

# Pembridge Parish News

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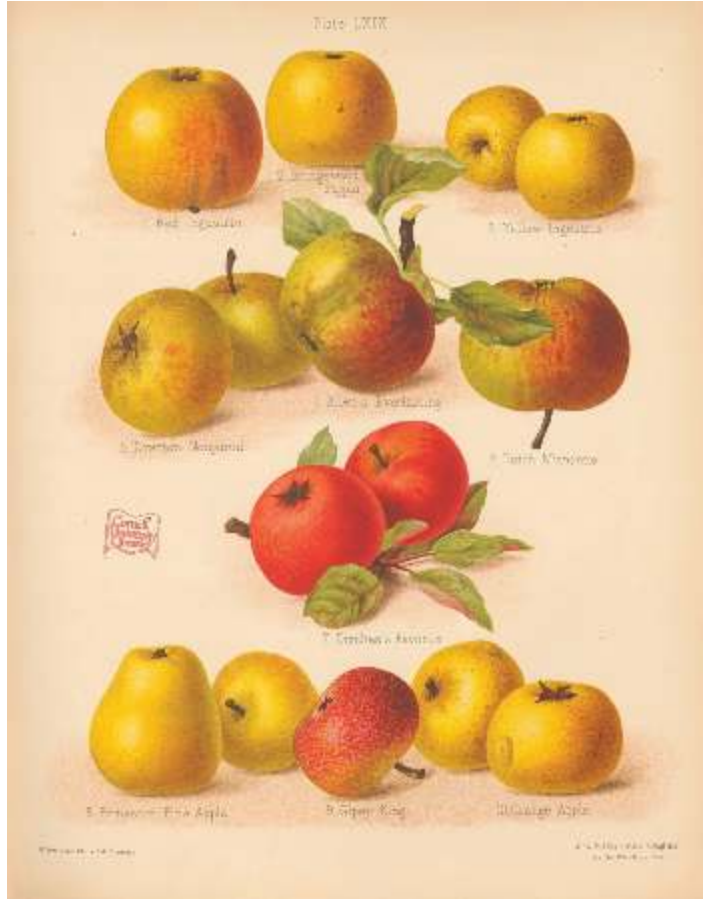
February - March 2022

## Jubilee Apple Trees 2022

The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Herefordshire has a long history of apple orchards and there are over 7000 named varieties of apple. One of the most prominent pomologists of the late 18th century was Thomas Andrew Knight (1759-1838). He was born into a wealthy Herefordshire family which had made its money from the iron industry in the north of Herefordshire and neighbouring counties. He lived the later part of his life on the family Estate of Downton Castle. During his lifetime he bred many new varieties of cider and dessert apples using hand pollination. The results, often named after places in Herefordshire, include the apples The Grange, Downton Pippin, Yellow Ingestrie, Breinton Seedling, Bringewood Pippin, Wormsley Pippin, Spring Grove Codling, and Herefordshire Gilliflower.

In 1885, the apples of Herefordshire were immortalised in the Herefordshire Pomona. There had been growing concern among English horticulturalists and naturalists that many of the region's orchards were being lost and the fruits of their trees forgotten in favour of more popular imports. The Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club (founded in 1851) recorded and showcased different varieties of apples and pears found in the orchards of Herefordshire. Compiled and edited by the eminent horticulturalist Robert Hogg and the physician Henry Graves Bull, the Pomona documented over 400 apple and pear varieties. They were beautifully painted by artists Alice Blanche Ellis and Edith Elizabeth Bull who drew their pomological subjects as they saw them, imperfections and all.



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To celebrate the Jubilee the Royal British Legion, Pembridge Branch will be coordinating a project to supply apple trees for anyone who would like to plant one in their gardens or on their land/allotment.

Trees will be two years old, British and locally grown. They will be supplied with a tree guard, a stake and some root food. The apple varieties will be selected from local varieties and some other British apples for diversity. Eventual tree height can be tailored to your available space. (Large 4.5m, Medium 3.5m and Small 2.5m). You can also choose whether you would like a cider apple, cooking apple or eating apple.

