

PEMBRIDGE

Feb/Mar 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.

Can you please report any new pot holes emerging on our roads straight to **Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800** or log onto their website. Its even easier to report it on the Herefordshire Council app and upload a location and photo.

Please remember to clean up your dog mess

Parish Council Meetings

in

Pembridge Hall
at 7.30pm

14th February

20th March

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

Parish Flooding following storm Henk

If you experienced flooding please ensure you report it to

Herefordshire Council website: www.herefordshirecouncil.gov.uk

Christmas Trees

Many thanks to the volunteers who arrange the fabulous Christmas trees every year in Pembridge, the best for miles!

Parish Hall Update

The Parish Hall has an exciting future and has recently installed an audio visual system and induction hearing loop to provide world class events via live streaming. The events calendar includes quizzes, singing and 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

Verdun Oak Sculpture

The sculpture is near completion and group are awaiting Balfour Beatty Approval in Principle which will allow the roadside works to commence. All donations would be very welcome please visit : www.https://justgiving.com/campaign/verdunoakpembridge

If you find a pothole—Log it with Herefordshire Council

Footpaths problems: Contact the Footpaths Officer Michael Hancock or the Clerk. Alternatively report to the **Herefordshire Council Hotline on 01432 261800** or Herefordshire Council Website—Log on to **www.herefordshire.gov.uk** or download the **Hereford Council pothole reporting app** to your mobile.

Portrait of Pembridge

Visit the Portrait of Pembridge website/Facebook page for all the news on up and coming local events. wwwportraitofpembridge.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 17th February and 16th March starting at 10.30am.**

Film Nights

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

Pembridge Royal British Legion

The Poppy Appeal raised £5208.90 this year across Pembridge, Dilwyn, Eardisland, Shobdon and neighbouring hamlets. Many thanks for your donations!

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council report—Cllr Roger Phillips Philips

email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

North West Villages Annual Traffic report

In 2005 I had grey monitoring boxes placed in the four main villages with traffic issues in North West Herefordshire which measure the number, type and speed of every vehicle that passes by. Each year I take the October figures and compare them and build up an evidence base for investment in highway projects including the resurfacing of the village in 2018 and the new speed limit last year.

Because the grey box is positioned at the western of the village it doesn't capture the Bridge Street traffic travelling north/ east directions and its speeds reflect the entrance to the village rather than the centre. As in previous years the substantial traffic runs through Shobdon and Eardisley and post pandemic traffic figures seem to have stabilised. I shall report the fuller figures to the Parish Council and in my monthly email updates.

Actual Vehicles

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shobdon	4643	4602	4639	4380	4148	4320	4357
Lyonshall	2393	2271	2149	2472	2306	2248	2480
Eardisley	4394	4222	4643	4434	4119	4415	4074
Pembridge	2699	2851	2830	2824	2827	2647	2538

The Publication of the Draft Revenue Budget

Like all Councils across the country we are facing significant and sustained financial headwinds which if left unaddressed will have serious long term implications for this county and its residents. There are no easy choices but a draft budget has been published which, through a proposed 4.99% increase in Council Tax and an additional £19.5 million in savings, balances. To add further context had we done nothing the forecast deficit for the next financial year was some £28 million. The inflationary pressures facing the council are still significant and, due to the provisions of many of the council's contracts, the council is still facing a rate of inflation above 6% in some areas. Whilst I would welcome the proposed increase in council tax to be lower given the ongoing cost of living crisis, even dropping it by 1% would cost £1.3 million this year and lead to additional cuts of approximately £4.5 million being necessary in the years ahead. The action we are taking now will keep Herefordshire Council solvent and reduce the need for cuts in future years. Alongside this we are maintaining the Council Tax relief scheme which offers reductions of up to 100% for those on low incomes and for pensioners.

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
Philip Thomas	01544 388457
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 March 2024.