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Pebworth Piper

April 2024



Village
Hall
Bingo

Annual
Potato
Challenge

Pebworth
Footpath
Volunteers

Pebworth
Rural
Cinema



Welcome!



Once again, there is lots going on across the parish for Easter and into April. There is the start of the Annual Potato Challenge on Good Friday, Holy Communion at St. Peter's at 11am on Easter Sunday, an Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts at Meon Vale Village Hall on Easter Monday, Bingo in Pebworth Village Hall on 19th, the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April and Rural Cinema on 26th April, plus all the regular events such as Coffee on the Close, Yoga, Keep Fit and even a Sound Bath. There are plenty of opportunities to get out in the community and meet your neighbours.

If you are in a volunteering frame of mind, the Pebworth Footpath Volunteers are looking for more helpers, and Pebworth In Bloom will be tidying the churchyard on 6th April and, as always, Pebworth Party In The Park is in need of volunteers for the big day on 1st September.

Best wishes

Karen

Happy reading!

Please contact the editors with any contributions, photographs, news and announcements for the
May Piper on or before **20th April**.

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VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE

The Parishes of Aston Sub
Edge, Dorsington,
Honeybourne, Pebworth,
Weston sub Edge and
Willersey with Saintbury

 VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE	Church Services - April			
	Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey
7th April Easter 2			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
14th April Easter 3	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am Morning Praise & Baptism	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)
21st April Easter 4			11.00 am Holy Communion & APCM (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service
28th April Easter 5	11.00 am Family Service			10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
5th May Easter 6			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)





What's On In The Community At Meon Vale

Mon	10am: Badminton – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3 2pm: Pickleball – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £5 – (Graeme.smith30@btinternet.com) 4.30pm: Meon Vale Football (Ages 4-11) – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £5
Tue	10am: Walking Football – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3 10am – 11am: Stratford Food Bank – Meon Vale Leisure Centre Car Park (Referral Needed) 10:30: Mother & Babies in arms – Pavilion Coffee Shop (Contact Gemma 07783427145) 11:30: Bat & Chat – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3
Wed	10am: Bat & Chat – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3 2pm: Pickleball – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £5 - (Graeme.smith30@btinternet.com)
Thu	11am: Parkinsons HIIT - £8, Carers free – Pre Book (Contact Emma 07715884255) 12pm: Walking Football – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3
Fri	10am: Badminton – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £3 10am – 12pm: GCSE English – Pavilion Coffee Shop (Katrina.griffin-jones@solihull.ac.uk) 1pm – 3pm: GCSE Maths – Pavilion Coffee Shop (Katrina.griffin-jones@solihull.ac.uk) 1:30pm – Pickleball – Meon Vale Leisure Centre - £5 (Graeme.smith30@btinternet.com)
Sat	10am: Meon Eco Group – 1 st Saturday of the month – Meet at the Pavilion

For more information on classes running at Meon Vale Leisure Centre contact:

reception@meonvaleleisure.co.uk

For more information on events running at The Pavilion Coffee Shop Contact:

steph@meonpavilion.co.uk

We distribute food parcels from

Meon Vale

(beside Londis in the car park)

Every Tuesday

10am - 11am

Food voucher required to pick up your food parcel

Stratford-upon-Avon foodbank

MEON VALE

www.stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk

Coffee and Chat

A friendly place to meet other parents and babies!

At The Pavilions, Meon Vale, CV37 8WB starting 5th Dec

HOME START
South Warwickshire

Term-time, Tuesdays 10.30am - 12noon
For more information, please contact Gemma Proctor on 07783 427145 or gemma@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk

A date for your diary!
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday

22nd April 2024

In the Village Hall at 7pm

**Come and hear what's been going on in
the village.**

**Short reports from all village
organisations**

All welcome

Refreshments provided

**If your organisation has not been invited to
present a report please contact the Parish Clerk**

Donna Bowles on 07724 601366

clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

**This is also your opportunity to share any issues/concerns/ideas
that you may have relating to your community**

JOIN US FOR
EASTER
EGG HUNT & CRAFTS



2PM - 5PM

MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2024

TEA, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS & CAKES

MEON VALE VILLAGE HALL

&

MEON WOODLANDS

**NO CHARGE
BUT DONATIONS WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

PEB WORTH *Party* IN THE PARK

Sunday 1st September
12-5pm



It's back! With all your favourite features!

- Red Barrows ● Dog Show ● Kid's Races ● Cow Pat Bingo
- Giant Sack Race ● Dance Displays ● Produce Show
- Classic Cars ● Tug Of War ● Egg Splat

If you are able to volunteer to help at this spectacular village event, please contact Oz Jordan on 07540 291949 or email

ozjordan@msn.com



Coffee on the Close

Mary's Room,

Pebworth Village Hall

1pm - 2.30pm



April	10th	24th
May	8th	22nd

PC Alex Prentice will be attending on 24th April to answer any questions or listen to any concerns.

