

# Pembridge Parish News

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## "Margaret And Tony Can't Come To The Phone Right Now".

On Thursday 15th of July I went to the Courtyard Theatre to see the Feral Productions screening of 'Last Call'.

In the June -July edition I wrote about this company coming to Pembridge, as well as eight other Herefordshire locations, to film a short visual story regarding phone boxes.

Jean Atkin read her poem about the phone box and then the two minute film was shown. The stories were very much a collaboration between the poem and the location.

The films conveyed the stories with minimal dialogue and, among others, covered a best man - rather the worse for wear, someone stressed needing a defibrillator, a journey to New York from England's Gate, mischievous children and finally a found dog.

Well worth a watch.

[www.feralproductions.org](http://www.feralproductions.org)

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## Pembridge

You feel the red weight of a shutting door  
put you out of the wind. Your own breath is  
nearer, finds the corners of this cast-iron box.  
It's not too late. You lift the cold receiver.  
You tune to the comfort of the dialling tone,  
that burrs in the ear like the accents of home.

They wave at you through the little panes.  
They brace their shoulders against the weight  
of their bags - bread, eggs, cabbages, pies -  
as they come down the steps from the shop.  
You smile back. You smile with your eyes.

This place is kind, but it isn't yet home.  
For hours, you talk to the dialling tone.

- Jean Atkin

**The red telephone box** was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (1880- 1960) and, along with the red post box and the red London bus, is an instantly recognizable symbols of Britain. Scott's design of the K2 cast iron telephone kiosk won a Post Office sponsored competition in 1924. His updated K6 design followed in 1935.

The weather was too bad in May and June to get the phone box painted so it looked rather scruffy on the film. However, using paint supplied by BT, the task was completed in July. Here are a selection of photos of members of Pride in Pembridge painting the postbox. Thanks to The Olde Steppes for refreshments.



# Diary

Broxwood Court , nr Pembridge Open Garden

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (11 - 5) £5 - child free

Marc Mollart - 'Designing for Atmosphere'

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (2-4) Pembridge Village Hall  
[hereford@hardy-plant.org.uk](mailto:hereford@hardy-plant.org.uk)

Penguins Coffee Morning (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of each month)

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am

Covid guidelines will apply. Look for notices.

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

## Pat Teale receives a British Legion Centenary Award

Pat has been selected from nominations across Herefordshire to represent the county in the Collaboration category of the RBL Centenary Awards Scheme. Outstanding because of her collaborative efforts within the Pembridge village community and her long service as an invaluable ambassador for Pembridge branch of the RBL both as Standard Bearer and branch member.

Pat has been awarded a certificate and a special RBL pin and will attend the national awards ceremony online later this year. She will also feature on the RBL national website.

## Societies in Pembridge

**Royal British Legion Pembridge and Shobdon Branch.** (40 members and growing)

Contact: Graham Hudson

[grahamarthurhudson@gmail.com](mailto:grahamarthurhudson@gmail.com) or 07770 635897

Activities: Remembrance Parade, Christmas Draw, Annual Dinner, trips and talks and, of course, the Poppy Appeal. An interest in the aims of the RBL is all that is needed. Club House: The New Inn.

**Pride in Pembridge (PiPs).** A group of volunteers devoting time (usually Thursday mornings) to keeping the village looking neat and well-maintained for local people and visitors by litter-picking, strimming, organising planting schemes as well as having a good chat. Social activities include BBQs, bowling, garden visits and a Christmas dinner. Contact Philip Rogers 07825 216157 or [philipjohnrogers@gmail.com](mailto:philipjohnrogers@gmail.com)

**Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme (Penguins):** Volunteers supporting people in Pembridge. See back page for details.

**Pembridge Allotment Association**

In case you're new to the village and want to find out more here are the basics:

We have 14 full plots (£60 a year) several of which are divided into half-plots (£35) a year. The allotments are less than a mile from Pembridge, have good access from the main road, locked gated entrance and various communal resources (like muck and water supply). In normal times, we have social meetings twice a year (not during Covid, but fingers crossed for the February get-together!).

Although we are pretty full at the moment, do get in touch if you're interested in joining us - we'll see what we can do! Richard - 07774 237718 Also Rosie at the New Inn or Rod Mifflin.

**Pembridge Film Nights** is our non-profit community cinema. We normally have a film screening once or twice a month (on Sunday evenings) in the function room of the New Inn. We aim at feel-good movies which are generally not on mainstream release. £5. Please watch our website ([PembridgeFilmNights.org.uk](http://PembridgeFilmNights.org.uk)) ([facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity](https://facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity)). If you have any questions about the Film Nights contact Richard Goddard on 07774 237718

Are you looking for a safe way to continue your newfound enthusiasm for walking?

