

Pembridge Parish News

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October - November 2021

In the Bag

That is how Pat described the equipment needed to start a Good Neighbour Scheme as she gave her presentations to the various villages and organisations in Herefordshire. In the briefcase was a mobile phone, a contact list of the volunteers and what they would be willing to do.

Eleven years ago Pat Stokes was working for Hereford Carers Support and, at a seminar in London, she met a man who was a Village Hall Advisor who described to her a Good Neighbour Scheme he had set up to help local villagers on behalf of Suffolk Council. Pat had a 'light-bulb' moment and resolved to do the same for Pembridge when she retired.



Pembridge Good Neighbours at the launch of the scheme in the village.

With the great support of a couple of neighbours she set up the bare bones of the system, approached the PCC, sought advice from the parishioners via the Pembridge Newsletter and Bob Anderson designed the logo. They applied for, and received, a Community Pride Grant and also received donations which paid for leaflets, posters and the mobile phone and on June 1st 2011 the Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme was launched.

In 2012 Pat was telephoned by the Cabinet Office Local Intelligence Team and subsequently received a letter from Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society, in which he wished to offer 'congratulations on delivering a project that is clearly welcomed and needed by the people you support and I hope you are justifiably proud of the valuable contribution you are making.'

Other villages also learnt of the project and Pat was asked to give talks to Suckley, Yarpole, Peterchurch – to list a few, who all wanted to set up similar schemes. These have now extended throughout Herefordshire with the support of the diocese and Herefordshire Council.

Examples of the tasks volunteers undertake are changing light-bulbs, curtain hanging, collecting prescriptions, small gardening jobs and dog walking (the last two only if in exceptional need) and volunteers will pop round for a chat if isolation is an issue. **They do not offer personal care.** The most unusual request was to bury a dead cat - the ground was very frosty!

About five years ago the committee decided that a monthly coffee morning would be a good idea. This proved very popular with many people taking the opportunity to sit in the village hall having a good natter over coffee and a generous slice or two of home-made cake. It was also a nice way for people new to the village to meet others and provided a good opportunity for the volunteers to socialise. Donations for the coffee and cake has enabled PGNS to pay for the

annual subscription to Community Wheels for parishioners who use the service. Community Wheels has a list of all the eligible post codes.

COVID – when all the restrictions of Covid struck in March 2020 the service was invaluable. Most of the volunteers were over 70 and had been advised to isolate but a new cohort of younger volunteers filled the breach. Having a ready-made service made it much easier to co-ordinate the huge number of requests.

As restrictions seem to be over the Coffee Mornings are starting again. The first one was on 18th September and **Oct 16th, Nov 20th and Dec 18th** are dates to put in your diaries.



Some Members of PGNS at the Coffee Morning

Now the PGNS is looking for new people to take the service into the next phase. On **November 4th at 7 pm**, there will an open AGM at the village hall where Pat will officially stand down after ten years as Chair. Consequently the organisation will be looking for a new Chair and also a Secretary. The committee consists of the three officers and two other members and they are elected each year. The meetings are every three months and at these meetings the committee discuss, among other things, the finances, coffee mornings, how the service is being used and also the telephone rota is decided (based on who is available). Usually the phone is held for two weeks to a month, depending on individual circumstances.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of this invaluable service, please get in touch or go to the AGM.

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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 on 01544 388471 for further information regarding making a donation or Rev. Anna Branston on 07777 692458 if you have a need for food from this service.

Diary

October 23rd 7 pm Village Hall, Pembridge.
Annual Harvest Supper.

For other events please see **bold** items in relevant articles in the magazine and note in your diary!

Village Celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2/6/22 – 5/6/22) (SEE ENCLOSED FLYER)

You are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, **October 13th from 7 pm** in St Mary's Church to discuss this. A small working group has had some outline ideas for activities and events but other suggestions are needed, as nothing is set in stone. At this meeting it is hoped to capture the wider wishes of the community to make this a *very special* event. The aim is for people to volunteer to help organise the suggestions that seem appropriate. Then a committee will be formed to manage the planning and delivery (including cost implications) of the Pembridge 2022 Jubilee Celebrations.

If you would like to share your ideas / be a part of delivering this event then please do come along. Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you and if you have any queries please email: events4pembridge@gmail.com



Pride in Pembridge Meet

Pride in Brixham

On holiday near Totnes, Philip and Judy Rogers from PIPs arranged to meet volunteers from PiBs.

From left to right: Deirdre, Pat, Gwen and Maxine, Philip and Judy.

We hope to keep in touch.

