

Pembridge Parish News

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August - September 2018

Pride in Pembridge Receive The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

In November 2017 PiPs learnt that Roger Philips had proposed that the group be considered for this award. In his letter he highlighted the work done including weeding, planting and tending containers of flowers and hand-pulling the Himalayan Balsam plus all the litter picking. *'They are a mature age group with a cheerful outlook and a great commitment to the local community. Everyone values the work they do and believe that they are deserving of some formal recognition which is not only a thank you to them but also an inspiration to others.'*

Garfield Evans also wrote a letter of support: *'We estimate that in any one year they give well in excess of 1,000 hours to our community. As a parish, we are very proud of them and would welcome a formal recognition of their work.'*

Then on April 9th 2018 we received the following:

I am writing to inform you that Pride in Pembridge (PiPs) was nominated for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018. This award was created by The Queen in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's coronation, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

The work your group does for the community was very much admired by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE and I am delighted to inform you that your group has been selected as a recipient for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) 2018.

The award of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018 represents a tremendous achievement for your organisation. We hope that everyone involved, and particularly your volunteers, feel immensely proud of the recognition that this Award represents.

This notification has been sent to you in confidence and it is vital that you do not reveal you are a recipient of the Award before the official announcement on 2 June from Buckingham Palace.

Everyone was thrilled! No family members could be informed and in one case, even a husband was not told. A short citation describing the work of the group had to be written for the London Gazette. It read: *'Volunteers dedicated to enhancing this historic village for the enjoyment of the community and its many visitors.'*



Barbara and John Petrie were unanimously elected as representatives to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace as they do so much – both for PiPs and also for other groups in the village. They made secret arrangements to travel to London on May 15th. The day came and with it some welcome sunshine. They arrived to find long queues outside the palace railings. Still, it was an opportunity for photographs and to talk to others who were waiting to go in. They were somewhat surprised to discover that not everyone had had to keep it a secret. Once in they were amazed by how many people were invited. John thought there might have been over 7000 people. They found a seat at a table and collected a delightful selection of savouries and sweets from the highly efficient catering marquee. After that they were free to wander around the extensive grounds. The event finished at 6 pm and they made their way

home – tired but very thrilled – and still unable to tell anyone. Finally June 2nd arrived and all could finally be told. Then photographs had to be arranged for an article for the Hereford Times. On June 19th Claudia Berry came to Pembridge to see the team in action and conduct interviews for BBC Hereford and Worcester radio. The programme was aired on 21st June.

Paul Deneen OBE JP DL wrote: *"Huge congratulations on the QAVS. The work you undertake for your community is outstanding, and the recent award was so very richly deserved – very well done! I know how impressed the local QAVS assessors were with the dedication, commitment and inclusive approach shown by PiPs, and this is a superb example of community teamwork 'making a real difference.'"*

Finally the group will be presented with an English Crystal with logo insignia by the Lord Lieutenant of the county in the autumn. What a year!



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

Diary

AUGUST

- 8th** - WI - Garden Visit - Wed *
14th - WI - Walk along canal at Brecon (Tues) *
18th - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 - 12 Village Hall
28th - Tea at Steppes - Tues 3 pm *

SEPTEMBER

- 5th** - WI - Trip to Aberdovey - Wed *
12th - WI - Talk on Offa's Dyke *
Wed, 7 pm Village Hall
15th - PGNS Coffee Morning - All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 - 12 Village Hall
19th - WI - Visit to Monkland Dairy and lunch Wed*
22nd - Talgarth Male Voice Choir *
*Sat, St Mary's Church, Pembridge **
* Details in Arrowvale Messenger

WI - Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279

Kingspan - Can You Help?

Here at Kingspan Insulation, we're determined to do our part to support our natural environment. For over a decade, we've been working to constantly improve the sustainability of our practice and products. Community input has always been a crucial part of this process and we're now asking for as many people as possible to help us again by filling out a new survey. The sustainability survey can be accessed at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WQS7SY

The anonymous responses will help to give us a better understanding of how well informed you feel about our practice, and how happy you are with the work we've done to date. It's also an opportunity for you to provide comments or suggestions on how we could improve our work in the future.

It only takes a few minutes to fill in, so if you get a spare moment, please do send us your feedback.



Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

Leominster Meeting Centre for people with dementia and carers is seeking Trustees

Would you like to make a difference in our dementia friendly community?

Our Meeting Centre is leading the way in the UK and is recognised internationally.

We are particularly looking for a secretary and/or people who have fundraising experience and an interest in social media. Please note these are unpaid posts. You might also like to support us as a volunteer but not as a trustee. This might suit someone who is looking for some work experience and we would be very pleased to hear from you too.

If you have two to three hours to spare every week and are interested please contact:

Shirley Evans on 07827927204 or email
dfleominster@gmail.com

Opening the Pte William Jones Memorial Gate in Pembridge churchyard.

Pte William Jones of 5th Battalion, The South Wales Borderers was killed in action 100 years ago at the age of 19. He is buried near Chambrecy. The gate forms part of the 8 mile Eardisland Memorial Walk dedicated to Pte Jones, who was born in Bearwood.

On 30th May 2018 at 18.00 hours the gate was opened by Alan Harray, President of Herefordshire Royal British Legion who was also a South Wales Borderer. Hugh Vernon, the founder of the Memorial walks initiative, spoke of Pte Jones war record as an infantry soldier who had been part of the British attack on Messines Ridge in June 1917 and then later at the Third Battle of Ypres and Passchendaele. On 27th May 4000 German guns opened fire along a 24 mile stretch of the Allied lines beginning the third Battle of the Aisne. The Battalion moved through to Chambrecy and Pte Jones fell early evening of May 1918. The Pembridge Bells were tolled 19 times, 100 years later, to commemorate the moment.

www.eardislandmemorialwalks.org.uk

Pembridge Parish Council

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

PEMBRIDGE VILLAGE RESURFACING

This work is scheduled for **Monday 17th September to Friday 28th September** between 8 am and 5 pm.

This is the most significant work to be done in the village for 20 years, extending from the telephone exchange in the east, to the speed limit in the west. The works include the removal of top surfacing and the laying of a binder foundation for added strength to the highway, to give a quality surface with a duration of 25 years. Access outside the work times will be allowed, but clearly on a temporary surface.

I am in discussions with the engineers and the Parish Council regarding re- instating white lines down the middle of the main road. In three sections of the highway it is not wide enough and there is evidence that the lack of a middle line helps reduce vehicle speeds though villages like ours. Regrettably at this time there are no addition funds to enhance the two A44 entrances to the village but I will work with the PC and engineers on these being installed from money from residential developments in the village.

Clearly this work will cause disruption to residents, the school and businesses, but these dates were chosen after consultation. There is also a resurfacing programme in **Shobdon scheduled for 28 - 31st August.**

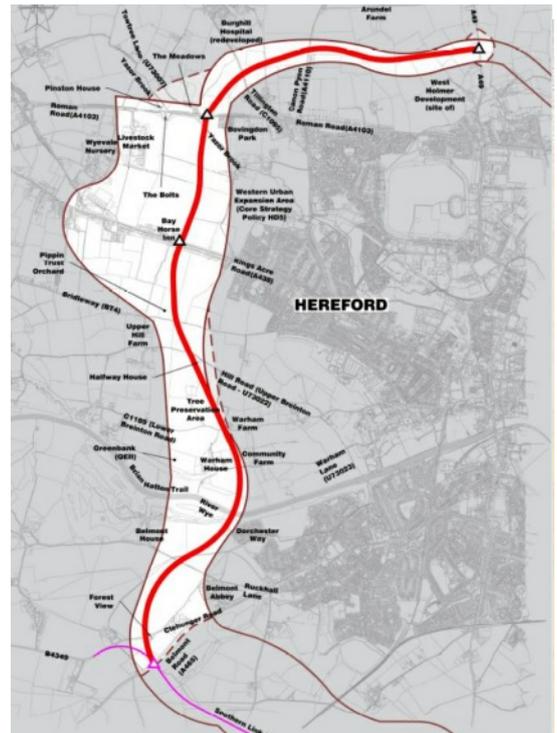
HEREFORD BYPASS

Following the consultation on the seven routes identified for the Hereford Bypass in spring, the Council is indicating the Red route for the bypass to the west of the city. The route chosen travels from the Abergavenny A465 highway avoiding the Belmont Abbey and House, crosses the river Wye with a high span bridge across to Breinton, accessing the Kings Arce road at the Bay Horse Inn and coming out on the Roman road between the new livestock market and mobile home settlement. It then turns right to cross the Cannon Pyon highway running in parallel to the Roman road to the A49. It will require the demolition of five houses and understandably local residents are very opposed to this and will probably seek some legal injunction on the project. The road is required to deal with the growth of Hereford, relieve traffic issues in the city, and maintain our service centre status. The proposed completion date is 2025.

