

# Pembridge Parish News

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## The Pembridge Bell Tower is Open to Visitors

On Monday 13th December 2021 the Bell Tower was officially re-opened after electrification of the clock mechanism and the installation of improved lighting and information boards.

John Bulmer kindly agreed to perform the opening ceremony, which was appropriate as his photographs of Pembridge from The Sunday Times magazine of August 1966 are being displayed there. Philip Rogers, who organised the work, said a few words and John cut the ribbon.



Photograph by Julian Measey

**John Bulmer – Pioneer of Colour Photography** (Extracts from [johnbulmer.co.uk/photography-biography](http://johnbulmer.co.uk/photography-biography))

*John went to Cambridge to study engineering but his life-long love of photography took over as he produced photographs for Varsity, the University magazine and then for Image, a magazine he co-founded. He also started shooting stories on Cambridge for Queen Magazine, the Daily Express newspaper, and finally a story on the Night Climbers of Cambridge which sold to Life Magazine. After University he went up to London where he was offered a job as photographer on the Daily Express. He soon started shooting stories for Town Magazine, a new fashion magazine that became well known for good photography using other photographers such as Terrence Donovan, David Bailey and Don McCullin. John Bulmer did many groundbreaking stories for them including The Black Country, Nelson, The North, as well as overseas stories in South America, Africa, New Guinea and Indonesia.*

*In 1962 The Sunday Times produced the first of the Colour Supplements, later copied by all the newspapers. The writer Martin Harrison, in his book about photography in the 60's "The Young Meteors" describes the start of the Colour Magazines:- "The switch to colour was, therefore, quite sudden and few photographers were prepared for it. John Bulmer was recognised immediately for having made the necessary adjustment and by thinking specifically in terms of colour he became one of the most prolific contributors of colour reportage to the Sunday Times Colour Section. Many of his most important assignments were abroad, but he was also acknowledged as an adroit recorder of provincial Britain. His reputation as a recorder of the industrial cityscape was probably gained at Town, where he was responsible for stories on Nelson, Lancashire, The Black Country, and The North is dead"*

*By the early seventies the Sunday Times changed course, looking for stories on "Crime, Middle Class Living and Fashion" as described to him by the new editor. It was time for a change and he moved sideways into making documentary films and went on to direct many films on travel and untouched tribes in the most inaccessible parts of the world. These were primarily shown on BBC, National Geographic and Discovery Channel.*

I took the opportunity to ask him a few questions:

**How did you get started?** "I just sent my photographs to various magazines and papers. Sadly, you could not do that now as the papers do not have the money.

**How did you get such iconic photographs?** "I always got people to do something – pounding grain, whatever. They soon lost interest in me and I could get a more natural shot. When photographing Meryl Streep I had to spend a long time on the set of The French Lieutenant's Woman to capture an image. John and Yoko refused to pose anyway, so I got a shot of them both sharing a slice of chocolate cake."

**How did you cope in remote places?** "I took plenty of medicines! I am sure we saved a girl from septicaemia but we were careful to give credit to the Medicine Man. It was important to have the equipment in waterproof bags.

**What did you have to change to photograph in colour?** "Avoid noise – the clutter in the background. So much more obvious in colour. With 'The North' I could use the mist to blot out distractions in the background."

**How did you adjust to digital photography?** "I love technology! However, it wasn't very good at first and quite bulky so I waited until the equipment was better before investing in it."

**"How did you select your assignments?"** "I enjoy scenery, so jobs in places like Tibet, the Andes and Ethiopia always appealed. I never did much nature photography – I did not have the patience to sit in one spot for months!"

Many thanks to John Bulmer for his time

## JOHN BULMER AND BILLIE CHARITY at Hay Festival May 30th 4 pm.

A *Very English Village* and *Lockdown Light* are books by two local photographers who have recently published books of photographs taken near home. John photographed the village of Pembridge for the Sunday Times Magazine just over 50 years ago, and Billie photographed her book *The Lockdown Light* over the last year.

The two photographers will look at, and discuss, each other's books, and the changes in style over the last 50 years, as well as the whole way of shooting, editing and financing their projects: How publishing a book is no longer a massive financial outlay, and is in the reach of an ordinary person with talent as a photographer and the drive to get it done.