Prices are:

Mug of Tea or Coffee - £1.00

Refill - 50p

Unlimited Biscuits!

Homemade Soup & Roll

£2.00

This event is Cash only

For more information contact Jenny: 07900202325



Pebworth Rural Cinema

Friday 26th April



Tickets £5.00 each and £2.50 12 and under

Drinks from 7.15pm | Film 8pm | Delicious food available
before the movie and ice cream during the interval



A VILLAGE ALMANAC

By Charlotte Foskett

April is a month of contrasts. At the beginning; the remnants of late winter still linger with the odd frost, days of cold winds or even a flurry of snow. By the end of the month the dawn chorus is almost at its peak and the warm days of Spring are in evidence with light, longer evenings and warm, sunny afternoons.

The blossom of fruit trees also reaches its height this month and the throngs of cow parsley and the pink splash of ragged robin can be seen in hedgerows. There is green everywhere!!



April Dates.

1st April. Easter Monday and April Fool's Day.

14th April. St Tiburtius' Day. Traditionally when the first cuckoo begins to sing.

23rd April. St George's Day and Shakespeare's Birthday. And the start of British asparagus season.

New Moon - 8th April.

Full Moon - 24th April.

April's Full Moon is known as the seed moon.

*'Oak before Ash, in for a splash;
Ash before Oak, in for a soak!'*

This traditional saying is a reference to whether our summer will be wet or a fine one!! After a continued deluge of rain all winter I think we would all like to hope the oaks in our village leaf first before the ash this spring!



Wildlife is in abundance this month. Tadpoles are wriggling in village ponds and robins, blackbirds, wrens and thrushes are all singing profusely. It is also the month for great bee activity! Red mason bee, bumblebee and wild honeybee are all in a frenzied rush to make new nests and to pursue the first flush of blossom and nectar.

Painting: Wendiwellerart.com

The kitchen garden in April is also ready with its first harvest. Wild garlic, Asparagus, Sorrel, Purple Sprouting Broccoli, cauliflowers, lettuces, chard, rhubarb, spring onions, cabbages, radishes and turnips are all ready to be picked. And in the herb garden the first shoots will be growing hard and fast.



Wednesday 24th April

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Mary's Room, Pebworth Village Hall

*This is being held during Coffee on the Close
Tea & Coffee available*

Just pop and say hello or use it as an opportunity to raise concerns and find out what they're doing to tackle issues in our area.

You can also sign up to Neighbourhood Matters to be kept up to date with information from West Mercia Police



Saturday 13th April

3pm – 4pm

Langate Fields, Meon Way Gardens

Just pop and say hello or use it as an opportunity to raise concerns and find out what they're doing to tackle issues in our area.

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www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Pebworth Village Hall Spring Prize Bingo!



Friday 19th April

Pebworth Village Hall

Doors Open 18:30

Eyes Down 19:00

Bar Open - Cash only Event - Accompanied Children Welcome

**Pebworth in Bloom invites
you to grow your own spuds
this year
Annual Potato
Challenge**



**Collect your potato & a pot on
Good Friday, 29th March
10 am
from the village hall car park.**

**Only £2 per entry with a chance of a prize later in
year**

Pebworth First School @ St. Peter's Church



On Monday 18th March all the Pupils and Staff from Pebworth First School enjoyed visiting St Peter's Church to take part in Experiencing Easter.

The Easter Activities were organised by our Church Youth Workers Amy Todd, and Clara Byrd, ably assisted by Jenny and Liz. There were four activities: Palm Sunday, Servant King, The Last Supper, and The Cross.

The afternoon culminated in the telling of the Easter Story. Everyone, including Greg Satterley the new Head of School, thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful event. Our grateful thanks to the Church Youth Workers Amy and Clara!





APRIL 30TH

SOUND BATH

EXPERIENCE

Spring Symphony

Immerse yourself in a harmonious journey of renewal this April with our transformative Sound Bath experience, scheduled perfectly for the end of the month, aligning with the season's symbolic theme of rejuvenation. As nature sheds its old layers and embraces new beginnings, so too can you embark on a journey of personal transformation. Let the ethereal melodies of crystal bowls and soothing vibrations wash over you, guiding you towards inner balance and clarity. Amidst the transition from the old to the new, discover a profound sense of renewal and vitality, leaving behind the stresses of the past and embracing a fresh perspective on the path ahead. Join us at the end of April and step into a realm where relaxation meets revitalization, where the power of sound fosters profound metamorphosis.



BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://HIGH-VIBRATIONS.CO.UK](https://high-vibrations.co.uk)



PEBWORTH

VILLAGE HALL

6:45PM – 8:00 PM



BOOK ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://HIGH-VIBRATIONS.CO.UK](https://high-vibrations.co.uk)



INFO@HIGH-VIBRATIONS.CO.UK

07944 866559

JOIN US!

