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-4.00pm & Sun 10am-4pm))	
Teddy's Eatery	01544 388527
(Fri to Sat 8.30-8.00pm &)	
Repair and Share Cafe	01544 388527

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 388278
Marguerite Fothergill	01544 388279
Sapphire Zagni	07360 205777
John Mallett	01544 340858
Richard Jenkins	01544 388445
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 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 January 2026.



PEMBRIDGE

Dec/Jan 2026

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 in
Pembridge Hall
at 7.30pm
17th December
21st January

All welcome.

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

Mowing Contract 2026

Parish Mowing to be undertaken from 1st March—31st October 2026.
Applicants should be self-employed, able to provide their own transport and equipment and be fully qualified to use it. They should carry public liability insurance with minimum limit of indemnity of £5 million.
Written tenders should be sent to the parish clerk, Clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk or Firbanks, Lyonshall, Kington, HR5 3LN, by noon on 31st January 2026.

Annual Budget and Precept Requirement 2026-27

Councillors discussed the annual budget at the recent Parish Council meeting in November. The Parish Council will continue to include £7500 towards cost of future resurface of the carpark. Footpath and Lengthsman works will also continue. Next year works are required on the village green, felling trees and addressing erosion works expected along the riverbank. There is also a need to install measures to deter traveller encampments on the grass and cost involved in removing them. With concerns over rising costs for all parishioners, Councillors agreed a rise of £4000 to ensure basic running costs are covered and all other expenditure would come from reserves.

Digital Landline switch over 2027

The UK's telephone network is going digital by January 2027, but you might not be too sure what that means for you. BT ask that we share the following resources so you have a clear understanding of the what the switchover will mean for you.
Connected Together Campaign and Resources : You can access helpful resources at: Connected Together - All-IP - About BT | BT Plc

If you find a pothole—Log it with Herefordshire Council

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

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 on 13th December & 17th January. There will be the usual lovely home-made cakes, coffee, tea chat and friendship.

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council Report
Cllr Roger Phillips Philips email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

For many years I have held a senior role in the Rural Services Network - a cross party English lobby group of over 200 councils and rural organisations campaigning for rural services and areas . For more details – **https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/**
We recently held an online conference over four days making plain the inequalities that rural areas continue to face: underfunded services, fragile transport, patchy communication connectivity and a shortage of affordable homes. But it also showcased the resilience and innovation of rural places, where councils, private sector members, voluntary organisations and communities are working together to find solutions.
A central theme was fair funding. Rural councils face higher delivery costs, yet often receive less government support per head, leaving residents paying more in council tax for fewer services. The figures are stark: urban areas receive 40% more per head in Government funded spending power, while rural residents pay on average 20% more in Council Tax. Unless funding mechanisms properly account for rural circumstances, communities will remain at a disadvantage.
Equally important is how we measure deprivation and success. Too often, national metrics are designed around urban experience. They miss the realities of rural economies, where employment may look healthy but masks seasonal work, low wages and high housing costs. Deprivation in rural areas is frequently hidden and easily overlooked, yet policy continues to be shaped by headline figures that reinforce the myth of rural affluence.
The week's discussions also highlighted the scale of untapped potential within rural areas. A report from the Rural Coalition shows that, with the right policy framework, the rural economy could generate up to £19 billion more each year in tax revenues. Rural England is not simply a place of need; it is a place of opportunity. Unlocking that potential requires investment in infrastructure, fairer funding, and policies that reflect rural realities. Across the conference we saw examples of how that potential is already being realised: from community-led transport schemes and local energy generation to digital inclusion projects and rural businesses driving innovation. These initiatives show what rural areas can achieve when barriers are removed. The Rural Services Network will make sure rural voices are heard, because stronger rural communities mean a stronger nation.
The recent rain and cold weather reminds us of the impact on our highways please report any concerns www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road Report a serious pothole, flooded road or highway obstruction- Balfour Beatty Living Places : 01432 261800

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