Leen Times

Well, the grass is green and in-between mowing the lawn we are picking mushrooms. But the effects of the dry summer will be felt for a long time yet on the farm. We failed to make one cut of silage and have had to buy in extra fodder for the calving cows. However, others have fed much of their hard-won hay already and face buying-in or reducing their stock numbers.



The rain did come in time to provide some grazing for the milkers and we may even make another silage cut yet. At the moment we face the prospect of the whole herd calving in the next 8 weeks, so everyone is very busy, cleaning, disinfecting, bedding and getting ready for the influx of calves and the milking regime to start up again.

Sadly, we have had a break in and lost our quad bike. This seems to be a regular occurrence around here now with another nearby farm also losing their quad and a considerable amount of other equipment recently. It is time for everyone to be extra vigilant and report any strange vehicles around the parish.

The PIP's team have been clearing rubbish from the river on the village green and came across this chap:



The Terrapin are natives of North America and elsewhere. They live quite happily in our rivers but are unable to breed (their eggs



are not warm enough for long enough in this country). They join the many other non-native species that are invading our countryside: the American Crayfish and Mink, the Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Grey Squirrel to name just few!

We had an insect afternoon/evening the other day and managed to spot 12 species of butterfly, 14 species of moth and 8 of Dragon/Damsel flies as well as wasps, shield bugs, Bumble bees, grasshoppers and hoverflies. As the evening drew on the bats came out and the next day a Hobby was seen hawking on the Dragonflies.

I have been asked about our Barn Owls- they managed to fledge all 4 young this year- a really good year for that brood. Has anyone seen any more?

Tony Norman tony@theleen.co.uk

PEMBRIDGE good neighbour SCHEME

A helping hand is just a phone call away!

07779 122499

We are a free service supporting people in the Parish of Pembridge. If you need someone to:

- Fetch a prescription
- Do some shopping
- Walk or feed your pet
- 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
Tue - Sat:10.00 am - 5.00 pm 01544 388506

Bridge Street Cafe
Every day Except Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm 01544 388922
Private meeting room available

Townsend Farm Shop & Butchery
Mon,& Tues 9 am - 10 am
Wed - Sat 9 am - 4 pm Sunday: 9 am - 12.30 pm

Old Chapel Gallery
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sunday:11.00 am - 4.00 pm 01544 388842

Mobile Post Office
Mon 14:00 – 15:00 Thursday 15:30 – 16:30
Friday 13:30 – 15:00

Tricia's Hair Salon
Tues, Wed, Fri 9.00 - 5.00 pm Thurs 9.00 - 6.00 pm
Appointments only on Saturday - 01544 388665

Pembridge Charities

Has a vacancy for a clerk – a part-time paid position. For more information please contact David Owens 388422 or Garfield Evans 388638

Your Parish Councillors and contact details

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Pegasus and Pembridge



Sharon and Bromley O'Hare with Mike Colton

June 6th 1944 is remembered as D-Day and the beach landings. Critical to the success of this huge undertaking was the capture of Pegasus Bridge in Normandy. Six Horsa Gliders were towed across the channel and 181 men landed 47 yards away from their target using only a stopwatch and compass. They came Secretly in Silence and captured the bridge with Speed, Stealth and Surprise. Mike Colton, secretary of the Allied Special Forces Association, created the design in which three Horsa Gliders descend on a 17 foot high letter 'S'. Local blacksmith and sculptor, Bromley O'Hare, developed and created the sculpture and the sense of the fragility of the wood and canvas structure, the sound of the wind on the wings and the sense of anticipation of a precarious landing were foremost in the design concept. The sculpture is situated in the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Bromley and Sharon O'Hare moved to a house with a redundant smithy in Weston and, having always enjoyed metalwork, Bromley decided to get the smithy operational again, despite it not having being used since 1941. He had done technical drawing at school but trained at Hereford College of Blacksmithing, studied drawing and worked with professional smiths before becoming self-employed in 1992. With the support of many local people he gradually built up the business.

In 2004 he appeared on Grand Designs with a commission for the front door knocker of a new house in Pembridge. Following the showing of the program, Bromley was commissioned to make a large two-dimensional tree for the wall next to the entrance to Greenholm primary school in Great Barr, Birmingham. Stainless steel again really suited this project and in the following years has become his favoured metal as, once forged, the highlighted work reflects the surrounding light.



