

Pembridge Parish News

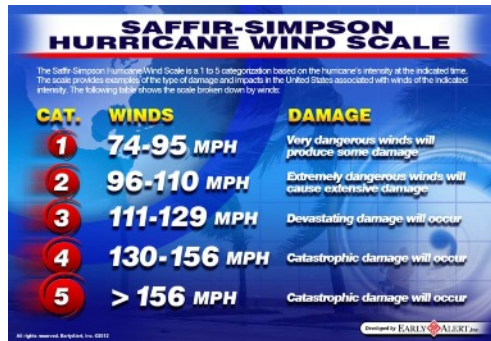


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February - March 2019

In the Eye of Storm Michael

Ken and Jen Myers of Pembridge had gone to Mexico Beach, Florida, for some winter sun, a spot of fishing, swimming and beach walks. Their plans changed rather dramatically! On Monday, October 3rd 2018 they learnt that they were subject to a mandatory evacuation order. Filling the car with gas and leaving a nicely stocked freezer, they headed north. They had a quiet, if breezy, journey to Marianna and settled into a motel.



By Tuesday (4th) lunchtime it was raining and their motel was full.

The shops were closing and most shelves were bare. They managed to get some bread and ham and also milk and water – and a bottle of wine. Sorted! But, the storm powered up from a category 2 to a category 4 (nearly 5) in a record few hours on the Tuesday night. It also changed direction.

On Wednesday (5th) morning, watching TV, they learnt with horror that it had made landfall eighty miles away and was heading straight for Marianna. Then all the power failed. At 2 pm it was dark outside and the wind shrieked. They watched cautiously from the window for five frightening hours. The trees around the motel were bending to 45° and then snapping; larger trees were uprooted and the rain thundered down, hammering on the metal roof with torrents of water plunging down the gutters. The roof of the reception area flew off and clattered about the street.

Then it went eerily quiet as the eye passed directly overhead. The sky lightened and there was total calm. Everyone came outside and began charging their mobiles from their cars (which had miraculously survived) and taking their dogs for a pee. A guy in a nearby room (with four people, two dogs and three cats) said that in about 30 minutes the hurricane would return



from the opposite direction with weaker winds and less rain. And he was right.

Thursday (5th) was sunny with blue sky. They learnt that most of the buildings on Mexico Beach had been destroyed and with no power (or much food) they left in search of somewhere to stay for the rest of their vacation. They were able to get through with care, despite the tangle of power cables. Locals had been out sawing through the fallen trees blocking the roads. They passed buildings without fronts and all the trees were flattened. As they travelled west on the highway every slip road for eastern traffic was blocked by troopers to prioritise the road for the huge convoys of 'bucket trucks' (cherry pickers) - to restore cables, and many other vehicles for sewage, water purification, food kitchens, generators and the coastguard. It was all very impressive. They eventually found a condo to rent in Perdido Key.

Facts and Figures:

- 30 million people were under hurricane watch or warning over Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North and South Carolina.
- Tropical storm-force winds stretch for more than 320 miles. Waves can be as much as 14 feet above normal sea levels.
- Eye is region of mostly calm weather at the centre of tropical cyclones and can be 20-40 miles in diameter,
- 325,000 people told to evacuate over all affected states. 17 storm-related deaths. 12 inches rainfall.
- 30,000 workers mobilised to restore power in Florida.
www.abcnews.go.uk/US/hurricane-michael-numbers

Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum

The Pembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) is at the final key stage in the process to being adopted as statutory planning policy by Herefordshire Council. Everyone on Herefordshire Council's electoral register (at the date of the vote) within the parish is entitled to vote. All those entitled to vote will receive a poll card informing them when and where to vote.

The PNDP referendum date is **28th February 2019**.

The referendum will be asking; 'Do you want Herefordshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Development Plan for (Neighbourhood Area name) to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?'

A successful 'YES' vote, means the plan will be adopted by Herefordshire Council as statutory planning policy and the Parish has a bigger say on development in the community.

You can view the plan on Pembridge Parish Council website or formally on Herefordshire Council's website at:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/3094/pembridge_neighbourhood_development_plan



Congratulations go to Richard Johnson from Twyford near Pembridge, but in Eardisland parish, on his OBE in the New Year Honours for his achievements in racing, and for being three times champion jockey. Richard is the third generation of his family to live at Twyford and probably our most famous local resident.