Edwardian Country Diary Musical Comes to Pembridge on National Tour https://youtube/_KNJonlVJ8g

A new musical is coming to Pembridge in October as part of a national tour celebrating this year's 150th birthday of *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady* author Edith Holden. The book was a sensation when published in 1977, selling more than seven million copies. You're all invited to sing along at St Mary's Church, where the performance takes place on **Friday 15 October at 7.30pm**. The audience is encouraged to join in choruses as London-based a cappella folk group, *Broomdasher*, intertwine Edith's beautiful descriptions with folk songs collected by Cecil Sharp and Ralph Vaughan Williams. *Broomdasher* have an outstanding reputation for their harmonies, arrangements and engaging live performances. www.broomdasher.com Tickets £10: The Steppes, Pembridge; Catherine Fothergill 01544388279 Meryl Griffith 01544 340381; merylgriffith@gmail.com Further Information: John Palmer j.palmer595@btinternet.com or 07881 738029

Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

Pembridge Film Nights

See pembridgefilmnights.org.uk or phone 01544 387571

[Facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity)

We are planning this years Christmas trees.

This year will be a sad one as John Petrie, who was a main helper with the trees, passed away earlier this year. We miss him.

This is a big job as we have 60+ trees to choose, put up and decorate with lights. We would be grateful for any offers of help. This includes help on the evening of the **4th December** which is when we switch the lights on in the market hall. Jobs include help with Father Christmas, the raffle and making hot drinks. The lights "switch on" is important as the raffle and donations help pay for the trees and lights.

I would like to thank everyone who gave and collected donations last year. Thank you Julie and Rod Mifflin

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Plans are now being made for **Pembridge Show 2022** after having to cancel the two previous years. Details of attractions will follow later. Schedules of classes in the exhibit marquee will be available in early January giving people time to grow or make items to enter in the exhibit classes. This is a village show, so please don't be afraid to enter - it makes the exhibit marquee so much more interesting.

We are looking for more people to join us to help on the day or join our committee. If you can help in any way, let me know. Thank you, Julie. Tel 01544 388414. juliemiff@hotmail.co.uk

The hanging baskets and front of garden competition

as seen from the pavement, is sponsored by the Parish council and judged by a visitor to the village. This years winners are:

Hanging Baskets:

1st. Ashleigh, Bearwood Lane. 2nd. Kings House, East Street
3rd. Terracotta Barn, East Street.

Front of House:

1st. 1 Parsons Walk. 2nd. Red Lion. 3rd. Ruby Drive, Bridge Street.

Thank you for all the effort in making the village attractive and cheerful to visitors and ourselves. Julie Mifflin.

Poppy Appeal 2021

At 0900 on Saturday 15th May this year wreaths were laid at the war memorials in Shobdon, Staunton and Pembridge to mark the 100th anniversary of what is now the Royal British Legion.

In this centenary year we will resume door to door collections and the static boxes will be in shops, businesses and pubs. In addition, as it was successful last year, there will be a stall in the Market Hall **Saturday 30th October** between 1000 and 1500.

Kings House Restaurant

Stuart and Jan are hanging up their aprons from 19th September after eighteen happy years running the Kings House Restaurant. They wish to thank all their customers for their loyal support and friendship over these years. After forty-five years in the hospitality business they are looking forward to their new life. I am sure I speak for everyone in wishing them a very happy retirement.

Pembridge Parish Council

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

Pembridge Village 20 mph speed limit

As you will know Pembridge will be the first village in Herefordshire to have a 20 mph zone introduced on all the highways within the speed limits. Regrettably there has been an objection from a resident which has held matters up but the funding is allocated in the 2021/22 budget. Following some final administration, a formal notice advertising the change will be placed in the public domain for 28 days with delivery scheduled to follow in 6 weeks which will take us probably into January. Hopefully the weather will not impact on that. The gateways will have red surfacing markings and 20 mph signs will be placed in the village.

Six million County Covid recovery plan

Using a six million pound grant from the Government, Herefordshire Council has put together a number of projects to support a recovery of the economy and the community. Business grants will be available with promotion of the county to support the tourism and hospitality sectors. There will be advice for returning to work, re-skilling at a One-Stop Shop and a new Youth Employment Hub to support young people not in education, employment or training.

The grant will also be used to encourage people to return to towns with free weekend bus travel, refurbished shop fronts, discounts and investment in public rights of way and seating areas as well as various measures to improve physical activity and support people's wellbeing including basic mobile and ipad lessons and free adult learning swimming lessons.