Our Community Support Officer Team

I am pleased to see two new CSOs Emma Dune and Felix Rawlingson joining Dean Wall to look after us. They will be re introducing the monthly village surgeries and in the meantime will be doing speed monitoring in our villages – so you have been warned !

With the harvest season underway I am working with our CSO Team to remind farmers and growers about speeding, use of mobile phones, and mud on highways (not a problem admittedly in the last weeks but I'm sure a potential problem when the weather breaks).



Parish Council News

Congratulations to Pride in Pembridge group (PiPs) on receiving the Queen's Voluntary Award – Thank you for all your hard work in keeping Pembridge a wonderful place to live!

Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP).

The Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement have now been submitted to Herefordshire Council for the formal Regulation 15 consultation stage. See Pembridge Parish website.

These documents will be considered by Herefordshire Council who will start to prepare the way for an independent examination review - where they will test whether or not the draft neighbourhood plan or Order meets the basic conditions, and other matters set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). This then culminates in the Regulation 16 referendum, where all parishioners can vote on the final plan and make it a lawful document. All current information: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/3094/pembridge_neighbourhood_development_plan

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 Balfour Beatty to do the work. They 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.

New Parish Website

The Current Administrator of the Parish website will be retiring in October. Huge thanks to Bob Pierce for all his help and support in keeping the website running and regularly updated for so many years.

A new website has now been commissioned and it is hoped to be launched after the NDP is made. You will still be able to find all the regular Parish Council documents, updates and much more. Hopefully we will have extra features including a news and events page. There will be more information as the site develops!

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

There is no planned meeting for August.

Wednesday September 19th - Parish Hall 7.00pm.

Leen Times

If I start talking about the dry weather, no doubt, when you read this it will be tipping with rain! However, as I write this in mid-July, farmers are facing some serious problems that could affect everyone who buys local/UK food. Yields of potatoes and vegetables will be down as will fruit and anything else that relies on water in the soil. Much excellent quality hay and silage has been made but it is already being fed back to stock – so supplies will be short. Grass growth has nearly halted, so animals will not grow or produce milk without supplementary feeding. Cereals are beginning to just die in the ground and although there have been some good crops of oilseed and winter barley going through the combines; much of the wheat will have shrivelled, poor grain. The maize and beet could be seriously affected. We can combat some of the problem with irrigation but even those water supplies are drying up and/or the Environment Agency is restricting it. So, although the summer has many benefits with continuous sunshine and great holidays - just spare a thought for the farmer.

Our farm Open day went well, with over 1000 people turning up, some coming from a very long way away. It was a delight to meet old friends and make some new ones, but I think all staff and family were relieved when it was all over! What a good job they did. They even managed to make some money for the School.

In 1966 an article appeared in The Sunday Times Colour section about Pembridge. This was accompanied by photos taken by the John Bulmer - There was a viewing of his pictures a while ago. I am involved in attempting to produce a book of these together with pictures of Pembridge in more recent times (by Bob Anderson). We hope to get it out for Christmas. It will probably only have a small print run so if you are interested in a copy, then watch this space.

Such is the way of things on a farm - accidents will happen! At the beginning of July- just when our wild flower meadows at Moseley were coming into full bloom.... 600 cows spent the night in there enjoying the different tastes and flavours of all those plants! Never the less – the late flowering plants have been excellent with Knapweed, Betony and Fleabane a real picture, as are some of the visitors to them.



Scarlett Tiger Moth

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



Members of Pride in Pembridge man the water and food station on 15th July as cyclists from the 40 mile Wheelie Big Cycle Ride took a break. Bananas were provided by the hospice team and cakes were provided by the two cafes and the New Inn. The cyclists were very appreciative.

Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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