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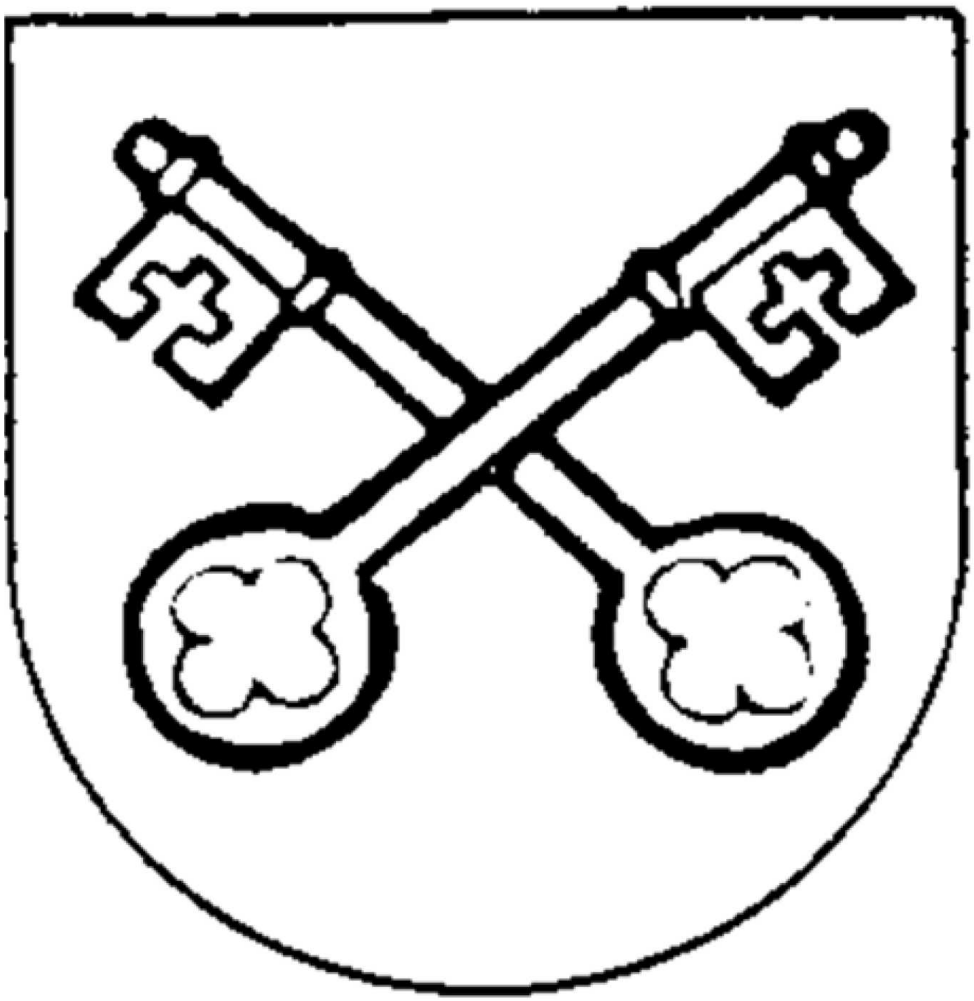

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Editor's Letter

Hello,

This is the first of three lovely long weekends this month. Having that extra time to spend with family, or using it to do something you really want to do feels so good. The weather certainly helps, and a lot of the seeds I started sowing a couple of weeks ago have decided it's warm enough to rear their heads and see what's going on. I'd like to declare the last of the frosts over now too, as the long-range forecast is looking a little warmer than previous weeks, but don't hold me to that!

This month's issue of the Petrus has all the yearly reports delivered to the Annual Parish Meeting, and I really enjoyed reading through them all: so many people giving up time and energy to get things done and to support others. A big thank you to everyone involved. Thank you also to the people that send me items to include, who send out this magazine and who support and help it.

Mr Vulture, my resident robin, and his lovely lady have successfully raised six adorable chicks. I'm hoping they will fledge around 5th May so that I can spend a little time watching them. This is the second year that Vulture has made an appearance (I think you can see why I gave him that name!) and nested in an awkward (for me) place. He doesn't seem to mind though as long as I leave enough treats out for his family.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ID TO VOTE!

And finally this month, I would like to draw attention to the fundraiser for the Midland Air Ambulance in memory of three Chipping Campden students, all my daughter's classmates, who tragically lost their lives last week in a car crash. Their friends are raising money to support this amazing charity and if you are in a position to donate then it would be for a very, very good cause.

https://gofund.me/cc725db0

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Until next time,

Claire

If you are part of a team or a group that has done something interesting or extraordinary or you've won a match or set up a club, please let me know. I'd love to include your news in the Petrus.

Until nex time,

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Vulture hasn't had any feathers on his head for as long as I've known him and he and his partner have raised at least eleven chicks so I don't think it bothers him! The chicks are about seven days old in this picture.

Letter from the Vicar

Welcoming A New Order

The Coronation of King Charles gives us and the nation the opportunity to pause and think about what type of nation are we, and what type of nation we want to be. The pageantry, laden with symbolism, draws on a rich history and invites us to ask what relevance does this ceremony have for today and the rest of the King's reign? It is inevitable that at such a time we will learn new things about our nation and about ourselves.

In the religious elements of the coronation and festivities we are reminded that King Charles is, as were all the Kings and Queens before him, a servant of the one true eternal King. We pray for him, the leaders of our nation, our parliament, and the leaders of the world, that they would rule without fear or favour for the common good and work for peace and justice.

As King Charles's subjects, as Christ's followers, we are invited to live lives marked by service of one another, and creation. On Monday 8th May, following the coronation, many communities are planning events as part of "The Big Help Out" – an initiative to encourage people to volunteer and join work being undertaken to support and improve their local areas. Some communities will be undertaking environmental projects - this will doubtless include tree-planting which will add to the over 1 million trees planted for the Platinum Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2020. How does how we live point to the future we desire. What world do we want and what are we doing about it in the here and now?

Wild Isles, the latest David Attenborough documentary on BBC shown earlier this spring, was full of alarming statistics that demonstrated the careless neglect of our nature-rich homelands over many decades. As a society we have not prioritised the protection of the natural world.