The Smithy

The forge uses coke as fuel. It is lit using newspaper and kindling and a good blast of air and can reach a working temperature from cold in about fifteen minutes. Determining the correct heat for a task takes years of experience. He also has a smaller gas forge powered by propane and this has the advantage in winter of keeping him warm – the heat from the coke forge goes up the chimney! He uses various welding techniques including the use of a Tig (Tungsten Inert Gases) Welder. His many tools include wrenches, scrolling tongs, hammers and a very heavy anvil.

Most of his work, from candlesticks to gates, is for customers within a twenty mile radius. However, in 2009 he crafted six life-sized Eucalyptus leaves in stainless steel to join the hundreds of other leaves made by blacksmiths from around the world for a memorial to be sited in Victoria, Australia to mark those who died in the fires of that year.

One of his most challenging pieces was the creation of a large sculpture to decorate a blank rendered house wall. Using mild steel he created a delicate Green Man which he galvanised to give an enduring 'old lead finish'. It is 4.4 metres x 2 metres and is made up of four sections, with each quadrant being relatively light at 8-10 kg. It had to be light or the render would have been pulled away from the wall. He practised the layout on ply board before the sculpture was erected on a wet and windy December 27th 2012 and it can be admired when standing on the bridge overlooking the River Arrow right here in Pembridge.

www.alliedspecialforcesmemorialgrove.org.uk www.thenma.org.uk www.pegasusbridge.org.uk

OCTOBER

10th - WI – Gin Tasting with Duncan Fox of Sly Gin *
Wed, 7 pm Village Hall

20th – PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12 Village Hall

20th – Sing-Along – **See Poster**
Sat, 3pm New Inn

27th - Harvest Supper *
Sat, Village Hall 7pm

28th – Film Night – *The Baker* **
Sun, 7pm New Inn

NOVEMBER

5th – Bonfire and Fireworks 6 pm
Millennium Meadow – see box on this page

14th – WI – Annual Meeting
Wed, 7 pm Village Hall

17th – QAVS Presentation by Lady Darnley at PGNS Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Sat, 10.30 – 12 Village Hall

17th – Woodcock Fayre *
St Mary's Church 10am – 4pm

25th Film Night – *Happy Go Lucky* **

DECEMBER

7th – Christmas lights switched on at 6 pm

15th – Village Quire Concert – Church *

** Details in Arrowvale Messenger*

***Booking – Richard Goddard 01544 387571*

WI Meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday. Contact Marguerite Fothergill 01544 388279 margueritefothergill@gmail.com

TripAdvisor Popularity Ranking Algorithm

QUALITY: Businesses with more than 5-bubble ratings rank higher

RECENCY: Recent reviews are more valuable than older reviews

QUANTITY: Require sufficient reviews to provide statistical significance to compare businesses.

Pembridge is blessed to have seven places to eat with 5 and 4 star ratings on the four factors of service, value, food and atmosphere. Top of the 480 restaurants in Herefordshire is **Ye Olde Steppes** who have maintained their five star rating for all four categories of food, service, value and atmosphere for four years, earning them a certificate entitled 'Hall of Fame'. This excellent trend was started by Gary and Mark but Sam and her amazing team have maintained the high standard. To quote from their facebook page:

'This is down to the public! Not only are we Number 1 Restaurant in Herefordshire, we are also TripAdvisor Number 1 Restaurant in Pembridge! As a team, we are extremely proud of this achievement! And once again, we'd like to thank all of you!'

(Research and wording - Editor)

Pembridge Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Lizzie Sharpe 01544 388488 for any enquiries



Sing-along

The War years afternoon

Saturday 20th October 2018

At The New Inn 3pm

by kind permission of Jane and Rosie

The poppy knitting group invite you to join us for afternoon tea and a sing-a-long to the songs from both WW1 & WW11

Entry is free but please let either Meryl or Sharon know if you would like to come as we must have an idea of numbers for catering and safety purposes.

Meryl Griffith – 01544 340381

After the **Harvest Festival** there will be a collection point in the church for donations to the local food bank. We have asked for donations to this project for the last few years at our harvest but would now like to make it a long term project with the support of the village as well.

