

PEMBRIDGE

Apr /May 2024

NEWSLETTER

Keeping you in touch with your community

WELCOME

Pembridge has a lively events calendar which can be found on village notice boards, the Portrait of Pembridge website and village Facebook pages.
Look up events in the Parish Hall on its Facebook page or website.

PLEASE report potholes and concerns
https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reportingapp/
Report a serious pothole, flooded road, highway obstruction or Flytipping to Balfour Beatty : **01432 261800**

Footpaths issues –
Cllr Hancock or the Clerk
PROW - PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk
PROW No – 01432 383 550

Parish Council Meetings

Pembridge Hall at 7.30pm

17th April

15th May

Annual Meeting
8th May 7.00pm

All welcome

For Pride in Pembridge contact Karen Goodwin **01544 387572**	**For Film Nights Please contact The New Inn** **01544388427**	**For Parish Hall Bookings contact 0800 061 4313 or booking@pembridgeparishhall.co.uk**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Announcing the unveiling of The Verdun Oak Sculpture

You are invited to attend a special event on:

Saturday 20th April to mark the unveiling of the Verdun Oak Sculpture. We will be formally revealing the Sculpture at **3pm**

Followed by an Afternoon Tea Reception at Pembridge Parish Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend so please come along if you can. Please see further details in the coming weeks on the Parish Council and Portrait of Pembridge websites. See you there!

The Verdun Oak Sculpture Committee.

New Pembridge Parish Councillor

Pembridge Parish Council welcomes new councillor Mark Clegg , Mark is looking forward to serving the parish and its parishioners.

Parish Hall Update

The Parish Hall has a range of events on their calendar including, National theatre live showings, quizzes, and monthly bingo. For more information visit Facebook or the Parish Hall website www.pembridgeparishhall.co.uk.

For bookings please visit the website or call 0800 061 4313

The Parish Hall AGM will be on Friday 19th April at 7.00pm

Portrait of Pembridge

Visit the Portrait of Pembridge website/Facebook page for all the news on up and coming local events. www.portraitofpembridge.co.uk

Coffee Mornings

Pop along to the monthly Saturday Coffee mornings in the Parish Hall . There will be the usual lovely home-made cakes, coffee, tea chat and friendship.

Dates for your diary Saturday 20th April and 18th May from 10.30am All welcome.

Film Nights

Films in the New Inn: please visit the website for full details.
https://sites.google.com/view/pembridgefilmnights

Pride in Pembridge—PIPS volunteers

PIPs would like to welcome more volunteer member to join them in helping to keep the village looking beautiful, clean and tidy If you are interested please contact **Karen Goodwin 01544 387572 .**

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council report—Cllr Roger Phillips Philips

email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

We have had a mild but very wet winter with a big impact on our highways leaving potholes, section failings, verges badly damaged and ditches pushed in. With the cancelation of the HS2 project from Birmingham northwards the Government announced extra highways funding for Herefordshire of over 100 million pound over the next seven years which together with existing grants and capital borrowing will help deal with some of the problems.

In addition, there will be another 100 million to Herefordshire for capital road building. This will allow the reinstatement of the City southern link road from A49 to the A465 which was cancelled by the previous council administration even though the planning permission and funding had been secured. They sold the compulsory purchased land back in 2022 and so now this land will have to be re purchased. I am informed that as some work had begun on the scheme planning permission remains valid. This will then open up the next stage for a western bypass of the city.

Last month saw the annual finance council meeting where the budget for 2024/25 was discussed. The current conservative minority administration took over the council last May inheriting significant overspends and an unrealistic budget which left finances in a precarious state with little room to manoeuvre. The challenge was to address the predicted deficit of some £28.8 million and this has been done by finding over £19.5 million in efficiencies and savings in conjunction with 2.99% rise in council tax and 2% social care precept. While increases in council tax are regrettable a failure to address the issue would have seen us on a dangerous path. You only have to look at Birmingham, where a 10% rise in council tax is prosed this year and next to see what happens when a Council fails to keep control of its finances. The budget also proposes to address the black hole in the Council`s medium term financial plan. The challenge will be delivering the budget without overspends and to help with this new spending controls have been introduced which include spending over £500 needs senior sign off approval.

The council also passed motions unanimously on higher council tax charges on second homes and empty homes in the county. The budget which includes raising 72 million in council tax was passed by 47 votes for, none against with three abstentions and forms part of the Council tax bill together with West Mercia Police, Hereford & Worcester Fire Service, and Parish council precepts.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

www.pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

USEFUL INFO

The New Inn 01544 388427
(11.00am-3.00pm & 6.00pm to 11.00pm closed Tues)

The Red Lion 01544 388007
(Monday—Sunday from 12.00pm—12.00am)

The Kings House 01544 388029
(Wed to Sat 11- 4pm & Sunday lunch 12pm)

The Cider Barn 01544 388161
(www.the-cider-barn.co.uk)

Pembridge Pizza 07812 127156
Open Fridays & Saturdays 5-8pm

The Old Steppes 01544 388506
(Mon– Sat 9am—5pm)

Old Chapel Gallery 01544 388842
(Wed-Sat 11am-4.30pm or by appointment)

Tricia Hair Salon 01544 388665
(Tues, wed, Fri 9am-5pm—Thurs 9am –6pm)

Bloom & Grind 07581 751473
(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
Sam Mizrahi	01544 388506
Steve Jones	079897 15075
David Owens	01544 388422
Wendy Powell	01544 340341
Mark Clegg	TBC
Marguerite Fothergill	01544 388279
Sapphire Zagni	07360 205777
Roger Phillips	01544 340269

(Also our 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 with details before 15th May 2024.