In the last 50 years, 38 million birds have vanished from UK skies, 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s, a quarter of all our mammals are at risk of extinction and only 14% of UK rivers in England are in good ecological health. In all, Britain has lost more biodiversity than any other G7 nation, and is in the bottom 10% of all countries worldwide.

Can we change this? Are we waking up to the damage, degradation and pollution our mindless consumption is causing not just in the British Isles but to the global environment?

Just before Easter I took a short boat ride to Skomer, an island off the Pembrokeshire coast. It is home to the largest puffin colony in the south of our country and the largest nesting site in the world of the elusive nocturnal Manx shearwaters. Seabirds on this rocky outcrop are thriving because of the determined and co-ordinated efforts of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales who manage it and who use the money raised from visitors solely for conservation and research.

This is a rare success story but it illustrates that when we want to we can do amazing things. We can when we prioritise, when we forego personal gratification and profit for longer term goals. What world are we creating? What world do we want to create? What are we prepared to do about it? This is a good time to ask ourselves how could we volunteer and support our communities and/or church.

However vigorously and joyfully we participate in and celebrate in King Charles' coronation we recognise that these things will pass away. In time another Monarch will be crowned. We look forward to that time when Jesus our heavenly King will begin his eternal reign of peace, justice and joy.

This month may we work for a better world,
may we notice and appreciate the wonders of our Wild Isles home,
may we celebrate the Heavenly King in our daily lives,

Every blessing

Revd Craig

Data in italics from https://www.wwf.org.uk/press-release/save-our-wild-isles-campaign-launched

FINDING THE LANGUAGE OF GRACE

10.30am Friday 26th May
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Christopher Jamison, Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation in conversation with St James' Vicar, Craig Bishop on the power and pain of grace that resonates throughout Christopher's latest book.

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Keep up-to-date with what is happening in Pebworth via the Pebworth.org website or follow Pebworth Village on Facebook.

If you have anything you would like included on the Pebworth Village website or on the Facebook page, please send it to Karen or Wendi (Kpearson@Active-Research.co.uk or Wendibowz@googlemail.com)

Careless Rapture Glass

47 SCHOOL STREET

Honeybourne

County Councillor Report – Pebworth Petrus
Month: May 2023
Prepared by Alastair Adams
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New Pavements in Chapel Rd, Broad Marston Rd, and Friday St

Work has been completed and the pavements in Chapel Rd outside the pub, in Friday Street and the remaining Broad Marston Rd have all been resurfaced. Also enough blue lias stone was found around the village to replace the broken blue lias kerb stones. So THANK YOU to everyone that found blue lias stones in their gardens and offered it to help.

Unfortunately, we have had a lot of rain in the last two weeks, and there was some surface flooding on the roads and once again the road under Honeybourne bridges flooded. However, it was not as bad a previous year, and no houses were flooded as far as I am aware. So the flood alleviation schemes have made a marked improvement.

There was a lot of rain water on the Honeybourne Road outside Fibrex Nurseries, and it looks like one of the culverts under a field entrance was partially blocked. I will investigate this, and also see if the flood plain in front of Wesley Gardens needs to be fine-tuned.

In Friday Street, foul water was seen being forced through the manhole covers at the Long Marston Rd end. I have emailed the Flooding & Partnership Manager & Chief Engineer at Severn Trent to see what more can be done to prevent this. In Priory Lane, they fitted sealed manhole covers, but let's see what he says.

Since the flooding in March, the farmer has extended the bund on the edge of his field just before the two Honeybourne bridges so hopefully that did stop the water going onto the drive of Middle Barn Cottage.

Also the problem we had in March outside the Owl Homes entrance where water

was pouring out of the manhole cover seems to have been resolved too.

Highways:
Spring has arrived and this means road and footway maintenance is at its peak so there will be loads of road closures so please check https://one.network/ to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

- The Cracks on the pavements in Front Street and Chapel Rd have been filled with a new mastic filler. This was a trial, and I must say I am not impressed with the finish. I have written to the engineer to express my view.

- REMINDER - There are a lot of leaves resting on top of some of the road gullies and this reduces the effectiveness of the drains. So if you can, please check the road gullies near your house and if needed remove the leaves. Blocked drains can be reported on https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/HighwaysFaultsPublic/DrainageFault.aspx

- 30MPH speed limit from Badhams to be extended along Stratford Rd towards Pebworth – date of installation not yet confirmed

- Long Marston Rd, will be closed 10/5/23- 12/5/23 whilst Severn Trent install 2 x Hydrants

- Last month a resident asked whether Senior Bus passes be used on the Bus 27 (Pebworth to Stratford upon Avon) before 9.30am and the Bus Manager has replied and said “I will speak to Stagecoach, there is an allowance in the use of concessionary passes pre 9.30am if there is no other service within 2 hrs, it may be there was a new or different driver on the service who was unaware of the allowance.”

- REMINDER – This is the time of the year where weeds and grass are growing fast and these can quickly damage roads and pavements if left unchecked. So I have asked the Parish Council to use their Lengthsman to apply weedkiller where necessary. Please note the Lengthsman is funded from Worcestershire County Council.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it
Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

County Council Divisional Fund

Applications for the Divisional Fund are invited from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me on adams.pebworth@gmail.com

Since last month, the following grants have been approved

1. Honeybourne Village Hall – grant to help provide a Senior Citizen lunch for the Coronation
2. Honeybourne School – grant to help build a “Growing Hope” garden

Notice from the Police – £177.6m lost nationally in 2022 to Impersonation Scams

What is an Impersonation Scam?

Impersonation scams take place when a criminal contacts you pretending to be a trusted organisation such as a bank, the police, a delivery or utility company, or even a friend or family member.

The scams can be very sophisticated and often start with a call, text, email or direct message with an urgent request for money, or personal and financial information.