## MORTIMER RAMBLERS

Invite you to walk with our friendly group.

On Saturdays we take packed lunches and walk between 7 and 9 miles. Midweek walks are usually shorter, 5 miles or less and often end at a café or pub for optional refreshments. Walks range over the whole of North Herefordshire and beyond.

Non-members are welcome to try up to three walks before joining.

All walks comply with Covid safety guidance. We are fully supported by the national Ramblers organisation. Contact Jen Atkins on 01568 620138 or [jenatkins@btinternet.com](mailto:jenatkins@btinternet.com) for more details.

Further information from [www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk](http://www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk) or [www.ramblers.org.uk/mortimer](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/mortimer) or Mortimer Ramblers' Facebook page.



**RUN TALK RUN  
PEMBRIDGE**

FREE 5k for all abilities  
A safe space to run and talk

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

Meeting @ the village hall car park at 08:45  
RUN 09:00 to 10:00

email Nancy on: [pembridge.runners@gmail.com](mailto:pembridge.runners@gmail.com)  
OR

Sign up on **myCrew**

# Pembridge Parish Council

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips [rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)

## The Phosphate ban on Local House building is 2 years old

Its now over two years since new housing developments in the river Lugg catchment area, which includes the river Arrow, have been halted due to the high levels of phosphate in our local rivers. following a court case in Holland . Although there has been some easement on annex building, no permission has been granted for any new houses since July 2019, with some limitations also on business expansions. The Catchment area covers 40% of Herefordshire and, unless addressed, has serious implications for local people, jobs and businesses now and in the future.

The Phosphate build-up effectively comes from two main sources – farming and human waste - which starts changes in the rivers including the development of algae blooms which prevents sunlight from reaching other plants in the water. They also use up oxygen in the water at night which can suffocate fish and other creatures. Oxygen is also used up when the bloom decays.

There is no easy solution to this problem but we have to develop a range of measures to halt the increase and hopefully reverse the situation. We have a local project which has been working for some years in the Curl brook catchment called " wild in the Curl" where landowners have been working on improving the quality and biodiversity of the locality. Prevention of soil run-off into the river and streams is critical, as is the spreading of unnecessary phosphate on the land. Unlike other public sewers, the Pembridge system does not separate storm drainage water from "dirty water" and significant amounts empty into the river arrow on the eastern side of the bridge. The heavier element goes into the sewage system. Outside the village residential dwellings and farms will have their own drainage systems but again there will be leakage into the water systems.

I continue to work with a wide range of representatives, business and groups on this issue which I consider one of the most serious challenges for my ward. More details on this and other local information are in my monthly updates sent to residents . Please contact me to if you want to be copied in.

## Parish Council News

**Update on meetings** Following changes in government restrictions, Pembridge Parish are meeting in Pembridge Hall again to conduct parish business. Parish Council may still require the wearing of face masks and hand sanitising along with room ventilation to provide a safe environment for Councillors, staff and members of the public to meet.

**Playground** It is sad to report that anti-social behaviour has been reported in the playground. Glass bottles have been smashed all over the play area causing danger to young children which is unacceptable. If you have any information please pass this on to the clerk, it would also be helpful if you could politely remind older children using the playground of their social responsibilities please.

**Clock tower** Over recent months, the Parish Council has been improving the Clock Tower and it is hoped to be ready to open soon following completion of major electrical works.

**Footpaths & Hedges** Polite Notice – When out and about walking - Please remember to follow the public footpath route, Keep dogs on leads around stock and do not roam off the path, close gates and take your litter home with you! 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 over the coming months! A reminder to land/home owners that it 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.

**Ditches and ownership** The Environment Agency and Herefordshire Council would like to remind landowners of their responsibilities to alleviate further flooding issues. Please find the time to clear out overgrown and silt filled ditches in preparation for the winter months in the hope to resolve any further flooding. If you were flooded in February 2020 you should have heard from Herefordshire Council regarding the Property Flood Resilience and recovery Support Scheme. If you have not please contact them on 01432 260000/

**Become a Magistrate** Applications will be open in August [www.gov.uk/become-magistrate](http://www.gov.uk/become-magistrate) or email [swmjco@justice.gov.uk](mailto:swmjco@justice.gov.uk)

**Annual Canvass** You will receive communication from the electoral department to register on the electoral register soon. Any queries contact Herefordshire Council 01432 260107 or email [canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:canvass@herefordshire.gov.uk)

**Herefordshire Council Bus service improvement survey** Have your say on plans to improve Herefordshire bus services - Friday 16 July to Sunday 15 August 2021. The government recently published its national bus strategy for England called Bus Back Better. Herefordshire Council would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey to support its improvement plan. The survey can be found at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/bus-survey](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/bus-survey).