Trees will be available for local collection in mid November and your apple tree will be mapped for the Queen's Green Canopy, local and national tree maps. Residual funds will be donated to the RBL Pembridge Branch. Trees will cost £25 each and you can order up to 3 per household at this special price. Please book early (as there is a limited supply). The application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council Website and the closing date is 31 Mar 2022.

[jubileeappletrees@gmail.com](mailto:jubileeappletrees@gmail.com)

Bridget Rose

## The Queen's Green Canopy

An important part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is the opportunity for us all to plant a tree. Any tree planted by a parishioner between November 1st 2021 and March 31 2023 will qualify towards the Queen Platinum green canopy initiative where it will be recorded and registered towards the QGP Map. For this to be recorded and mapped, please email Nick Rumble who is assisting the Pembridge Tree Warden, Tony Norman. Nick's email [nrumble@btinternet.com](mailto:nrumble@btinternet.com) or phone him on 07808791020 and he will answer your questions.

# Diary

**Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme** Coffee Mornings:

Sat February **19th** & Sat March **19th** 10.30 - 12.00  
Pembridge Village Hall.

**Hardy Plant Society** - Pembridge Village Hall 2-4 pm

Sat 12/ 2 - Talk on Missionary Pere Armond David  
Searching for plants in China.

Sat 12/3 - Jill and Alun Whitehead from Aulden farm  
Humorous talk - 'From Conception to Chaos.'

BOOKING ADVISED. [hmwhps.org.uk](http://hmwhps.org.uk)

## Pembridge Platinum Jubilee Celebrations UPDATE: January 2022

**Events confirmed so far for the extended Bank Holiday weekend 2nd - 5th June**

Available throughout the day from 2nd - 5th June:

'Queens and Kings' Scarecrow Competition, Treasure Hunt/Village Trail, Village Walks, Photo Competition

Everyone is invited to participate in the 'Queens and Kings' Scarecrow Competition. We'll have more news in the next issue and in the meantime for any queries please contact Shirley at: [events4pembridge@gmail.com](mailto:events4pembridge@gmail.com)

### Thursday 2nd June

2pm: Opening of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Unveiling of Platinum Jubilee Tapestry, planting of Platinum Jubilee Tree

3-5pm: Themed Tea in St. Mary's Church

6pm: Cocktail Competition followed by Music and Dancing at the New Inn

### Friday 3rd June

8pm: Ceilidh in St. Mary's Church

### Saturday 4th June

11am: Book Launch 'A Home for All Seasons' with resident and author Gavin Plumley

2pm: Family Sports on the Millennium Meadow

4pm: Tug of War

8pm: Music Concert in St. Mary's Church

### Sunday 5th June

11am: Jubilee Service in St. Mary's Church (Festival of Pentecost)

2pm: Big Jubilee Lunch and Prize-giving on Church Lawn

We hope you will be able to join this special celebration and look out for more details on our Pembridge Village Community Facebook page

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to put on these events.

If you would like to support please contact [events4pembridge@gmail.com](mailto:events4pembridge@gmail.com)

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

### Pembridge Film Nights

See [pembridgefilmnights.org.uk](http://pembridgefilmnights.org.uk) or phone 01544 387571

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

**Sun 20 February:** Even When I Fall (12) - Our most requested repeat showing - "Gripping and unexpectedly uplifting" - Sunday Times

**Sun 6 March:** Untouchable(15)-"Charming, uplifting French drama"-Guardian

Date to be confirmed: Nomadland (12A) -2021 Oscar for Best Picture - "Overflowing with humanity and tenderness" - BBC

### RBL Poppy Appeal 2021.

Our efforts were largely back to normal, collectors went out to knock on doors in many places, boxes were placed in shops and pubs and collections taken in churches. The Hunt made a magnificent effort too. In addition the collection taken at the church for Margaret Reid's memorial service would have pleased her greatly as she was a staunch poppy appeal collector.