- *There were 45,367 cases of impersonation scams in 2022 costing at total of £177.6m, new UK Finance figures show.*
- *Only 51 per cent of people always check whether a request for money or personal information is legitimate.*
- *An alarming one in five (21 per cent) of people who had responded to communications from a range of organisations (including delivery companies, banks, online retailers, energy companies and the police) said that they later believed them to be fraudulent.*
- *Younger adults are particularly at risk, with only 38 per cent of 18-34 year olds always checking.*
- *The Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign urges people to take a moment to stop and think before parting with their money or information.*
- *Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you’ll let your guard down for just a moment.*

STOP : CHALLENGE : PROTECT

- *Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.*
- *Challenge: Could it be fake? It’s okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.*
- *Protect: If you think you’ve been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.*

For further information visit:

https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/

https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/

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Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held on Monday 24th April 2023 at Pebworth Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Denise Meynell, James Pearson, John Hyde, Simon Shiers, Sam Parkins & David Cranage
In attendance: Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 13 members of the public & 2 Police Officers.

1. The Chairman, Cllr Richard Weller, welcomed everyone present.
2. Pebworth Parish Council's Annual Report

Presented by Chairman, Cllr Richard Weller; the report is appended to the minutes. PC Bradley Samson advised Pebworth is very quiet on the anti-social front.

3. Parish Organisations : Reports were received from:

Village Hall – prepared by Jane Cromack read by Oz Jordan
PIB – Yvonne Rose
WI – Jenny McLeish
Pebworth CAPV – Barrie Clatworthy
St Peter's Church – Jenny McLeish
Parish Games – Ken Wood
All reports are appended to the minutes.
1st May the Pebworth Morris Men will be dancing at sunrise at the top of the hill.

Pebworth Parish Council Annual Report 2022-23

Good evening.

It is a pleasure to see you all here tonight and we are thankful that we are meeting in person again, despite Covid still being with us.

Parish Council Members

As you know the local elections are being held in May and five candidates have come forward for Pebworth Parish Council, which is not enough to trigger an election. We are therefore looking to co-opt two members to bring us back to seven members and I'd like to recognise those members that are not standing this year.

Thank you to Denise who has brought many skills throughout her tenure, including finance and business; her detailed input will be greatly missed.

Now to John Hyde – John has served the parish for a remarkable 30 years as councillor, chair and lengthsman/handyman. During this time he would have seen many changes to the village as well as the PC, and we as a PC will formally mark his exceptional service when the new PC has formed. The role of Parish

Lengthsman and Handyman will continue to held by John Hyde and as you may know, he carries out maintenance of Parish assets (play equipment, fencing, etc) as well as clearing vegetation, pruning and removal of tree branches and dead trees, weed spraying on pavements and gutters, and numerous other jobs which keep the Parish running. As I did last year, we should like to thank John for his continued hard work and support – we haven't seen the last of him yet!

Of the existing councillors, five have stood again and they are:

- Richard Weller – Chair
- James Pearson – Vice Chair
- Samantha Parkins – Member
- Dave Cranage – Member
- Simon Shiers – Member

And of course we are pleased to say that Donna Bowles (our clerk) continues to keep us on the straight & narrow, and make cakes!

As mentioned earlier we are actively looking to co-opt two new members and would very much encourage anyone interested in joining the council, to talk to any of the councillors or Donna, to find out what being a councillor is like.

The Parish Council continues to meet in person here at the Village Hall, on the first Monday of every month, except when a bank holiday, and we welcome all members of the public to join us. The beginning of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to raise questions or provide advice in an open forum and the remainder of the meeting allows the public to see how we conduct matters on the agenda.

As I did last year, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our most grateful thanks to Alastair and Thomas for all they have done for us as our ward members. We are lucky to have such proactive councillors supporting Pebworth and you don't need to look far to see some of their influence.

Priorities & Achievements
You may remember last year our priorities were:

- Safety & Security.
- Connecting with Parishioners.
- Planning & Amenities
- Support to Village Groups.

We believe that we made progress on those objectives, and they continue to be a focus of our work.

The Parish Council continues to provide its support to the community across a range of issues large and small and these are some of the achievements since our last Annual Parish Meeting:

Streetlight upgrade. We are pleased to say that the streetlight upgrade project has been completed and all streetlights in the village are now of the new LED type. They provide significant energy savings as well as greatly reduced maintenance costs. They are now a consistent type throughout the parish providing safer columns and enhanced aesthetics.

New Play Equipment Consultation. Following on from the consultation process, we were successful in being awarded £70k for the replacement of the timber play equipment that was approaching the end of its life, and in the case of the zipwire, already decommissioned. The order has been placed, manufacturing is underway and works commence on site end of May ready for opening before the start of the summer holidays. We should take this opportunity to advise that the old timber will be re-purposed as benches, tables, raised beds and wildlife habitats, in collaboration with PiB.

Planning Matters. It has been a challenging year in terms of the number and type of applications brought forward to the Parish, and the PC undertakes a large amount of work behind the scenes in responding appropriately to applications; this will continue to be a significant role for the PC. I would like to thank the councillors for their diligence and hard work in this respect.

Supporting Local Events. The PC has supported local events such as PiTP & Queens Jubilee celebrations, and we shall continue to do so.

Administration Support. During this last year we have formed the PC Facebook page, supported the Village website and updated many of our policies that are required for a council of this size.

Maintenance of Village Assets. We continue to ensure that the Parish assets are maintained and safe for your use and you will see some maintenance work being carried out on the MUGA soon to repair the net post footings.

Speeding Initiatives. You will have seen the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) installed around the village and relocated at the main areas of speeding in/out of the village. We have also had the roundels re-painted through Little Meadows and continue to prioritise speeding and a point of focus.

Objectives

The aforementioned items are some of the achievements of the last year, some of which are ongoing, however I would like to speak about the key objectives and some of the initiatives that the Parish Council are currently focused on.