**Scams** The local policing team has alerted the Parish Council of various scams being operated in the area, beginning with a text, an email or a phone call. Common forms of scam right now: \* Receiving a call from someone claiming to be a Police Officer – they'll slowly try and get personal details from you and may ask you to go to the bank to withdraw money. \* Receiving a call from a number that looks very similar to your own number. \* Receiving a text or email from Royal Mail or any other courier telling you there is a shipping or customs charge to pay for your delivery. \* Receiving a text or email that appears to be from the government telling you to pay for a COVID passport. If you are at all suspicious on the phone – end the call! If something is genuine, say the bank are trying to contact you, they would do it by letter. Be VERY wary about clicking on links in text messages or emails if they seem at all suspicious. If in doubt, ask a friend or family member for their opinion. Please report scams to Action Fraud either on their website <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or by phone on 0300 123 2040. If you think you have been a victim of a scam please call the Police immediately. If you think anyone may be at risk or vulnerable to a scam The local officers would be more than happy to contact them to give them some advice and guidance.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:** There is no planned meeting for August.

Wednesday September 15th 2021 in the Parish Hall meeting at 7.30pm

# Leen Times

We have just been through the most extraordinary period of hot weather that has enabled us to complete our 3rd cut grass silage - another good crop. We have made our 'wholecrop' (that is chop up crops of Wheat, Barley or Rye so that grain, stems and leaves all go into the silo together). Finally we have also made many hundreds of bales of very good quality hay. All has been stacked in the barns or silos ready for winter. It is also the time of year we 'dry off' the milkers so that they (and the staff) can have a bit of a break before the next 'round' starts.

The other day someone asked me about the history of The Leen, making me realise that maybe some people that read these articles may not know, so I will include a little bit each time: We have a herd of Hereford beef cows that was first formed on this farm in 1780 and has been bred here continuously ever since. The first 140 years by the Turner family - the last 100 years by the Smith/Norman family.

Wildlife News: Fewer Martins and Swallows nesting this year but we were excited to play host to a pair of Swifts who managed to produce 3 young that set about joining the massive 'flock' (?) wheeling high above the New Inn. The Butterfly count was way down this year (although Silver washed Fritillaries have been spotted). The Moths are still out in numbers and remain every bit as beautiful.



Elephant Hawk Moth



Garden Tiger Moth

Anyone interested in wildlife can join the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust ([www.herefordshirewt.org/](http://www.herefordshirewt.org/)) who have local branches (to us) at Weobley, Aymestry and Kington- The Kington secretary is Sarah Cadwallader <[sarahcad@aol.com](mailto:sarahcad@aol.com)> Most meetings are outdoors at the moment- A great opportunity to learn about the wildlife in our area and meet like minded people. Any youngsters interested in Young Farmers (local branches at Kington and Dilwyn) [hfyfc.org.uk/about/clubs](http://hfyfc.org.uk/about/clubs) and sport of all sorts (not just Rugby) at Kingsland <https://luctonians.co.uk/>

**Food Bank:** There is a collection point for donations to the Kington Food Bank in the church and at The Steppes. Please contact Jacqui Thomas 01544 388471 or Rev Anna Branston 07777 692458

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

Mon - Sat 9.00 am - 5.00 pm 01544 388506 *Free Delivery*

### The Pembridge Cafe

Mon - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Pizzas Fri, Sat, some Sundays 5-8 pm

Pre-order preferred 01544 388029 / 07900102154

### Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Click and Collect / Delivery system in place.

01544 388527 [shop@townsendfarm.co.uk](mailto:shop@townsendfarm.co.uk)

### Old Chapel Gallery

Wed - Sat: 11.00 am - 4.30 pm

Sun, Mon, Tues by appointment

[www.oldchapelgallery.co.uk](http://www.oldchapelgallery.co.uk) 01544 388842

### Mobile Post Office

Mon 13.00 - 14.30 Thursday 15:30 - 16:30

### Tricia's Hair Salon

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm  
Some Saturdays. ALL appointments only - 01544 388665

### The Ear Lady

Mon - Fri 9.00 - 5.00 Some Sats. Appointment only.

Venue: Tricia's Hair Salon 01544 388665

Sarah Cain is offering private hearing assessments, private dispensing of hearing aids and ear wax removal services

### The Kings House Restaurant

Wed - Sat Evenings 7 pm and Sunday lunch 12 pm

01544 388029 or 07900 102154

### The Cider Barn

Tel 01544 388161 [www.the-cider-barn.co.uk](http://www.the-cider-barn.co.uk)

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