## Diary

### Coffee Mornings

Saturday 16th April and Saturday 21st May  
10.30 – 12.00 Pembridge Village Hall

### Spring Plant Fair, Broxwood Court

Wednesday 27th April 10.30 – 4.00 £6  
Proceeds to The Cart Shed

### Diary of an Edwardian Lady

Saturday 30th April £10  
7.30 pm Pembridge Church\*

\* See details in Arrowvale Messenger

## Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries

## PEMBRIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Following a Special General Meeting held on 8th March it has been decided that the Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme will be dissolved as from 31st March 2022.

The decision was made after considering the significant change in people wanting the service, (no-one has used it for a considerable time) and secondly that there is no one to take over the Chair and other members of the Committee who are retiring.

The monthly Coffee Mornings, held on the third Saturday of the month, will continue as normal until July when it is hoped that another volunteer group will take over.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and been involved with the Scheme over that last 11 years.

Pat Stokes - Chair Pembridge Good Neighbour Scheme.

## Pembridge Village Show July 2022

The Show Committee have decided that they would put all their effort in to the Queen's Jubilee, as it is so important. Therefore we will postpone the Pembridge Show until **Saturday 29th July 2023**.

This year the parish council are awarding two prizes to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee:

THE BEST HANGING BASKET and the BEST PLANTED FRONT GARDEN in colours to suit the royal celebration.

## Can you help with our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations?

You may be surprised to know that there are already around 50 people involved in planning and delivering our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. In addition to this we are looking for volunteers to help with the smooth and safe running of the events planned between 2nd-5th June 2022.

We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who could provide support for brief periods, for example in the following areas:

• Putting up signs • Building and taking down Marquees, Gazebos, Food and Beverage installations • Setting out tables and chairs • Assisting as Stewards • Trained First-Aiders • Car parking

If you would like to offer your help in any way please let us know by emailing your contact details to:

[events4pembridge@gmail.com](mailto:events4pembridge@gmail.com) Many thanks for your support. Julian Measley

## Song for the Commonwealth

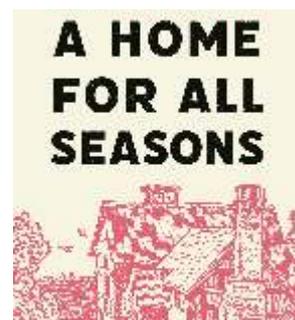
Our intention at this point is for Pembridge to form a "choir" which will include pupils and families from the primary school, the church, and as many local people as possible. [Contact Colin Piers 07719 789498](tel:07719789498)

As it is a new song and we want to make it a great success, the school will be practising the song early on and we will be inviting everyone along to village rehearsals on the two Sundays prior to the Jubilee. Of course we hope people will join in on the night too. Here is the link to the words and music. You can hear it on youtube.

<https://www.commonwealthresounds.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SOLO-in-B-flat-Major-PIANO-CHORDS-lower-Full-Score.pdf>

## Book Launch

Pembridge resident Gavin Plumley's new book will be published by Atlantic Books on 2 June and launched as part of the Jubilee Celebrations. A Home for All Seasons tells the story of Stepps House on the Market Square. A lyrical celebration of the village and the surrounding landscape, its customs and characters through time, the book reveals an eerily familiar tale. Yet for all its historical sweep, the book is an intimate account of making a home.



# Pembridge Parish Council

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

### Pembridge 20 mph speed limit

As I explained in the letter I delivered to all houses in the village, the 20 mph project will be rolled out during the year with regular traffic recording throughout. In Autumn the beige sections and 20 mph roundels will be placed on all entrances and in some sections in the village. While I would have preferred all the work was done at the same time to have maximum impact, I recognise that we are a pilot project and should cooperate on learning from the installation for any future roll out in Herefordshire. We are getting a lot of interest from other villages and as the Welsh Government has given funding in Wales, with Hay and Presteigne to have 20 mph limits, this will increase interest.

During the past month I have had initial discussions with Police Commissioner John Campion, West Mercia Chief Constable Pippa Mills, and Herefordshire lead Officer Edd Williams on speed enforcement in my ward and how they will deal with the new 20 mph. The plan here is to monitor the speed recordings and with that information report to the Parish Council later in the year. I am also discussing with the Parish Council if they will support similar lining down bridge street to match what we have in the rest of the village

### Pothole repairs

After the one of the mildest winters with very few grit runs the potholes have really popped up. Can I encourage you to report any at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1> or call Customer Service team on 01432261800 for emergencies.

