

PEMBRIDGE

Apr/May 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.

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.

When walking your dog in the Millennium Meadow please put your dog poop bags in the bin by the toilet. Thank you.

Parish Council Meetings in

Pembridge Hall at 7.30pm

On 15th April

Annual Meeting 6th May

& 20th May

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

Parish Community Speed Watch



The Parish Council are setting up a Community Speed Watch group in the village. Cllr Zagni has kindly agreed to co-ordinate volunteers in the group and work alongside the local policing team for training and support. This will help support parishioner concerns regarding speeding through the village. If you would like to be involved: Please contact Safi:
email: safizag@icloud.com

Village Green

During April/May, the Parish Council will be undertaking works on the Village Green to stop vehicles parking on the western grass area.

If you find a pothole—Log it with Herefordshire Council

You will all have experienced the terrible road conditions and the local roads really have taken a battering over the winter. You can help by reporting and logging potholes straight to Herefordshire Council. 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 and upload a photo with the location.
Footpaths problems: Contact the Footpaths Officer Michael Hancock or the Clerk.

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 18th April and 15th May starting at 10.30am.**

Pembridge Parish Hall

There are always lots of new and exciting events happening in the Parish Hall, check the website and social media platforms for the latest up and coming events, including films, talks and online event screenings.

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council report—Cllr Roger Phillips

email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

2026/27 Budget

Herefordshire Council voted through the 2026/27 revenue budget and set its Council Tax. There were no opposition amendments to the proposed budget with all councillors recognising it was the best that could be delivered given the Government`s reduction of financial support to Herefordshire. The revenue budget sets out a responsible plan to close a £30 million funding gap next year, due to the outcome of the Government`s so called "Fair Funding Review " not meeting the costs of the growing and more complex needs of our communities, and rural setting. This new formula equates to Herefordshire residents getting 32% less funding per head from Whitehall than those in urban areas. To balance the budget, the council has identified £20 million in savings and approved a 4.99% council tax increase to meet the costs of delivering services to residents. Financial support for council tax bills will be provided to 6,500 low income households in the county.

Residents will be aware both our neighbouring authorities, Worcestershire and Shropshire are in a worse financial positions. Worcestershire voted through a 9% council tax rise and is borrowing 100 million pounds paying government interest from their revenue account.

While dealing with the huge financial pressures on Adult and Children`s Care again this year will see more investment for highways. In the capital budget an area for investment is in emergency and temporary accommodation so we are less reliance on private Bed and Breakfast arrangements, reducing the costs and better stability for vulnerable families. There will also be investment in the restoration of the county's historic buildings and continued support for the Hereford Bypass. Continued investment in natural environment protection, delivering two more wetlands schemes to support biodiversity recovery, nutrient neutrality and house building. Expanded budgets on drainage including grants to parish councils, flood alleviation works, bridge repairs and Ash Dieback management.

Highways

This winter has caused significant damage to our highways and I am told Balfour have six teams operating, each filling 30 potholes per day. We have a new Balfour Steward Lara Edwards and I have alerted her to many parish problems including A44 east of the village, Marston, Parsons Walk and others. As you will be aware our contract with Balfour will be ending on 31st May and they will be succeeded by M Group and I am supporting some redesigning of the contract to help bring better value for money and service delivery to the arrangements. The Council is also offering drainage and footpath grants to Parish councils and I am pleased our Parish Council is actively engaged.

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)	

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

MOBILE POST OFFICE IN THE CAR PARK
Wednesday 2.00-2.45pm

If you would like to contribute news to the next issue please email clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk with details by 15th May 2026.