From our various discussions with the village members, we believe the following to be important to the parishioners and therefore should be reflected in our objectives, they are:

- Safety & Security. In terms of security around the village, we are monitoring the occasional issues of anti-social behaviour and contacting the Rural Police team as appropriate and whilst we do not have any authority in this regard, we shall support complaints of such incidents. Our top 3 policing priorities have been stated as, Anti-social behaviour, Speeding and Thefts (dwelling)
- Support to Meon Way Gardens. The PC petitioned Persimmon Homes to supply & install a noticeboard in the new area of our Parish, which is now in use. We continue to engage with the residents of MWGs which now makes up a significant portion of our parish and at the next PC meeting we shall be able to advise on the installation of 2 new dog bins.
- Emergency Support Initiatives. With a large number of mature people in the village and without the support of first responder, and given the strained response times of the NHS, we are currently planning a series of first aid training events along with a system that parishioners can use to contact these trained people in an emergency. They will not be at the level of first responders however they will be defibrillator and first aid trained.

Whether it's village events/groups/activities or whether you have any ideas on how we can support and communicate with the village, please come and talk to us – and remember the PC meeting has an open forum and our details are on the PC website.

I trust that you recognise the support that the Parish Council provides to the village and please continue to advise us of your concerns and offer ideas as you see fit.

Thank you to all parishioners who support us, and we look forward to maintaining the quality of our wonderful village.

Cllr Richard Weller
Chairman Pebworth Parish Council

PEBWORTH VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair's Report 2023

The past year has progressed well for the Hall in terms of usage, balancing the books and supporting the community.

Regular weekly and monthly groups have started to grow in the second half of the year, although still impacted by people having broken pre-Covid habits but we now have at least one group running on every weekday and sometimes have both spaces booked at the same time. New Groups include Chess Club, Bridge Group and most recently Move it or Lose it! We have lost a few for one reason or another but primarily because of lack of numbers to make the group viable – so please don't be shy and if you are interested go and join in when you can.

A variety of One-off and monthly bookings continued to be strong with everything from Children's Parties, Family Gatherings, Weddings, Michelle's Guinea Pig

Conventions, Sound Baths, Willow Weaving Courses and F Street Band Practices and we were pleased to have the First School use the Hall for their Christmas and Easter Fairs.

Rental Income for the financial year ending March 2023 has exceeded £10,000 for the first time, obviously running costs have increased with the increase in use and the utility hikes but even with factoring in some additional costs to complete the build we have broken even and have some capital reserves to take forward as we look at what the building needs next.

In addition to running the Hall the Management Committee supported those running and the delivery of Community Events such as the April Concert for Ukraine, June's Platinum Party in the Park, and led September's Pebworth Party in the Park and in October Harvest Supper. Committee Members ran a small but well received weekly community coffee group and Children's Activity Days in the School Holidays. There is always a need for new activities and new volunteers to draw the Community together and we hope in the next year to refresh our team and welcome new ideas.

Jane Cromack
Chair, April 2023

PIB Annual Report to Parish Council 24/4/23

It's been another very busy and successful year for Pebworth in Bloom.

We have held weekly and monthly volunteer working parties and have continued to plant up, tend and develop key areas in the village including the Churchyard, Pipers Corner and the Mound, the Town Pool carpark, the Village Hall grounds, the WW1 Commemorative site, the Close, Wesley Pond, the Forest School and of course all the wonderful floral displays in our numerous village troughs and containers. The Spring displays throughout the village are looking particularly beautiful at the moment.

Last May/June saw all the preparations for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations culminating in the unveiling of the Queens Memorial Stone and the dedication of the Queen's canopy on the Recreation Ground. The stone was purchased with donations from the community along with a grant from Worcestershire County Council and installed with the help of the Pebworth Fire Service. The unveiling event was so well attended and the wonderful York stone is a fitting and permanent memorial to the 70 years of service given by Queen Elizabeth.

On a lovely evening in June we held the Pebworth Garden Walkabout where a number of our finest gardens were opened to the community with refreshments served in the Churchyard. Over £500 was raised and this was donated to the St Peter's Fabric Fund.

In July PIB efforts were again assessed by the Heart of England in Bloom judges. It was a beautiful day to take the judges on tour around our key projects and sites and we had received so much help from the Wychavon Environment team making the village look spotless. The presentation went well and as usual the village hall was full of so many volunteers and supporters. We were thrilled when in September, at the regional award ceremony in Birmingham, we were not only given a ‘gold’ award but again won the trophy for the overall best village category.

In August, again with a grant from WCC and using PIB funds, we were able to purchase and install a floating wildlife sanctuary in Wesley Pond to protect the many ducks and their young from fox attacks.
Jean Cotton won the PIB annual Sunflower competition with an amazing 11ft 9 inch specimen and Maggie Stedman in Wesley Gardens swept the board in the PIB best frontage display with her spectacular planting to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.
At the end of August we held the Pebworth Grand Potato Challenge weigh in and BBQ breakfast the village hall. We had around sixty entries with Nick Holdsworth scoping the main award growing 6lb 4ozs of spuds in what was a very challenging growing year, this is such a fun event and fast becoming a special village tradition.

In September PIB organised and ran the Craft and Produce Show element of the Pebworth Party in the Park. Again this was a really wonderful event, we had so many entries in all the categories and eight cups were awarded, the Mary Harrison trophy for the greatest number of show points was won by Sue Bennett.

At the end of September, with the help of our footpath warden Graham Fowles, we organised a Guided Autumn Walk around the restored parish footpath network. We were amazed by the numbers who turned up for the walk on what was a beautiful sunny morning.

We joined with Pebworth School for their lovely Harvest Celebration in October where the theme was very much centred around conservation and the environment.
We alerted and worked with WCC to carry out much needed repairs on the historic footpath running through the churchyard.

The annual Remembrance event held in November at the WW1 Commemorative site on the Recreation Ground was really well attended, so many community members and representatives of the uniformed services turned out and all the Pebworth schoolchildren painted poppies on pebbles and laid them around the stone, it was a very moving service.

At Thelma and Frank’s request and with their generous donation we placed and planted up two more half barrel containers in Friday Street which are looking really lovely at present.

In December a fantastic Bug Hotel was designed and built by Les at Pipers Corner which is a wonderful addition to the site. We held the annual village leaf clear in and around the churchyard and the Town Pool carpark, 27 volunteers turned up and we

filled a huge trailer load of green debris which was taken down to Nick and Lucy's farm for composting. The annual Christmas tree lighting was a great success, more people seem to attend each year and as well as the benefit of copious mince pies and mulled wine we were lucky to have the addition of the Pebworth Parpers brass band playing fantastic seasonal music and serenading us in the Church.

