

Pembridge Parish News

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June - July 2018

The Wheelie Big Cycle Ride

One of Herefordshire's most popular cycle events has a new look this year - and for the first time it will pass through Pembridge. On Sunday, July 15th, hundreds of cyclists will take to the streets of the county and beyond during the St Michael's Hospice Wheelie Big Cycle.



The annual event brings together young and old, experienced cyclist and occasional weekender, for a day of fun and non-competitive cycling attended by people travelling from home and further afield.

Each of the four routes have been given a facelift for 2018 with the introduction of the first ever 100-mile course, taking cyclists towards Knighton and back through New Radnor and Kington.

One of the most exciting changes is on the 40-mile course which will see fundraisers pass through Pembridge for the first time as part of a 'black and white village' route also featuring Eardisland and Weobley.

The fundraisers will be able to catch more than a passing glimpse of the picturesque village as a water and food station will be placed here.

'It's exciting that we have four new routes and distances this year,' said Event Director, Nicki Lloyd. 'We'd like to invite the people of Pembridge to come out and support those cyclists on the 40-mile course as they pass through the village. If anyone wants to help man the Pembridge water and food station then I'd be delighted to hear from you. Likewise, we are always interested in hearing from people who would like to help marshal on the day.'

The other routes are 24 and 58 miles. All routes begin and end at Hereford's Old Livestock Market on Roman Road.

Returning this year is the Wheelie Little Cycle which sees youngsters complete a short off-road course.

The Wheelie Big Cycle regularly raises around £30,000 for St Michael's Hospice which provides care to those in Herefordshire and the surrounding area with a terminal illness, and support for their loved ones.

If you would like to help out on the day, Nicola can be contacted on 01432 851 000 or nlloyd@smhospicehereford.org

You can enter the event by visiting the St Michael's Hospice website at

www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

Paul Broome

Communications Officer, St Michael's Hospice



Diary

JUNE

13th - WI – Mike Williams – 'Wild on the Curl' *
Wed, 7 pm Village Hall

14th – Farm Tour (See *Leen Times* on back page)

16th – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12 Village Hall

JULY

11th - WI – Mike Watkins - 'Conspiracies' *
Wed, 7 pm Village Hall

21st – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12 Village Hall

28th - Pembridge Village Show and Trotting races
Sat 9 am onwards

* See *The Arrowvale Messenger* for details

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

Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

1842 Royal Christening Celebrations at Pembridge

The church bells starting ringing joyfully at an early hour as preparations were made for the roasting of three fat sheep. At lunchtime, the children of Pembridge processed after a wonderful band, carrying banners and flags, to the Rectory House where they were given plum cake and cider (it was ALWAYS plum cake and cider!) as were the parents and friends of the children.

"Long live the Prince" was drunk in nine hearty cheers, and at three o'clock the sheep were ready to be carved and distributed to the aged and large families.

A hogshead of cider was tapped and distributed freely, and the old ladies from the Almshouses were given tea, cake and wine at the Rectory. In the evening, the New Inn held a ball for the respectable tradesmen of Pembridge, and there was not one bit of trouble reported throughout the whole day.

<http://herefordshirepast.co.uk/news-from-the-past/pembridge-news-from-the-past/>

Dawn Arkell is running regular monthly Back Health Workshops at Pembridge and Weobley village halls. Ideal for anyone who wants to look after their backs, using a unique combination of Pilates and biomechanic techniques. More details at: www.dawnarkellpilates.WordPress.com or phone Dawn on 01568 615239

Pembridge Show and Trotting Races – Saturday 28th July 2018

The horse events of show jumping, dressage and showing classes start at 9 am and teas will be available. The bar opens at 11.30 am and the dog show will start at 2 pm. The main attractions this year are Vicky's Gun Dog Scurry, Hollywood Dancers and Bandamania. There will also be a parade of hounds, a display of hawks and owls as well as chickens, children's sports and entertainment. The trotting races commence at 2 pm In the craft and food tent will be farmhouse award-winning pork pies, faggots, black pudding, scotch eggs and more from The Pie Sty. Three Fruity ladies from Shobdon will bring homemade marmalade, chutneys etc – they were on the One Show recently. Lesley Wickham will be demonstrating processing fleece from her own flock with her spinning wheel – sheep to woolly jumper!

There are over 100 classes to enter – vegetables, flowers and baking which can be viewed in the marquee (closed 11 am – 12.30 / 1 pm approx for judging). Schedules are now available in the shop. Enquiries: 01544 388414 www.pembridgeshow.org



Pembridge Parish Council

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Pembridge Village resurfacing

As your local county councillor I have been lobbying for some time about the condition of the main road through the village. Last August I invited the Council Highway's cabinet member to see the state of the local highways and supported the prioritisation of the A44 in the 2018/19 capital budget in February .

I have been liaising with Balfour Beatty, the council, local businesses, school, parish council and residents to identify the least disruptive time for the two weeks of work and I am pushing for a late September date but this has yet to be finalised. I have had representations for the work to be done at night but that would take longer, cost more, carries higher risks and considerable disruption to households.

The last time I managed to get the highway resurfaced was in 1999 when the Highway was clawed back to effectively its original surface and rebuilt, but this time the depth of removal will not need be as great. Outside of work hours (8am – 5pm) and at weekend access and travel will be allowed on the temporary surface. I will continue to liaise with all parties to ensure good communication and feedback but if you have any concerns please let me know.

Herefordshire Community website

Recently WISHerefordshire.org website was launched which has a huge amount of information on various subjects including specialist advice on many sensitive issues like caring, welfare, mobility etc. It really is a first stop advice resource that I thoroughly recommend to you all.

