



# PEMBRIDGE

April/May 2023

## NEWSLETTER

Keeping you in touch with your community

### WELCOME

The Verdun Oak Sculpture project is progressing; you can follow updates on Instagram and Facebook. Just search Verdun oak sculpture!

**Following the recent bad weather, new pot holes are emerging on our roads. It would be really helpful if when you see one, report it straight to Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800 or log onto the Herefordshire Council Website.**

Any footpath problems report to Michael Hancock or the Clerk.

If you have any news or information or are interested in volunteering in the parish or help to produce the newsletter please contact the clerk.

Parish Council  
Meetings

in

Pembridge Hall  
at 7.30pm

12th April

17th May

31st May

For Pride in Pembridge  
contact Steve Briggs

01544 388657

For Film Nights Please  
contact The New Inn

01544388427

For Parish Hall bookings  
contact Sheena Palmer

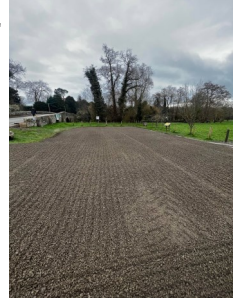
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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council has secured 40te load of stone for the Village Green car park which was spread by Hereford Garden Services. What a super job.

The mowing contract is secured for 2023 with James Ross. He will be starting soon on the Millennium Meadow and Village Green.



## Election – 4th May 2023

Local Government & Parish Council Elections are being held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Please remember to take your Passport or Driving licence to the polling station in May if you want to vote.

All Councillor nomination papers are to be returned to the elections department by hand no later than 4pm on 4th April. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on 17th May The Annual Parish meeting will be held the following Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 in the Hall.

## Pride in Pembridge volunteers – PIPS

PIPs would like to welcome more volunteer members to join them. If you are interested please contact Steve Briggs – 01544 388657

## Coronation Committee News

### CORONATION AFTERNOON TEA

Join us from 2.30pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May for a special Coronation Afternoon Tea on the Church Lawn with themed competitions for adults and children and a Pembridge Social History Display.

Full schedule available soon from Ye Olde Steppes and Bloom and Grind.



## Pembridge Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Album

Don't forget you can still collect your copy of the Souvenir Album from the Old Steppes Shop, Pembridge. Priced at £5, all profits are going to a new defibrillator, St Mary's church and "Portrait of Pembridge"

# WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

## Herefordshire Council report

### Protecting Herefordshire`s most vulnerable Children

Local Authorities run many services, some you experience almost daily like highways, others perhaps not at all. The Council has a statutory duty to look after vulnerable children. These young people may need support or care as there is a concern for their health and wellbeing. Sometimes this means there are very difficult decisions to be made, including should a child be removed from it's parent or family, with huge implications involved and life changing events for individuals. Many children will be placed on risk registers- sometimes before they are born.

This is a very sensitive and pressured area requiring skilled staff and nationally there are real challenges in running Children`s services. In Herefordshire we have 400 children in care, which is a high figure compared to other similar councils and there have been real concerns about the way the service has been locally run. Last year the Secretary of State, following Ofsted concerns ,intervened and appointed Eleanor Brazil as her commissioner to oversee the service. Despite some recent small improvement the council`s children`s care department was still judged not to have the capacity or capability to run the services on their own.

The Secretary of State has retained her Commissioner Eleanor Brazil to continue to oversee Children`s care services in Herefordshire. In the Statutory Declaration published on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Minister instructs Herefordshire Council to work and cooperate with Ms Brazil and an appointed improvement adviser until further notice.

This is the right decision given the long history of poor performance and particular poor response to Ofsted reports since 2019. Having external leadership, directly responsible to the Secretary of State, is the best way that the council`s children`s service can stabilise and sustain improvement. Giving vulnerable children, families and carers the proper standards of process and support.

Going forward Worcestershire and Telford and the Wrekin councils will support the local services together with other national assistance. Longer term a lead local authority partner will be required.

Maintaining and sustaining improvement will be a challenge and at a financial cost. The current budget for these services for 2022/23 which was £54.5 million but is projected by the end of this month to have overspent and be £63.5 million.

Every child matters and most importantly we have to secure better outcomes for the most vulnerable. This must remain the Council`s most important priority.

The full report can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/herefordshire-childrens-services-commissioner-report>

# PARISH WEBSITE

For news and event alerts please sign up to the parish website

[www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## USEFUL INFO

<b>The New Inn</b>	01544 388427
(11.00am-3.00pm & 6.00pm to 11.00pm closed Tues)	
<b>The Red Lion</b>	01544 388007
(Monday – Sunday from 12.00pm – 12.00am)	
<b>The Kings House</b>	01544 388029
(Wed to Sat 11- 4pm & Sunday lunch 12pm)	
<b>The Cider Barn</b>	01544 388161
(www.the-cider-barn.co.uk)	
<b>Pembridge Pizza</b>	07812 127156
Open Fridays 5-8pm	
<b>The Old Steppes</b>	01544 388506
(Mon- Sat 9am – 5pm)	
<b>Old Chapel Gallery</b>	01544 388842
(Wed-Sat 11am-4.30pm or by appointment)	
<b>Tricia Hair Salon</b>	01544 388665
(Tues, wed, Fri 9am-5pm – Thurs 9am –6pm)	
<b>The Ear Lady</b>	01544 388665
(Mon – Fri 9am –5pm)	
<b>Bloom &amp; Grind</b>	0758 1751473
(Wed to Sun 9am-4.30pm)	

## COUNCILLORS

Garfield Evans (Chair)	01544 388638
Andrew Pace	01544 340696
Tom Bennetto	01544 388972
Kevin Duggan	01544 340092
Michael Hancock	01544 340799
Julie Mifflin	01544 388414
Steve Jones	079897 15075
David Owens	01544 388422
Wendy Powell	01544 340341
Philip Rogers	01544 387976
Roger Phillips	01544 340269
Philip Thomas	01544 388457
Marguerite Fothergill	01544 388279
Roger Phillips	01544 340269
(County Councillor)	
Becky Bissell (Clerk )	01544 340747
Email:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk	

**MOBILE POST OFFICE IN THE CAR PARK -**

**Mondays 11.50am -12.50pm & Wednesday 1-2pm**

*If you would like to contribute news or an event to the next issue please email [clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk) with details before 15th May 2023.*