Despite the absolutely appalling weather we were amazed when 19 hardy souls turned out for the Wassail held at the community orchard on the Recreation Ground in early January. If there's that much enthusiasm for this tradition we really ought to get a good fruit crop this year.

We commissioned from Roy Bennett the making of ten bird boxes and ten bat boxes and in February we started to install them in and around the village. We also had twelve really lovely Swift boxes donated and we're actively looking for suitable sites and also waiting for the go ahead from the Gloucester Diocese to hopefully place a number of them on the church walls.
We promoted the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch across the parish and asked community members to also let PIB know what birds were seen so we could start a local record of sightings. Goldfinch's appear to be the most prolific bird locally closely followed by the good old Sparrow.

We were also lucky to have a number of Oak Trees donated to PIB by the Heart of England Forest and although we were very disappointed not to be granted permission to plant on Parish Council land we did manage to find homes for 36 oak trees in the parish including one in the village hall grounds.

Our annual conservation talk held at the village hall in March was well attended and we learnt so much about the wonderful work being done to restore the ancient gardens at Evesham Abbey and of course we availed ourselves of a delicious Worcestershire cream tea.

We joined with the WI in early March for the annual parish litter pick and clear up, there was a very good turnout and yet again, unfortunately, we collected so much discarded rubbish it had to be collected by Wychavon District Council.

Unfortunately the community orchard is being attacked by deer and they have already destroyed a number of the fruit trees which we will be replacing later this year. In an effort to save the remaining trees we were given a grant from WCC which was matched by PIB funds to purchase special tree guards which have been erected over the past month.

So as ever it's been a very busy year for PIB. It only remains for me to thank all the many willing, hardworking volunteers and sponsors without which this village wouldn't be as special and as welcoming as it is.
Pebworth Open Gardens take place at the end of May and we're needing as much help as we can get with the teas, entrance monies, car parking, plant sales etc so please, if you can spare an hour or so, volunteer and join in, we can't do it without you.

Yvonne Rose
Pebworth in Bloom

Pebworth and District Womens Institute. Report for Pebworth Parish Meeting 24/4/23

After enduring almost two years of covid restrictions when we were unable to meet together, and having to grapple with zoom meetings we are delighted that our branch of the WI is up and running again and thriving with an exciting programme of speakers, workshops and visits. We have almost 40 members and after 72 years, since this branch was formed, we continue to educate, empower and support women not only in the village but also further afield.

As members of the largest organisation for women in the country (nearly 200,000 are members) our views are regularly sought by government departments, national health charities and conservation trusts and we are delighted that this year our national campaign will focus on the demand for clean rivers for all, including for wildlife. Other ongoing campaigns in which members are involved include better provision for women in prison, halting domestic violence, the concern about declining rural bus services and more action on climate change. We used the churchyard tree to highlight the latter by tying on our pledges and posting photos on social media. The longest running campaign is Keep Britain Tidy which was started in the 1950s by the WI and seems to be needed today more than ever. This year as always, we organised our annual litter pick and were pleased that over 50 residents joined us to clear the verges and ditches of our parish of other people's rubbish.

As well as this, our support for this community includes providing our legendary teas at Party in the Park which benefits the funds of the village hall and St Peter's church, and we will be at it again at the end of the month for the NGS Open Gardens scheme for Pebworth in Bloom. This year we have supported with donations and gifts the West Midlands Air Ambulance and the Shakespeare Hospice as well as continuing food collections for the Meon Vale Foodbank. We belong to the Worcestershire Federation and our skittles team regularly plays against women from all over the county. And our quiz team are now county champions having beaten 70 other teams ! We are also part of the Evesham Vale group, regularly invited to meetings by WIs in nearby villages and also beating them at skittles and quizzes

As well as book clubs which meet monthly our Knit and Natter group is knitting so furiously that we should be connected to the national grid. Having learned more about a project in Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in the world, we are producing masses of blankets and clothes for women and babies and are now collecting bras for teenagers who are in danger of being assaulted – we have bras coming in from every direction and these will be displayed at our garden meeting in June and will feature on our Instagram page which now has followers as far afield as New Zealand.

Of course our monthly meetings are the main attraction for our members and this year we learned more about medical detection dogs and even met Edward, one of these clever animals. We discovered where TV and film locations were all over Worcestershire, some beautiful unknown Cotswold gardens, travelled the Thames footpath though photographs, learned how to circle dance, and more about the inspiring work of the Military Wives Choir. We celebrated our Queens Jubilee with a sumptuous tea, plenty of fizz, corgi shaped biscuits and royal quizzes and paid a floral tribute on her death to Sandringham WI of which she was president. We've learned in workshops how to make fabulous Christmas cards and pop up cards for Valentine's Day from one of our clever members and another talented member showed us how to make wonderful Christmas wreaths for our front doors. This coming month we will be welcoming other WIs to a demonstration of vegetarian cookery and after a very successful talk this week by our president in St Peter's, about the women who are commemorated in the churchyard, tomorrow we are having a special guided talk at the Evesham Abbey site by a member involved from the beginning as a trustee.

And this year we have learned that if you complain about poor service calmly and with determination then even the mighty HSBC bank and a national chain of upmarket restaurants will apologise profusely and send substantial monetary compensation. WI members are a force to be reckoned with, both nationally and locally and this branch is looking forward to another 72 years of fun and friendship for the women of this parish.

Countryside Access – Pebworth Footpath Volunteers (PFV) Annual Report April 2023

Background

Now in our 6th year of activity, the CAPV is alive and well but now re-branded as PFV – Pebworth Footpath Volunteers to clarify its purpose.

The volunteer group comprises of around 17 village volunteers and we can always rely on a turnout of at least 6 to 8 for any particular project which can include building and installing ditch crossings, pathway clearance and installation of hedge gap gates to enable access for as many of our village residents as possible.