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General Data Protection Regulations

New Data Protection legislation called GDPR came into force in May. The Parish Council are working towards full compliance but only hold limited personal data. Over the next few months you may be contacted to consent you are happy for your details (email address) to be held for Parish Council correspondence only.

New Parish Councillor Co-opted

The Parish Council welcomes Steve Jones, who has recently been co-opted to become Parish Councillor. Steve brings local knowledge and a wealth of traffic and transport experience to the Parish Council.

The councillor term runs for the four years between elections. The next election will be May 2nd 2019. If a position becomes available between this period, Hereford Council firstly advertises the vacancy and sometimes an election is called to fill it during the advertised period; if not the Parish Council are instructed to Co -option. The legal process for appointing a new parish councillor in Pembridge has been followed through the Herefordshire Council process. The vacancy was advertised by Herefordshire Council and no candidates came forward, so there was no election. The Parish Council informally interviewed several candidates for the vacancy before taking a vote.

Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council have now adopted the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. Herefordshire Council will prepare relevant reports and maps to support the document ready for Regulation 15 and Regulation 16 consultation. The document covers future development to 2031 in the parish of Pembridge. Regulation 16 is a full consultation led by Herefordshire Council, where parishioners are asked to vote on the finalised document. If a majority vote in favour, it will be made planning policy going forward.

Parish Council Accounts 2017-18

The accounts for 2017-18 have been scrutinised by an internal parish councillor and our official internal auditor in readiness for submission to the newly appointed external auditor PPK Littlejohn in June. The Parish Council would like to thank internal auditor Carrie Pierce, for her work over the last 4 years. She has now retired from the post and we welcome Anne Pickup on board and look forward to working with her.

News

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Garfield Evans was elected as chairman and Andrew Pace as vice chairman for the coming year. The Parish council confirmed it's eligibility for the general power of competence, having more than two thirds elected councillors and a qualified clerk. The Parish Council now has the power to act just as an individual might within the legal framework.

Footpaths

Now the growing season is upon us it is the landowners responsibility to restore footpaths after sowing or ploughing. The path must be apparent within 24 hours of sowing/ploughing or 14 days if it is a new crop. Fields growing grass for pasture, silage or haymaking are exempt. The Parish footpaths officer's duty is by law to report any instances to the highways authority who will then make a case against the landowner. Members of the public are entitled (by law) to walk across any crop if they are following the line of the path.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday June 20th - Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday July 18th - Parish Hall 7.00pm

No planned meeting for August

Safeguarding adults and children in Pembridge Parish.

Everyone has a responsibility for safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk. If anyone is put in the risk of harm or abuse regardless of age, gender, religion or ethnicity by someone they know or a stranger and you are concerned contact: for Adults 01432 260705 weekdays or 0330 123 9309 and for Children 014732 260800. If someone is injured call 999. For further information visit: herefordsafeguardingboards.org.uk."

Leen Times

Isn't it good to see the BBQs out again on the occasional warm evening (so far)? The fishing rod leans by the door post. Tennis balls and a cricket bat lie around the lawn. On the farm the cows eat their fill of grass in a few minutes and lie down to enjoy the sun. We get on and mow, row up then collect the chopped grass to be piled into a huge heap for the winter feed of silage. The cows still have to be milked every day but it seems nothing like the chore it seemed just a few weeks ago. As soon as the fields are cleared of grass we press on with spreading the nutrients for the next crop (which in our case is the 'digestate' from the Anaerobic Digester).

We are also getting on with preparing the farm for an Open Day (June 14th) This is a day put on by The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers and is aimed at other dairy farmers, farmers, advisors, professionals, students and anyone with an interest in the operation, business or governance of a farm that sits within the environmental world of today. Anyone is welcome (but this will not be an Open Farm Sunday type event) Please go to <http://www.rabdf.co.uk/gold-cup-open-day/> to see the programme and book a ticket. We would be particularly pleased to see young people who might be considering a future in the industry – there are so many opportunities – or anyone who just wants to have an 'in depth' look at how we operate.

It is always a pleasure to go out with a wildlife expert and in the last few days I've been lucky enough to have had that with several! First with bird song - we had a 'dawn chorus' meeting on the lawn at 4 am to listen to the world wake up. The first bird this year, was a Skylark, closely followed by a Red Leg Partridge – then the build up to the cacophony of sound that we hear every morning. The skill of it is to shut out most of the 'noise' and concentrate on one particular song - a delight to do. We finished up with seeing or hearing 40 different species and then settling down to a bacon roll at 8 am. Secondly I went on a 'nest finding course' run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)- it is now illegal to collect eggs as so many of us used to do when I was a small(!) boy but the BTO try to keep records of nesting birds throughout the country. It is only when you are with these people that you realise how little you know but.. we all learned just a bit more and when I got home, soon managed to find a Coal Tit's nest.



SWALLOW

Please watch out for and record any Swallow, Swift or Martins NESTS that you have around your house/garage/buildings over this summer – I would like to know about it for National records and will be putting a record sheet out before the end of summer.

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

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:10.00 am - 5.00 pm 01544 388506

Bridge Street Cafe

Every day Except Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm 01544 388922
Private meeting room available

Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Mon,& Tues 9 am - 10 am
Wed - Sat 9 am - 4 pm Sunday: 9 am - 12.30 pm

Old Chapel Gallery

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sunday:11.00 am - 4.00 pm 01544 388842

Mobile Post Office

New Opening times

Mon 14:00 – 15:00 Thursday 15:30 – 16:30
Friday 13:30 – 15:00

Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm
Appointments only on Saturday - 01544 388665



First and third prize class no 41, 2017

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