### UKRAINE CRISIS - how you can help

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/ukraine-appeal>

<http://www.dec.org.uk/home>

The Cattleshed are driving lorries full of things down to Poland.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

If anyone in the village or beyond would like to kindly donate anything from the list below then there will be a collection van in the Pembridge Village car park on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Thank you to Anna who will be there with her van to collect and then take to the Hereford collection point on 3 Elms Trading Estate. Your support will be much appreciated. Pembridge supports the Ukrainian Crisis.

<https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/ukraine>

Useful information in Herefordshire – including information on how to help give the news to children who are finding the war information very upsetting but who also want to know what is happening.



**Hereford Help for Ukraine**  
Please help us to help the people of Ukraine  
We are organising humanitarian aid trucks to take essential, life-saving supplies to a Ukrainian warehouse in Poland and urgently need the following items:-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Baby Food	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Medicines inc. Cystitis and Cold/Flu Medicines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tissues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baby Milk Powder/Torula	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baby Medicines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Candles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Food (rice, pasta etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tablets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags & Blankets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tinned Fruit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ladies Hygiene Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car Openers & Wheel Spacers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dried Fruit and Nuts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incontinence Pads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Batteries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dark Chocolate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power Banks for Mobiles
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Men's Military/Walking Boots

**THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY NOT REQUIRED**  
~~X~~CLOTHES ~~X~~SHOES ~~X~~DUVETS ~~X~~PILLOWS ~~X~~BEDDING ~~X~~TOYS

All donations to:-  
**Unit 37, Three Elms Trading Estate, Hereford HR4 9PU**  
(open 9am - 7pm Mon-Fri, and 9am - 5pm at weekends)

## Parish Council News

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Green Canopy Events

There will be a variety of events taking place in Pembridge for the Queens Jubilee 2nd – 4th June 2022. Watch the notice board, news and social media for details.

### Pembridge Annual Parish meeting

The annual parish meeting is **Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm**

### Parish Mowing Contract Renewal

The Parish Council have chosen James Ross as the mowing contractor for mowing of grass throughout the village, including the millennium meadow and the village green for the 2022 contract

### 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

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 April 13th - Ordinary Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th May – Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday May 18th – Annual Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall 7.30pm.

## Leen Times

It's just like mother nature has flicked a switch! Suddenly, the drab, wet and cold days have finished, the wind, the mud... The sun is brighter, warmer, birds are singing, pairing up and nesting. The cows are out, grazing and resting up, lambs are gambolling in the fields and farmers are busy with spreading natures fertilizer and getting ready for the summers crops. It's a grand time of year and great to be out in it.

It's appalling to see the death and destruction going on just a few hundred miles from here. Over the years a few young Ukrainian lads have worked here - we are in touch with them and will help where we can.

**Leen history** - There are the remnants of stone sluices in many of our fields that once operated a huge system of leets over thousands of acres. These leets directed water from various weirs on the Arrow that basically 'took the top off a flood' and flood irrigated the fields - spreading silt and nutrients across the grass and raising the soil temperature a degree or two so that the grass would grow early and well to fatten the cattle and get them to market earlier. If only that system was in operation now! There would be no flooding lower downstream and many of those polluting nutrients that go down the river now would be growing our crops!

Frogs seem to have had the best year ever! Soon we shall be seeing those silly boy Toads taking up territory in the middle of roads waiting for the girls!



FROG SPAWN

A successful invader has been the Mandarin Duck- a flock of about fifty were seen recently on a local pool. First Chiffchaff seen March 12th.

It was great for the PIPS group and other volunteers to be out with the children and staff from Pembridge School planting trees again. Please keep recording any trees planted in the parish for the Queens Green Canopy or at least let me know about it.

Tony Norman tony@theleen.co.uk

## Pembridge Shops and Societies

### The Steppes

Mon - Sat 9.00 am - 6.00 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 Saturdays - Appointment only.

Venue: Tricia's Hair Salon 01544 329375

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)

### Royal British Legion

Graham Hudson 07770 635897 or [grahamhudson@gmail.com](mailto:grahamhudson@gmail.com)

### Pride in Pembridge

Steve Briggs 07749 829690

### Pembridge Allotment Association

Richard 07774 237718

### Pembridge Film Nights

Richard 07774 237718

[PembridgeFilmNights.org.uk](http://PembridgeFilmNights.org.uk)

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

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