Progress Over the Last Year

This year has been quite slow compared to previous years due to a number of reasons:

- We have completed most of the non-contentious works on access points to/ through the footpath network and are now struggling for permissions on remaining locations.
- We also lost our area officer Louisa, from WCC in Jan. She has now moved to Glos CC so this has made it difficult to access materials and continue with our installation programme. This should be resolved by June 2023 with a new officer

appointment expected.

- We have expanded our team of regular PFV members with the addition of Tony Boundy who is most welcome but still need more who can join us on projects.

However, we have had some notable successes during the year:

- We have completed most of our programmed works around the back lane loop with two more gate installations 0n path 514(C) & Path 519(C), so access is now possible without stile crossing although to truly complete we still need to replace the stile at the end of Friday St. Here's hoping for later this year on this one.
- We have re-set the footpath gate in Brown's, Lyalls, Witheford Woods (name keeps changing) as this was leaning significantly (Path 541(C). The pigs and sheep free ranging in the woods also caused quite a bit of interest during the year although these are now gone and the woodland in new ownership with the Priory although much quieter without them.
- We facilitated the installation of new a new gate on the S-Bend on Long Marston Road just outside the village which has resolved a long-term problem with access to this path. We now also have a re-vitalised path link around the Priory in Broad Marston (courtesy of the new owner). More improvements are planned around here and along the green lane to the woods.
- Contractors were brought in to complete the new footbridge behind Pebworth Fields house stabilising a very slippery muddy path in the process.
- Path clearances were completed across Little Meadows and over at the limit of our area in Ullenhall where a damaged footbridge was also inspected for repairs later this year. Frequent clearance of wired closures on the Bridleway from the Halt at Broad Marston have had to be cleared & some new waymarking was also completed along here.
- A village walk was held on a sunny Sept morning, which took a party of more than 50 (villagers and visitors) off around a circular route through Brown's Woods across to the watery hole and onwards out along the Bridlepath by the railway ending up back with a return journey down Honeybourne Rd back in time for a few enjoyable drinks at The Masons Arms.

A couple of photos from the archive show some of the improvements from the last year.

- Revitalised footpath around The Priory, Broad Marston, Path 556(C)
- New Kissing Gate on the Back Lane loop – Path 514(C)

Future Works for this year

We still have many improvements to make to meet our ambitions of completing the original listing generated by PIB (if you want to join us please sign up to PFV – contact Graham Fowles at graham.fowles@btinternet.com).

For this year these will include:

- Re opening a closed path from the Priory Barns (behind the fishing lake) across to the railway Path 569(C).
- Installation of a gate adjacent to the Horse Jump on the Green Lane at Broad Marston Path 547(C) This will make access to the woods much easier from the Broad Marston side.
- The remaining few gates along the Little Meadows path.
- Review of access along the path beyond the Church at the top of the village before descending into Middlesex down through Oakhouse Farm.
- Another village walk is also currently being planned.
- Our desire is to replace as many stiles with gates as is possible. Future projects will also include regular clearance of paths/stiles, with safety related repairs always a priority but if any concerns are noted by residents please get in touch and we will try to ensure issues are addressed promptly. (graham.fowles@btinternet.com). We are regular contributors to The Piper so our activities can be followed there and are always looking for new members so if interested please get in touch.

In summary I'd just like to thank the members of the PFV for the hard work completed and also the landowners involved for allowing continued access.

Obviously, thanks also to PIB and the Parish Council for their enthusiastic support & to Alastair (one of our volunteers) for his ongoing support in gaining increased funding and support from WCC for this essential activity.

Enjoy using the wonderful path network around Pebworth

Pebworth Footpath Volunteers

St Peter's Annual Report to Pebworth Parish Council Meeting. 24th April 2023.

As you are aware, the reverend Scott Watts left the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team last July. Since then the parish of St. Peter's has been in an interregnum. Nevertheless, full church services are offered on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, and our church has been busy still, with baptisms and marriages - we have had two baptisms with congregations of over 130 each time, and a number of funerals, also well attended. Preparations are in hand for two further Baptisms in April and August and a wedding in September. For these and the regular services, our dedicated band of holy dusters and our talented village flower arrangers make sure the church looks beautiful.

Preparations are in hand for the appointment, from this coming July, of a new Incumbent. For this we have had several meetings with Archdeacon Phill, and Canon the Reverend Craig Bishop. We are currently engaged in writing the Parish Profile, which is the advertisement we will post in The Church Times. Dates are in the diary for short-listing of candidates and the interviewing for suitability. Bishop Rachel will oversee those interviews, and I have been nominated the Representative on the interview panel for our parish.

The Parish Profile will celebrate those characteristics which will make St. Peter's, and the whole parish of Pebworth, attractive to candidates. We are, for example, a Silver Eco Church with a beautifully kept churchyard. The churchyard is maintained through a strong partnership with Pebworth-in-bloom – they clear leaves in the Autumn, cultivate flowers in the Spring, provide habitats for birds and wildlife, establish a quiet garden with seating, carry out a tree survey, pollard our lime trees and a mow the grass In the Summer.

In addition, the church sponsors two Children-and-Young-People Workers. These build the future of the church by attending our village school, to listen to children reading and by holding an after-school activity club called: Bright Sparks. For formal services, we have laypeople licenced to conduct Morning Prayers and Family Services. In summary: The church crowns an active village community who in turn assist with services and fund raising.

The church has continued to hold regular services, and is open for special events, even though it is not open every day at present. This is due to the cracked plaster in the Chancel ceiling. There are plans to reopen it every day, following completion of

the repairs, for prayer and to welcome visitors to this island of Cotswold heritage.
Since the Quinquennial Review in 2019, there have been major repairs to the fabric of the building totalling £96,000:

- The north porch has been completely re-roofed at a cost of £28,000. The chancel roof has been completely re-tiled at a cost of £36,000.
- The Vestry drains have been re-laid and the Vestry floor together with its wood panelling, replaced with a new carpet at a cost of £14,000.
- The organ has been cleaned.
- The access to the bells inspection chamber, has been made safe and the monuments to a historic benefactor: William Shakel on the exterior wall to the Chancel has been conserved at a cost of £12,0000.
- Next week, work is due to commence on the re-plastering of the chancel ceiling at a cost of £30,000.
- Preparations are also in hand for the restoration of the mediaeval stained glass in the chancel which will cost £3,000.
- The leaded windows which were broken during a burglary on the 4th of January this year are currently being restored at a cost of £1,000.

