

PEMBRIDGE

Jun/July 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.

Parish Lengthsman Vacancy

Please contact the clerk:
clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk
015443 40747

Parish Council Meetings in

Pembridge Hall at 7.30pm

17th June

& 15th July

No August meeting planned

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

Pembridge Parish Lengthsman Vacancy—Immediate start

Pembridge PC are seeking a new Lengthsman to undertake parish works. Ideally you should be able to work on the highways clearing ditches and inserting slips & grips, undertake sign cleaning, vegetation clearance and support the footpath works installing gates and signs. If you are interested **please contact the clerk .**

Portrait of Pembridge & Parish Hall

Pembridge Village Produce Show will be back again this year on Saturday 25 July at the Parish Hall. Entry forms can be found at retail outlets locally and the Parish Hall website. For more details of what's on look out for our advertising posters.

Parish Community Speed Watch

Some of you will know that the Speed Indicator device on West Street was maliciously damaged last year. An insurance claim has been made and the Parish Council are hoping to replace the unit soon. If you are interested in joining the Community Speed Watch please contact Safi who is collating volunteers: **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.

Playground—Can you help?

Pembridge Play area is in need of work over the summer— The Parish Council are investigating a new fence and researching funding options to consider equipment options. It needs a good clean and repaint as well as some minor maintenance work. Do you have some time to spare? Can you help? All offers will be gratefully accepted. Please contact the clerk.

Dog poop—Please pick it up and bin it!

Everyone likes to walk their dogs around the parish, but please ensure you pick up your dog's poop, even along lanes and footpaths then dispose of it safely in bins provided. Or take it home if there is no bin!

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 June and 18th July starting at 10.30am.**

WARD COUNCILLOR NEWS

Herefordshire Council report—Cllr Roger Phillips

email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Local services

While the recent local government elections sparked significant media debate, there has been scant interest in the financial challenges facing those delivering local public services, and no attention paid to the costs of social care and children's services. These services are statutory and take up to two thirds of our £234 million budget in Herefordshire, leaving the remaining third for all other Council services. The Government`s recent (un) Fair Funding review of local government budgets has ensured urban councils are expected to receive around 32% more per head in Government-funded spending power for 2026/27, while rural residents are paying around 17% more in council tax compared to urban residents in 2026/27. The Council will have to achieve 20 million pounds in savings to balance the books this year as we have been particularly harshly hit by the new formula.

Recycling

The Council was intending to begin a food waste collection from April 1st but this has been delayed. We were expecting, along with other local authorities financial support, from the Government. The cost to us would be £2.3 million per annum and should have been received as a new burden agreement. We are therefore having to confirm funding and review governance to align with revised Cabinet criteria on 'new burdens' funding. However, the good news is that our recycling rate (green bins) has remained at 39%, and you can now recycle aluminum foil, foil trays, metal or foil-lined tubes (such as tomato purée tubes), and plastic tubes – including toothpaste and cosmetic tubes

Herefordshire Tourism

It is estimated that tourism is worth £830 million to our local economy and I recently attended the annual conference of the organisation that promotes local tourism – Visit Herefordshire. This is a voluntary organisation run by local tourism leads who raise an extra precept on larger tourism business to fund their activity. In collaboration with the Council, they helped secure film locations for Hamnet in Weobley and Brilley with an estimated value to the local economy of £800,000 over two months.

Visit Herefordshire uses AI and technologies to gather evidence of visitor movements and spend, which helps direct county wide and individual business future planning. Among recent campaigns are Local Producer branding, Dog Friendly status, Inn to Inn and Herefordshire wine tourism. A very impressive conference supporting the thousands of small tourism and hospitality businesses in our county.

Highways

I was pleased to get nearly a mile of the A44 east of the village and the Penrhos bank into Kington resurfaced. I am still pushing for the section at Milton. And other local sections. From June 1st, we will have new highway contractors with M Group taking over from Balfour Beatty, providing an opportunity to develop some new practices and procedures. Our budget identifies £34 million for highways this year but with over 2,000 miles of highways plus bridges, footpaths and pavements, it will always be a challenge.

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 July 2026.