

PEMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

Apr/May 2025

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.

Clean up your dog mess and take it home to dispose.

Pembridge Primary School needs your children

Spaces available from Sept 25

in all classes including the nursery

"Outstanding"

www.pembridgeprimary.org.uk

For Pride in Pembridge contact Jan Williams

07485 703096

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

New Councillor

Pembridge PC welcomes New Councillor Jo Williams. Jo owns Bloom and Grind in the village and her family live in Marston. They have a long history of public life and a good knowledge of the parish.

Conservation Area Update

The conservation area on the Village Green has been closed over the winter to undergo essential maintenance works. The Boardwalk has now been removed for safety and it will also help with water receding when it floods. A planning application has been submitted to remove and coppice trees that are dead and hazardous, when works are complete it is hoped to reopen the area again later in the year.

Removal of the BT Telephone Service in the Phone Box

Information has been published by BT to remove the telephone service from the red phone box. There has been no parish consultation from Herefordshire Council on this removal, but with declining usage it is unlikely the service will continue. There is a possibility the Parish Council will be considering adopting the telephone box and will be looking for ideas on how best to offer the space for public use.

Footpath Group

Councillors are looking to set up a volunteer footpath group to walk parish footpaths, maintain and report problems for action. If you are interested please contact Cllrs Hancock & Zagni for more information.

Pembridge Parish Annual Meeting

The Pembridge Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall—All Welcome.

Make a date for The Pembridge Medieval Festival

Explore the Living History Camp on the Millenium Meadow with displays & demonstrations celebrating Pembridge's rich medieval history. **FREE ENTRY SAT 24th & SUN 25th MAY 2025 10.30-4.30pm.**

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 19th April and 17th May starting at 10.30am.**

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council report—Cllr Roger Phillips

email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Highways

The winter has taken a toll on our highways again and it is important to report any defects or potholes to Balfour either online www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road or by phone 01432 261800.

The state of our roads is a national issue but Herefordshire Council has significantly increased the capital budget on resurfacing the county`s highways over the last 12 months which included several lengths on the A44, in Bearwood and Luntley in the parish. In the new financial year this will continue with 5 million on resurfacing A and B roads and 3 million on our unclassified roads.

I attended a recent briefing with Balfour on highways and was pleased to hear that the Council and Balfour had agreed a better action on pothole repairs to overcome the problem of two potholes filled while three next door are left untouched. Small reactive patching and larger structural patching will be introduced where there is a weak area to prevent continued return of teams. Using mastic asphalt and a cold lay product for more flexible use in the winter and wet weather.

The council has made available £445,000 via a local drainage fund which gives our parish councils the chance to request funding for minor ditching projects which can help alleviate flooding and reduce road surface water. Parish Councils can request 100% funding and appoint local contractors to complete the work.

Similarly the council will offer up to £250,000 in grants to Parish Councils to improve the public rights of way. Herefordshire has over 2,000 miles of PROW. We have a new Balfour Steward Neil Jackson, overseeing our local highways. He has had a drive round our roads with our parish clerk, and I have meet up with him outlining many issues particularly the Marston, Noke and Cabal lanes.

Roger

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 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
(Mon-Sat 9am-4.00pm & Sun 10am-4pm))

Teddy's Eatery 01544 388527
(Fri to Sat 8.30-8.00pm &)

Repair & Share Pembridge (RASP)
(Tue – craft 2-4pm – Fri -Projects & chat 2-5pm)

COUNCILLORS

Garfield Evans (Chair)	01544 388638
Kevin Duggan	01544 340092
Michael Hancock	01544 340799
Jo Williams	075817 51473
Steve Jones	079897 15075
David Owens	01544 388422
Wendy Powell	01544 340341
Mark Clegg	01544 388457
Marguerite Fothergill	01544 388279
Sapphire Zagni	07360 205777
John Mallet	01544 340858
Richard Jenkins	01544 388445
Roger Phillips	01544 340269

(Also our County Councillor)

Becky Bissell (Clerk) 01544 340747
Email:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

April 16th & 21st May starting at 7.30pm in the Hall

MOBILE POST OFFICE IN THE CAR PARK Wednesday 1-2pm

If you would like to contribute news to the next issue please email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk with details by 15th May 2025.