This year's total was £4324.29, a bit of a record and thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

*Graham Hudson, Poppy Appeal Organiser and Branch Chairman.*

## Pride in Pembridge

It's a new year and I'm finding my feet as I take over the baton as Chair of Pride in Pembridge (PiP). I would like to thank everybody who tends their gardens, pots and baskets and mow and maintain the verges fronting their properties as it really enhances the views in the village.

This bright, cold, frosty weather has given the group the opportunity for a walking review of our work and future ideas. Did you know PiP currently maintains 5 raised flower beds, 4 box planters, 4 tubs, a pot, a trough, 5 hanging baskets, and 2 window boxes? Also, the entrance border to the school, around the Market square and near the New Inn and Red Lion. The moat is enhanced with wild daffodils and strimmed, the playground and car park are kept tidy, we weed the wall on Bridge Street and clean the riverside picnic tables. We even painted the telephone box. The boardwalk is cleared and the invasive Himalayan balsam pulled. Then there is the annual litter-pick along the A44, Bridge Street and beyond to Milton Cross as well as regular village litter-picking.



Steve with Katherine Jansson

Projects for this year include establishing a Jubilee garden behind the Red Lion. It is hoped to improve planting by the war memorial and to have a more impactful flower display at the Western edge of the village. And we'd like to include all the

streets in Pembridge in an annual sweep and weed of gutters and paths as a collaborative effort with the residents. Finally, PiP would like to provide support to any groups of residents in the other hamlets of the parish.

As you can see there is much to be done and we'd really welcome many new volunteers. It's two hours on Thursday morning (come when you can), meeting at 10 am under the Market Hall. And it's not all work, it's a very sociable morning, and a great way to meet people if you are new to the village, as I was!

*Steve Briggs 07749 829690*

# Pembridge Parish Council

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

## A44 Pembridge Traffic report

In 2005 I arranged the instalment of traffic monitors in the highways in Pembridge, Shobdon, Lyonshall and Eardisley which record the number, type, speed and timing of all vehicles on a daily basis. I report every year the October figures to the Parish councils. The Pembridge monitors are situated on the west side of the village so do not reflect the traffic using Bridge street from and to the East.

The figures for the past six years show a remarkable consistency – even allowing for the covid impact - but interesting, apart from Eardisley, all the villages are showing that the traffic is lower than 2016, but are 10% up on 2007 figures. These daily figures help me as your local representative to maintain pressure on the council to support highway infrastructure and projects on our local network and provide the necessary evidence to support or dispute claims of volume. They have helped me gain in the past the complete resurfacing of the A44 highway with noise reduction surfacing through Pembridge and the latest project will be the 20 mph speed limit for Pembridge due to be installed this February. More details are in my monthly email updates which I can forward to anyone interested.

Total average daily number of vehicles ( Monday- Sunday) through the villages in Octobers from 2016 to 2021.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Shobdon</b>	4643	4602	4639	4380	4148	4320
<b>Lyonshall</b>	2393	2271	2149	2472	2306	2248
<b>Eardisley</b>	4394	4222	4643	4434	4119	4415
<b>Pembridge</b>	2699	2851	2830	2824	2827	2647

The average total 2021 October 5 working day figures ( Monday – Friday) which, apart from Pembridge, show a higher volume of traffic during the week than the weekend and understandably a greater number of heavy vehicles than the seven day figures: Eardisley 4009 : Shobdon 3949 : Pembridge 2473 : Lyonshall 1996.

## Parish Council News

**Village Christmas lights** Pembridge once again provided a super light display last December, thanks to the hard work, good organisation of local volunteers and financial support from the Parish Council.

**Parish request for Precept** At the November meeting, the Parish Council agreed to hold the precept at £24,000 for Parish requirements 2022-23. The budget includes funding for the Parish Lengthsman to undertake various jobs and extra allocation for continuing the mowing contract. The Parish Council is committed to invest in areas of the parish that need improvement including the playground, toilet block and car park and PC reserves are available to support these projects. The PC is looking to upgrade the phone box in Broxwood which now houses a defibrillator, benches on the Village Green and undertake repairs to the war memorial. Parish Council will also be financially supporting the local events group and tree warden who are organising a fantastic programme of parish community events to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee. All figures are highlighted fully in the budget and published minutes which can be accessed on the Pembridge Parish Council website. [www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Clock Tower Refurbishment** The Parish Council are delighted to announce the completion of the Clock Tower renovation. Thanks to Cllr Philip Rogers for his hard work and perseverance through difficult times to complete this exciting project. The Bell Tower is open daily, please pop along to see the modernised winding system and the display of John Bulmer photographs being exhibited.