The total of the above has been funded by the community in good part, by a share of takings from the bi annual Party in the Park, the Musical Box of Delights concerts, and Donations from parishioners. There have been history talks earning donations and gifts from parishioners. A large part has been through the successful applications for grants from bodies dedicated to maintaining church buildings. The only major item remaining, is the replacement of the dormer windows at a projected cost of £75,000, then all items on the quinquennium report will have been addressed within five years!

A plan in consideration for the long term future of the church, is to apply for a grant for extra-purposing. This would enable the erection of a small structure for a toilet, a small sink, the installation of a water supply and to alter seating inside for greater flexibility and wider use of the Church of St Peters.

To state again, St Peter's is a beautiful heritage building, dating hundreds of years. It is the oldest building in our village and a source of pride for our parishioners. It is so very important that the community continues to use it, both for worship, for the Arts, for talks and lectures, and for wider purposes. As a community we must ensure its preservation.

What do we want in our new Team Vicar?
What do we need in our new Team Vicar?
What excites us? What frustrates us? What's our Vision?
What have we got to celebrate about our Parish? What's great? What's good?

Elizabeth Spencer
Churchwarden
April 2023

2022 PARISH GAMES

Last year was the first time the village had taken part in the games for a number of years, and we were all very excited .

It started off quite badly as the football team did not turn up for their first match.

This did not deflate us in any way and the cross country team turned out in Pershore school , and came a very commendable 5th place. So we were on our way.

On a very warm Saturday in July we traveled to Pershore to take part in the Bell Boating. This was a very competitive event and Pebworth came a worthy 6th place and a very nice afternoon messing about on the river, enjoyed by everyone who went.
Plans are already taking place for this year as it was such a lovely day out bearing in mind it was our first try at this event.

If we had turned up at all of them we would not have been penalized and had points deducted. In fact being disqualified in two of the matches we were penalized 4 points as opposed to collecting 8 points for just turning up.

The positive side of it all was we came 12th out of 25 parishes

We took part in 11 of the 14 events

Which I think is quite an achievement for our first try.

Plans are well in place for our 2023 assault . Jodi is working hard at making the residents of Meon Way Gardens aware of the games and how to get involved and also that they are in the Parish of Pebworth.

If anyone wants to take part in this year's games , and haven't been involved before then please get in touch with either Jodi or myself. Watch out for the posters, the village email list and please join in.

Finally Thank you to the parish council for funding the Parish games

I was disappointed no councilor wanted to get involved in what I think is a very worthwhile activity, and brings this parish and other parishes together and is good for fitness and mental health and just getting to know each other.

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As some of you might be aware, three local students - Harry, Tilly and Frank, lost their lives last week in a tragic accident in Shipston on Stour.

Two of their friends, Alex and Gracie, decided to run the Oxford Half Marathon in October in honour of them. Any money they raised would go to the air ambulance and they had hoped to raise £1000.

People's grief turned to generosity, and at the moment the total amount raised for the air ambulance has exceeded £130,000 which is a truly astonnishing amount.

The air ambulance could not exist without donations so if you have a few pounds to spare, their fund-raising page is here:

https://gofund.me/cc725db0

Or you could go to gofund.me and search for "Harry, Frank and Tilly"

Pebworth Parish Council
Selected Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council held
At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 3rd April 2023

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, Denise Meynell, James Pearson, John Hyde, Sam Parkins & David Cranage
In attendance: County Councillor Adams (19:30) District Councillor Thomas Havemann-Mart, Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 13 members of the public.
Open Forum: The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation.
a) 13 members of the public were in attendance:
- Query raised regarding the non-acceptance of a bus pass on the 9.15am bus to Stratford Upon Avon. Although bus passes are only valid from 9.30am a concession had previously been in place for residents to use these for the 9.15am bus; there has been a change in bus companies and a resident was recently told they had to pay. County Councillor Adams to investigate.
- To provide background and answer any questions regarding the planning application to be discussed under agenda item 6d.
- To speak in support of the planning application (agenda ite 6d)

The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:20

Planning Matters:
a) W/23/00507/FUL Location: Land at (OS 1196 4875), Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth Description of Proposal: Change of use of abandoned dwellinghouse to a holiday home, resurfacing existing drive and associated works. Following discussion, it was decided to respond “No comment”.
b) W/23/00503/HP Location: 14 Middlesex, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XF Description of Proposal: Hobby workshop (part retrospective). Following discussion, it was decided to respond “No comment”.
c) W/23/00550/HP Associated Ref:W/23/00551/LB Location: Broad Marston Manor, Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XY Description of Proposal: Proposed single-storey extensions to rear to provide garden room and rear access, and extension to kitchen. Following discussion, it was decided to respond “No comment”.
d) W/23/00597/OUT Location: Fibrex Nurseries, Stratford Road, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XP Description of Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings. Following discussion Members support the following comments:
“The Parish Council notes that this is the preferred site for the allocation of housing within Pebworth Parish
Neighbourhood Plan and the outline planning application meets many of the conditions set out in that plan.
e) 22/03664/REM & 23/00138/VARY - Submission of Reserved Matters

application (internal access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 60 Affordable dwellings, including all associated works which includes a substation, pursuant to planning permission 23/00138/VARY and variation of conditions 3, 7,8,9,13, 19 and 24 of outline planning permission 20/02745/OUT Following discussion, it was decided not to comment.

Decisions:

f) W/22/01704/FUL Change of use of agricultural building to a short term holiday let and resurfacing drive. Location: Crabtree Farm, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8AP. Application approved subject to conditions.

g) W/23/00032/HP Replacement two storey rear extension Location: Orchard Rise, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA. Application approved subject to conditions.