Details at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/22617/herefordshire-council-recovery-plan-2021>

More details in my monthly email updates please contact me if you wish to be copied in. ROGER

Parish Council News

Advertising in Pembridge Parish magazine A new round of advertising in the Parish Magazine is organised in October. There are 24 advertiser spaces available on a standard yearly agreement. If you are interested in advertising your business or service in the magazine next year, please contact the parish clerk clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Annual Budget & Precept In November & December the Parish Council consider the budget and precept requirement for 2022-23 and would like your views. The proposed budget will include funding for the parish lengthsman and will continue the mowing contract. The Parish Council will look at areas of the parish that need improvement including the playground and village green seating and look to complete the bell tower project. The Parish Council will consider any works on the toilet block and coverage of any legal and audit costs. Your comments on any other improvements would be welcomed. Email the Parish Clerk or attend the Parish Council meeting on 17th November. Please email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation This year, the budget consultation is focused on how Herefordshire Council can best support post-covid recovery in Herefordshire and informing how it can transform its services to ensure they are delivered in a way that is effective, affordable and environmentally friendly. You can take part in the budget consultation and have your say on the council's website: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation. The budget consultation will run until Monday 4 October 2021.

New Neighbourhood matter website launched from the rural policing team The Neighbourhood Matters website for crime prevention information and broadcasting good news stories. Sign up to the bespoke West Mercia Police Neighbourhood Matters website at www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk. You will receive crime prevention notices as soon as they are posted. In addition, you may wish to have a look at the West Mercia Police Rural Matters Facebook site which already highlights activities and includes videos, visits and advice delivered by the team across the rural parts Herefordshire.

Queen's Jubilee June 2022 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend is an extended bank holiday from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022**, which will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. There is a meeting in St Mary's Church from 7 pm **October 13th** and all are invited to get involved and to share ideas. The Parish Council will be planting a tree for the Queen's green canopy as well. Watch this space!

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.

Don't forget to report any highway, pothole or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council interactive map! With winter not far around the corner keep on the lookout for potholes! Please log them onto the Herefordshire Council interactive map online. It's 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. Log onto www.herefordshire.gov.uk and navigate through the transport and highways section. Or just Google Hereford pothole map. Alternatively, you can now download the app!

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday October 20th – 7.30pm – Pembridge Parish Hall

Wednesday November 17th – 7.30pm - Consider Budget & Precept - Pembridge Parish Hall

Leen Times

We have calves everywhere! We operate what is known as a 'Block calving' system where most of the calves come in a 9 week period which makes the management of the herd much easier. Sometimes there can be as many as 20 calves a day, all of which need sorting out with their mothers - the calf ear-tagged, navel disinfected, fed with Colostrum (mothers first milk that contains all the antibodies) and moving to comfortable weather-proof quarters. Coming day after day this creates large logistical problems - on top of the routine milking twice a day, every day! However having done it for many years now we are beginning to get the hang of it! Elsewhere we are steadily producing electricity and the chickens regularly leave the farm despite minor problems with transport etc. We are very grateful for all the hard work that goes in from staff and family.

Leen history: there is an Ancient Monument known as the Rowe Ditch that runs North/South through the farm - it is said to pre-date Offas dyke but is of similar construction.

Wildlife News: 2 Barn Owls fledged this year from our box- [Utube clips here: https://youtube/rB_bf_5XyTQ](https://youtube/rB_bf_5XyTQ)

The Swallows and Martins have gone - thankfully, a lot more than arrived!

A Stoat was seen to do a 'dance' on a lawn - it jumped and fell about, running around and tumbling over and over - then attacking a bird - they do this to mesmerise their prey (usually a rabbit)

Multiple sightings of Otters with at least one killed on the road.

A timely picture of this visitor to a reader's lawn:

I have no hesitation in repeating my plea not to be too tidy round the garden- Don't burn all that rubbish - leave it in a pile...and... Don't use slug pellets - you may just see one on your lawn.



The Environment Agency (and others) have been electro fishing in the Arrow and I am pleased to report that Salmon parr (up to 1 year old) were caught on the Village Green, at The Leen and all the way up to Kington showing what a good spawning year it was last year (for salmon).

Any wildlife sightings - please let me know

Tony 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

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 388922 / 07812127156

Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery

Click and Collect / Delivery system in place.
01544 388527 shop@townsendfarm.co.uk

Old Chapel Gallery

Wed - Sat: 11.00 am - 4.30 pm
Sun, Mon, Tues by appointment
<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

Closed as from 19th September.
AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION

The Cider Barn

Tel 01544 388161 <http://www.the-cider-barn.co.uk>

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