Diary

FEBRUARY

- 13th - WI – Afternoon of craft *
Wed, 2 pm Village Hall
- 10th – Allotment Society Meeting (see back page)
Sun, 7.30 pm, New Inn
- 16th – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall
- 19th – Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
Tues, 7.30 pm – New Inn
- 24th – Film Night – 'Hope and Glory' **
Sun 7.30 – New Inn
- 26th – WI - Tea and Chat at Ye Olde Steppes 3 pm *

MARCH

- 10th – Film Night – 'Memento' **
Sun, 7.30 pm New Inn
- 13th – WI – 'The Cart Shed'. Talk from a local charity.*
Wed, 7 pm – Village Hall
- 16th – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall
- 23rd – Quiz Evening. £6 pp inc supper and bar.*
Sat, 7 pm, Village Hall
- 26th – WI - Tea and Chat at Ye Olde Steppes 3 pm *
- 31st – Film Night – 'Stan and Ollie' (TBC) **
Sun, 7.30 pm – New Inn

* Details in Arrowvale Messenger

** Booking – Richard Goddard 01544 387571

Kingspan Insulation

Awarding innovation.

Innovation is integral to what we do here at Kingspan Insulation and our research teams are constantly working to find creative new solutions for the construction industry. As you might imagine, this is a process that needs to be managed carefully. In 2015 we chose to invest in a resource management software called Planview Enterprise 12 to help support our new product development efforts. Amongst other benefits, this technology gives our research teams across the globe a 'single point of truth', allowing them to check that no one else is already working on their planned solution.

With the help of this software, we've been able to introduce a whole range of new products in the last couple of years. Just this September we launched our cutting edge Thermataper K range of tapered insulation for flat roofing applications. We then saw the hard work of our local staff, who've helped to oversee this system, recognised in October when we picked up the Regional Chamber Award for the Best Use of Technology.

We are still looking to get your feedback on the sustainability work we carry out at our site.

If you can spare a few minutes to fill in our survey we would really appreciate it:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WQS7SY>

Additionally, don't forget the application deadline for the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust is 31st of March 2019. You can find all the information you need at:

www.kingspaninsulationcommunitytrust.org

Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

WI Meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday.

Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279

margueritefothergill@gmail.com

Pembridge Film Nights at the New Inn.

All films begin at 7.30 prompt. Check the Flicks in the Sticks website for more details and for online booking, or phone 01544 387571 to book your seats. We are limited to 30 people so don't leave it too late! Phone before travelling a long way to be sure the film is showing.

Sunday Feb 24th "Hope and Glory" (15)

Classic comedy-drama of growing up in the suburbs during World War Two - Golden Globe Best Picture

Sunday Mar 10th "Memento" (15)

One man's battle with a lost memory which many critics see as one of the best thrillers of the new century

Sunday Mar 31st "Stan and Ollie" (TBA)

Only just released in cinemas, and critically acclaimed, so we're lucky to be able to show this engaging story of their later years

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: A group of village volunteers meet quarterly to discuss any issues and hear a report on the county's crime from a representative from the Community Police team. The meetings last about an hour and a half and all are welcome. The next one is Tuesday, 19th February, 7.30 pm in the New Inn.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Held in October 2018 at The Old Chapel raised £300. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Launch of Pembridge Map Tapestry.

24 – 27 May (Bank Holiday Weekend).

There will be walks and talks, 'I-Spy' treasure hunts, stalls and displays around the church and the school is putting on a pageant. There will be a concert in the church on Saturday evening, other events on Sunday and hopefully a ceilidh with a band and caller on Monday. Put this in your diaries and invite all your friends!



Avenue of Oaks planted for Remembrance

The commemorations of the centenary of the ending of World War 1 were concluded with the planting of Verdun Oak saplings on the straight mile at Bearwood. The planting involved members of the local Royal British Legion Branch, Pride in Pembridge Group and some representatives of the families of those who lost their lives. Organised by Tony Norman with acorns taken from the Verdun Oak in Pembridge they will make a dramatic feature of commemoration for future generations to remember.

Pembridge Parish Council

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

2018 Village Traffic figures

In 2005 working with my colleague from Eardisley we had installed grey monitoring boxes which record every day the number, type and speed of traffic through our main villages. Every year I report the October figures to my Parish councils in full (including speed and timings) and summarise the number and type of vehicles in my updates. I separate the motorcycles, cars and cars and trailers in one category and HGVs, small trucks, large vans, tractors and Buses in the another section. I choose October as it also reflects a busy time of year agriculturally and have included the 2006 figures Important also to remember that the grey box in Pembridge is sited on the west end so traffic from Bridge street turning east is not recorded.

The 2018 October traffic figures over a month period was:

Shobdon 4,240 vehicles per day with 21% (944) being larger vehicles
Eardisley 4,197 vehicles per day with 24% (1011)
Pembridge 2,633 vehicles per day with 26% (740)
Lyonsall 1,988 vehicles per day with 18.5% (369)

2006 figures, average over 4 months:

4,425 per day, 19% (841) being larger vehicles
4,271 per day, 19% (811) being larger vehicles
2,332 per day, 19% (443) being larger vehicles
2,056 per day, 17% (350) being larger vehicles

Lawton Crossroads – Accident black spot

Those of you who travel to Leominster via Eardisland will know of the long history of collision problems at this junction. I have been working with officers on a proposal to introduce a "rural roundabout" and change the traffic priority status of each highway so all traffic has to give way. Whilst the last minor works implemented during 2016 appear to have addressed recent issues, Kingsland Parish Council wants to divert all the HGVs from Cobnash to this junction. We therefore need to consider a physical solution that addresses the alignment and slightly "unusual" traffic patterns / behaviours that exist and reduce the risk of accidents.

