvement including the playground and toilet facilities and may need to cover higher legal, data protection and audit costs as well as development of a new website. The precept was raised last year to £24000 and your comments would be welcomed. Email the Parish Clerk or come to the Parish Council meeting on 22nd November. Please email rebeccabissell.pembpc@gmail.com.

Herefordshire Council consultations: Herefordshire Council have several consultations running and ask residents to participate and have their say. You can find all the detail on the Hereford Council website or use the link below.

Minerals and waste Local Plan (MWLP) issues and options consultation - until 6 October 2017.

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200185/local_plan/280/minerals_and_waste_local_plan

Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation - until 10 November 2017

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/188/walks_and_trails/6

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Alcohol Consumption 31 August 2017 until 11 October 2017. www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pspo-alcohol

Don't forget to report any highway, pothole or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council interactive map! If you see a pothole, the online Herefordshire Council interactive map is easy to use and allows you to view and report 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!

Land & Property Owners: Please remember: - Land owners it is your responsibility to ensure hedge cutting and ditch maintenance along parish highways and footpaths. Property owners should keep all overgrowth clear of pavements for clear walking access. Thank you.

A constant problem in Pembridge - **Please clean up after your dog!** Thank you.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday October 18th - Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday November 22nd - Parish Hall 7.00pm - Finance meeting to consider Budget & Precept

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We are in the third week of calving (mid Sept) the dairy herd. With 15/20 calves born each day it gives everyone on the dairy staff plenty to do! However, we have got systems in place that enable the whole thing to proceed without too much trouble. The calves are soon gambolling about in the fields and their mothers getting used to the milking/grazing routine. It won't be long before we have the full herd in milk and set for the winter.

We have signed up through our cooperative Milk buyer – Arla - to take part in the 'extra money for farmer's milk' campaign for Morrison's. This is a new campaign (based on the 10p/litre for farmers) where we shall be paid (a little) extra for meeting extra standards covering grazing grass, animal welfare and record keeping etc. Most of it we do anyway - but it will mean a few more jobs to do at the dairy. I find it fascinating that we are responding to our 'customer needs' and further differentiating from potential imports that may well soon be competing after Brexit. So, now the extra you pay for this milk at Morrison's goes directly back to the farmers who are producing it.

Unfortunately, I am seeing stricken Ash trees everywhere. This is an insidious disease that may take years to kill a large tree - hence the common name Ash Dieback. However it will kill most of the 80 million Ash trees in this country - and we had better be ready for it. Trees over-hanging roads, footpaths, power lines, cables or public places are the responsibility of the owners of the land on which they grow. In my capacity as tree warden I can give some indication if a tree has a problem and indeed, I may well call round if there is particular concern. The long term impact will be on the landscape. We shall not see the dramatic sudden loss of trees that we saw with the Elms, but we shall see the landscape change considerably over time. We can all help this by planting trees NOW- Oak, Lime, Sweet Chestnut, Sycamore, Black Poplar, resistant Elm etc. could all replace the grand old Ash trees that currently occupy our hedgerows, wood and parkland. Smaller trees and bushes such as Field Maple, Hawthorn, Holly, Crab Apple, wild Pear etc can also help to enhance the landscape and give wildlife places to feed and nest.

Wildlife news: Signal Crayfish (the American Invasive species) have been found in numbers on the Village Green and yet White Clawed Crayfish (our rare native species) have also been found just a mile upstream. Often the Signals carry a disease that quickly kills the natives.



Several House Martins have managed to bring off their third brood successfully. This will be a tremendous acorn year - plant a few in the garden (I can usually find somewhere to plant them on).

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, 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)

Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm
Appointments only on Saturday

Hanging Baskets and Front of House competition

Sponsored by Pembridge Parish Council.

These were judged at the end of July by two visitors to the village.

Hanging Baskets: **1st** Olga Duggan, Bridge cottage, **2nd** Kings House, **3rd** Red Lion.

House Fronts: **1st** Cherry Tree Cottage , **2nd** 7 Parsons Walk, **3rd** Old Wheelwrights

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