**Memorial Renovation** The Parish Council will be instructing a contractor to make repairs to the steps of the War Memorial over the coming months. The Royal British Legion are supporting the works of repairing the wooden posts around the Memorial and making repairs to the memorial gate.

**Herefordshire Wildlife Trust – Team Wilder National Initiative** Pembridge Council will be joining Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Community group map which provides information resources on county nature events and activities. Please look out for the news item on the parish website and upload your nature events to the map.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Green Canopy Events** Pembridge is very lucky to have parishioners arranging a variety of jubilee events over the celebration weekend 2-5th June. There will also be events/tree planting throughout the year as part of the Green Canopy. Please remember to take photos to record your tree planting and forward them to Tony Norman with permissions to upload and register on the national website.

**Neighbour Letters** Some Parishioners have received a letter to join the Nextdoor information app. It is understood this app is genuine but the Parish Council has no involvement with the organisation and did not send the correspondence.

**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](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Report all highway or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council website** Winter is well and truly upon us and these wet and cold conditions will cause road surface issues. 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](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) and navigate through the transport and highways section.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:** Wednesday February 16th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.30pm  
Wednesday March 16th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.30pm.



# Leen Times

The days are drawing out, signs of Spring are everywhere and we can all look forward to warmer weather. Despite a local case of 'Bird Flu' demand for our chicken remains high, but we are coming under increasing pressure to spread the resulting poultry muck more responsibly so that the nutrients don't get into our watercourses. In our own case the 250 tons of 'poultry litter' we produce each crop is carefully stored and fed (with cattle slurry) into our Anaerobic Digester to produce Electricity for the farm and heat to go back to the underfloor heating of the chickens. The remaining 'Digestate' is then carefully used around the farm as our fertiliser. We monitor the water quality of the local stream - the Curl Brook - to watch any impact we may have.

**Leen history** - many of our old farm buildings are 'timber frame' with some of them containing wood that dates back hundreds of years - some of the boards nailed up in one are from the, now, very rare Native Black Poplar (not to be



confused with the many hybrid Poplars planted today). There are still 5 of these trees left in the parish and I have managed to get a few cuttings that can be grown on to plant out in the next year or two. When grown these trees support an amazing number of moth species, massive amounts of early pollen and wonderful holes and crannies for Barn Owls.

**Wildlife news:** I am getting reports of Redpolls, Reed Bunting, a Goldfinch with strange 'magpie markings', a Kestrel, a Peregrine and a great white Egret. It will soon be time for the Big Farmland Bird Count <https://www.bfbc.org.uk/> or the Big Garden Birdwatch (which may be over by the time you read this) - but have a go - it's good fun!

2022 is the year of The Queens Jubilee and it is her wish that there should be a 'Green Canopy' of trees planted <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Pembridge Parish will play its part and as Parish Tree Warden I will try to encourage as many people to plant trees as possible. We will record any trees planted in 2022 (with extensions to cover the planting seasons at either end) in the parish and add them to the National total of trees planted. We are over 1500 trees planted in the Parish so far.

Please tell me about any trees you plant in 2022 (from Nov21 to March 23) We want to know details of your trees:

1. Your Name and address
2. Number and species of tree.
3. A photo

Please send to me: Tony Norman [tony@theleen.co.uk](mailto: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 - 6 pm 01544 388506 *Free Delivery*

### The Pembridge Cafe

Mon - Sat 9 am - 4 pm Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Pizzas Friday 5pm-7 pm

Pre-orders preferred 01544 388922 / 07812127156

### 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 Cider Barn

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

### Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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