The roundabout will be flat, (the cost of a full scale roundabout is too prohibitive), at road surface level and 14 feet across to accommodate all current movements for all sizes of vehicle, whilst remaining within the existing highway land constraints. It will have a strong visual presence for all approaches, in order to influence driver behaviour. Covered within a speed limit it will have block patterned and red surfacing, kerbed refuges, frequent yellow backed signs, with solar powered bollards.

Parish Council News

Village Christmas lights

Another Christmas passes by and Pembridge is once again the talk of the County for its super lights display. This only happens because of hard work, good organisation plus financial support from the Parish Council. Thanks to that band of hard workers who help put up the trees, keep them up and clear them away! You are all real stars!

Parish Mowing Contract Renewal

It is now time for the Parish Council to renew the annual contract for mowing of grass throughout the village, including the millennium meadow and the village green. If you are interested in tendering for the work you must have public liability insurance for £5M and the necessary equipment to provide a regular mowing and strimming service. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information. All tenders to be received before end February. Email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish request for Precept

At the December finance meeting, Parish Council agreed to hold the precept at its current level. The Parish Council is still expecting to further absorb more services as Herefordshire Council reduces its budgets and support. This year lengthsman and footpath work across the parish will be solely funded from the precept. A request for £24000 has been submitted to Herefordshire Council for the Parish requirements for 2019-20.

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 the Clerk Rebecca Bissell. email: clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Report all highway or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council website

If you find a pothole or footpath problem anywhere in Herefordshire you can report it on Herefordshire Council website. 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.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday February 20th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday March 20th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm.

Food Bank.

Please don't forget the food bank collection bank located at the back of the church. Unfortunately there is a large demand for non-perishable items and toiletries for an ever growing number of people who are finding it hard to fund these items for themselves. The items are taken regularly to the collection point in Kington, where they are administered by a team from the Kington churches after referrals by appropriate agencies.

Leen Times

These are extraordinary times – and not just with our politicians! We have had virtually no rain for a month and the river is nearly down to summer level. Unprecedented for mid-winter. For the first time we have been able to turn the cows out for a few hours in the January daytime to graze the abundant autumn grass and save a few vital tons of silage that we failed to make in the long hot summer.



Interesting to see a piece on 'Countryfile' about farm plastic – it really did illustrate the problem. On this farm we send away around 7 large skips of waste plastic each year – each one costing several hundred pounds to move. I am told this is 97% recycled into garden furniture, underfloor film, plastic flooring and dozens of other uses. One of the most interesting is to replace some of the bitumen in 'tarmac' to greatly increase the life of the road surfaces. I hope they use more to fill the Herefordshire potholes!

We have been cutting Black Poplar 'truncheons' (large cuttings) for planting out around the farms in the parish and elsewhere. If you remember the Native Black Poplar is the rarest timber tree in the UK with just over 200 left in the whole of Herefordshire. Anyone that has an open space near water and protected from stock who would like one – please let me know.

The otters have been particularly active on the Curl brook in the last 12 months – our photographers have made a film of them under the farm bridge: <https://youtube/Cbj8ZhbB3mQ>

We are lining up again to take part in the Big Farm Bird Count. This takes place between February 9th and the 18th. This involves watching a 5 acre area for half an hour and noting down the birds that are seen. 5 acres with a mixed habitat is best with features such as hedge/pond/trees/scrub. It is easy to do and over 1000 farmers took part last year recording an incredible 121 species. If you would like to take part (or if you could help a farmer take part) go to: <https://www.bfbc.org.uk/>

Wildlife news - Over 200 Lapwings, possibly 1000 Fieldfares and Redwings on the surplus apples, probable start to a Goshawks nest, Dippers on the Village Green getting ready to move into their new nest boxes.

Please let me know any of your 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

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

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

Pembridge Allotment Association News:

It was a great year for the allotments, which are only just outside the village. The weather was fairly kind, and most plot-holders did well. We also gained three new members. Our summer get-together on the allotment site was very well-attended (only one person was unable to be there) and thanks to various members we had a very enjoyable barbecue and plenty of time to exchange tips and tricks. We only have two half plots and two full plots left to rent, so please contact Rosie on 01544 388427 or Richard on 01544 387571 if you think you'd like to have a look at them as a productive hobby. Even if you don't want to take on an allotment, you might like to team up with an existing plot holder to share some of the work and some of the produce! Our winter get-together is 7 pm onwards Sunday 10th February in the New Inn, and anyone is welcome to pop along and say hello, and find out more about this great village asset.

Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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