SLEEPING ROUGH! Ian Smith is proposing to sleep rough for one night on Friday 12th October and has pledged to raise a minimum of £250 for the Burnley Project. Please see Arrowvale Messenger for more information or contact Ian (01544 388441)

Bonfire Night

The gate opens at 6pm, the Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and the Fireworks will commence at 7pm. There will be a bar along with hot dogs and burgers. No sparklers please (due to insurance). Entrance is free, but donations are most welcome to fund next years fireworks.

Pembridge Show

A rather disappointing year; after a very hot summer which left the ground too hard, we had to cancel the horse events. Unfortunately, we were then hit on show day with rain, which had a significant impact on the other events planned for the day.

Show prize winners.

Section 1 Local Flowers & Veg. - Gill Smith
Section 2 Open - Philip Bright and Brian Priday (both from Wigmore)
Section 3 Flower Arranging - Gill Smith.
Section 4 Cookery - Rosie Melvin
Section 4 Handicrafts - Andrew Edwards.

Christmas: The Christmas trees will be put up on the weekend of the 1st-2nd December. The official switch on of the Christmas lights will be on Friday 7th December at 6pm in the Market Square.

Pembridge Parish Council

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

Pembridge Resurfacing & Highways.

I am grateful to the residents and businesses of Pembridge for their co-operation during the recent A44 village resurfacing. Unfortunately the weather delayed the programme but I hope residents are noticing a reduction in noise and the new line markings, which indicate a more village rather than main road setting to drivers, should impact on speed levels. When funds allow we can enhance with traffic calming at the ends of the village.

The Parish also saw resurfacing between Milton crossroads and Kingspan, at Weston, sections at Lower Bearwood and the Rhyse lane. However there are still many highways in need of attention including Bearwood Lane from A44 to the village hall, Noke Lane, sections on the Rhyse lane and several more which I have requested for inspection for the 2019 programme.

I have discussed the matter of more yellow lines and a pedestrian crossing in the village with the Parish Council. Yellow lines have been and are still very contentious. The siting of a crossing would have to be by the bus stop which is not a natural crossing line, and experience at Shobdon and Eardisley is that drivers do not always slow down enough due to not knowing the intention of the pedestrian. Our principle aim remains to reduce all traffic speeds.

In September I organised a meeting with all the Parish Clerks, our local planning officer, Balfour steward and our Community Support Officer, Dean Wall, to discuss various local issues and to ensure good communication between communities and agencies.

Parish Council News

Coffee Morning Award Presentation 17th November 2018.

The Parish Council invites Pembridge Parishioners to celebrate with the Pride in Pembridge members on winning the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Queens representative, Lady Darnley, Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, will make the presentation at the Good Neighbour Scheme Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on Saturday 17th November starting at 10.30am. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The draft NDP for Pembridge has now completed its Regulation 16 consultation. Hereford Council will review comments received and suggest modifications to the plan. An independent inspector will be asked to verify the plan for conformity to planning legislation and offer modifications.

Advertising in Pembridge Parish magazine

The Parish Council have recognised that more local business would like to advertise in the magazine and have agreed to extend the spaces on offer. There will now be space for 24 advertisers included on a normal 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.

Kington Surgery Flu Walk -In Clinics

Saturday 6th October and Saturday 27th October, Doors open 8am—12 noon. Open to all over 65's and at-risk groups.

Annual Budget & Precept

In November & December the Parish Council consider the budget and precept requirement for 2019-20 and would like your views. The proposed budget will include funding for the parish lengthsman to undertake various jobs that will no longer be done by Herefordshire Council and continuing the mowing contract. The Parish Council will continue to look at areas of the parish that need improvement including the playground and toilet maintenance and may need to cover higher legal, data protection, election and audit costs as well as development of a new website. The precept was held last year at £24000 and your comments would be welcomed. Email the Parish Clerk or come to the Parish Council meeting on 22nd November. Please email: clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Herefordshire Council consultations

Herefordshire Council have several consultations running and ask residents to participate and have their say. You can find all the detail on the Hereford Council website or use the link below: Hereford Area Plan Consultation – Housing and employment site options

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/10105/housing_and_employment_site_options_-_hereford_area_plan_consultation

Don't forget to report any highway, pothole or footpath issues straight onto the Herefordshire Council interactive map! If you see a pothole, the online Herefordshire Council interactive map is 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. If you would like to report a pothole log on to www.herefordshire.gov.uk and navigate through the transport and highways section. Or just Google Hereford pothole map!

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.

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday October 17th - Parish Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday November 21st - Parish Hall 7.00pm - Consider Budget & Precept