Council & Community Matters:

a) Members noted Persimmon has agreed to the purchase of 2 bins. Cllr Hyde met with Phil Childs of Worcestershire County Council to agree the positioning although Persimmon has queried one of these which the Clerk is attempting to resolve.

b) Members resolved to pay for the domain renewal of the village website. Invoice to be forwarded to Clerk.

c) Members resolved that benches/picnic tables to be created from the old wooden play equipment, along with vegetable beds for the school. PIB will take the lead with this.

The Close & Recreation Field

Members noted:

a) The Purchase Order has been issued to Kompan and the Contracts Meeting has taken place. The Village Hall committee has approved the contractor using the car park and maintaining the security by locking the gate.

b) The annual inspection of the Recreation Field has taken place (emailed 27.3.23). Cllr Hyde has removed the nets from the 5-a-side goalposts.

c) Clerk to contact Doe Sports regarding the tennis net. It was resolved to agree a maximum sum of £600 for Clerk to be able to place the order.

Highway Matters:

a) Members noted the Clerk has reported the footway issue on Front St. (Reference #16758). Response received stating the bank has subsided naturally; the footway is edged and the area will continue to be monitored as part of the routine cyclic safety inspection. It was resolved for the Lengthsman to carry out these works with the Parish Council footing the bill to a maximum of £300 as per agenda item 9.

b) Query regarding drainage ditch that has collapsed on the culvert approaching Ullington crossroads. Cllr Hyde to investigate.

Policies:

It was resolved to accept the adoption of:

a) a Zero Tolerance Policy
b) a Media Policy

Date of Next Meeting:
Council confirmed the dates of:
the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 24th April
the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 15th May.
the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 5th June 2023
all at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Pebworth.
As there is not an Ordinary meeting in May, it was agreed that any regular monthly invoices requiring payment be approved via email by Chair or Vice-Chair. These payments to then be retrospectively approved in September.

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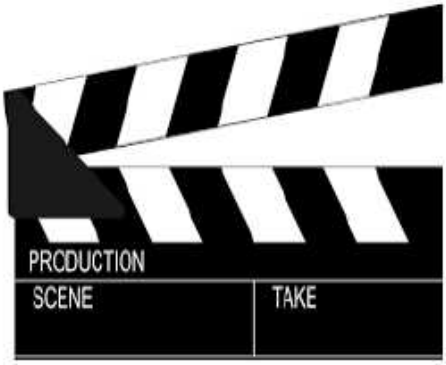

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VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE

Church Services - May

	Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey	Weston sub Edge	Aston sub Edge
7th May Easter 5 Coronation weekend			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	6.30 pm Evensong
14th May Easter 6	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am Family Service at the Village Hall	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)		
Thursday 18th May Ascension Day	6.30 pm Benefice Service at Aston sub Edge					
21st May Sunday after Ascension Day			11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service		6.30 pm Evensong
28th May Pentecost/ Whit Sunday	11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		6.30 pm Holy Communion (Traditional language)
4th June Trinity Sunday			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	

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Record details

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10:45 to 11:00 - Bickmarsh, Hill Crest
11:15 to 11:30 - Pebworth, Pebworth School
11:35 to 11:55 - Pebworth, Broad Marston Road
12:05 to 12:20 - Honeybourne, Grove Avenue
12:25 to 12:40 - Honeybourne, Perrie Drive

LUNCH

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13:35 to 13:55 - Bretforton, School
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This summer, the bells at Pebworth have been busy… In addition to the usual commitments of services and weddings, our ringers were very proud to be part of the national events celebrating her majesty's platinum jubilee and then mourning our nations great loss.

The next big event will be the coronation of Charles III next May and once again Pebworth's bells will be expected to play their part…

There is currently a national recruitment campaign to recruit new ringers, so all bells across the UK can ring for the coronation next summer.

With 10 bells to ring, Pebworth need a lot of ringers, so will be joining that campaign and hoping to find the next generation, willing to carry on the tradition.

If you would like to 'step up' there are more details about what ringing entails and how to learn on our website pebworthbells.wixsite.com or just give us a call or send us an email using the details below.

Pebworth Bells

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ONLINE RESOURCES

A list of websites & apps that are helpful for managing mental health

NHS Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

This website offers a range of mental health advice as well as an interactive quiz that's designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional/mental wellbeing.

Kooth

www.kooth.com

This site contains free mental health support with their online counsellors. It is a free sign up service that has resources such as discussion boards, helpful tips/articles written by young people and an option for them to write mood journals & set positive goals.

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

A mental health charity for children & young people that has a wide variety of helpful videos, games and articles. They have a free telephone helpline (0800 1111) and message boards where young people are encouraged to share experiences and support each other in a positive way.

Papyrus

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A mental health charity dedicated to preventing young suicide by providing support and resources for young people and their families. They have their "Hopeline" (Call: 0800 068 4141 / Text: 078600 39967 / Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org) for children and young people who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or for anyone concerned for a young person that could be thinking about suicide.

Calm Harm

An app to help teenagers manage/resist the urge to self harm by providing a wide range of distraction techniques.

Combined Minds

This app contains psycho-education for parents, families & friends with practical advice on how to provide mental health support to children & young people.

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A relaxing musical app that helps people try to capture their mood and express it by making music within the program and capturing it in a journal format. Note: you do not need to know how to play an instrument to use this app.

Stem4

www.stem4.org.uk

A charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers as well as encouraging them to build resilience and manage difficult emotions via online resources.

YoungMinds

www.youngminds.org.uk

A mental health charity that gives help and advice for young people, as well as encouraging them to get involved in fundraising/campaigning to raise awareness for children & young people's mental health.

Samaritans

www.samaritans.org

A charity that offers mental health support & information online for everyone. Their helpline is free and available to all ages. Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org 24/7.

Child Bereavement UK

www.childbereavementuk.org/young-people

A site which has resources for young people who are grieving, as well as providing information & advice to families/professionals on how to best support a young person who is bereaved. A helpline is also available on 0800 028840.

Clear Fear

An app to help children & teenagers manage anxiety through distraction & helpful activities.

Calm

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to as well as "sleep stories" & some guided meditations.

Headspace

A mindfulness app that has more of a "podcast feel" to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.

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(Rural South)
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(Town)
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Find out more:

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