Tuesday Troubles

Episode Two

Josephine went to the kitchen to find some sticky tape to bind the leaks of this wounded robot. On the way she opened the tall cupboard which housed her own companion-bot, just to see it, and let the visitor see it. Alas, the charging light had not reached green – it was still asleep, non-responsive, and no help. She noted that, and so, no doubt, did the visiting robot. He said nothing but a low grind told her that his oil dripped still. This mechanical creature was jerking its limbs – as injured humans do. Josephine sagged with sadness – she had to help the poor thing, but it was like helping a wounded tiger – wounded creatures lash out. It was not a creature, because it could not feel pain, or have consciousness of what it was.

Then again automatic movements could strike a hapless human.



It could hit her.

On her wristwatch was an app which would summon an ambulance if she were to fall to the floor. A voice would ask her problem. Humans would come to lift her up and tend her. It was a blessing.

She dropped to the floor.

Her wristwatch clicked and dialled the help hub. The duty voice buzzed and asked her need. She spoke of the wounded robot. The mission controller, on hearing of a wounded robot, had a protocol listing actions for when a human woman was at risk. The dispatcher pressed a big beige button on the bureau. An RRS van was sent at once. The Robot Rescue Service was homing in on her home.

It was not soon enough.

The wounded robot had seen a human fall. At once it bent down to her prone body. He slid his arm around her neck. She felt its powerful hand at her throat. His other, torn and damaged arm dangled about her vulnerable form.

She was helpless.

The robot gently lifted her back to a standing position and held her in a one-arm hug while she gathered her wits. She decided she quite liked being held by a handsome robot, especially one whom she could help.

Robot Rescue arrived to take him away. . . . and she shed a tear.

Moral: Help a helpless robot.

Charles

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Tug of War Teams Wanted Pebworth Party in the Park 1st September



Enter a Pub Team, Street Team, Friends Team, Work Team, Ladies Team, Village Team whatever Team you can put together, we'd love to see you on the day!

Teams of 8 Pullers required.

Entries need to be submitted by July 26th 2024.

Please email jodicotton10@gmail.com with Team details to submit your entry.



Littletons Tennis Club



Race Night

Friday 12th April
Tickets: £15

There will be a cash bar
and a curry supper

at the
Pebworth Village Hall

Chapel Rd, Pebworth CV37 8XA

Doors open at 7.30pm

First race at 8pm

BOOK NOW!

Full details and tickets are available on-line at
<https://littletons-tennis-club.square.site/>

or from Carole 01386 840152

and Jo 01386 442877

Meon Vale, Cotswold Vale & Meon Way Gardens

JUMBLE TRAIL

A yard sale with a difference!
Pay £5.00 and we'll add you to a map for people to walk around the estates, you just set up your stall at the end of your drive or your garden.

People will then come and buy from you, an easy way to get rid of any unwanted items and raise money for the community.



SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024
9AM-2PM

Village hall will be open for Tea, Coffee and Bacon / Sausage Sandwiches
Maps - £1.00

There will be a limited number of stalls available in the Village Hall for people that live in flats/maisonettes and don't have gardens or driveways - £5.00

Book your pitch by emailing
meon.events@yahoo.com or text/whatsapp
01252646749774

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Pebworth Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Monday 8th April

19:00 start

**Meon Vale Village Hall
(Behind Londis, CV37 8QW)**

Time is set aside for members of the public to raise any matter of concern under Open Forum.

District & County Councillors representing the Ward also make formal reports at the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will be published 1 week prior to the meeting and can be found at:

pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings

If you require any further information please contact our Parish Clerk - Donna who is happy to be of help:

clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Team Pebworth

2024 Wychavon Parish Games

Rounders - 5 a side Football - Cross Country - Bell Boating
Pétanque - Angling - Bowls - Table Tennis - Pool - Skittles
Men's Darts - Ladies Darts - Crib - Dominoes

It's a great way to meet new people, its fun & its free!
All abilities welcome, its very laid back!



If you live in Pebworth/Meon Way Gardens and you want to get involved come along to the information and sign up morning!

Pebworth Village Hall

Sunday 14th April

10:00 - 12:00

Meon Vale Residents Association



We are an independent, community-led voluntary organisation working together to make the new village of Meon Vale, Cotswold Vale and Meon Way Gardens a great place to live.

We have four general meetings per year for every resident to attend, one of these is the AGM.

Residents can volunteer to be members of the executive committee which meets more regularly.

We're always looking for new members to get involved.

Helping to run events - Manage our Social Media
Obtain Funding - Push Site Issues - Planting Trees
Distributing Leaflets - Supporting new community groups

Email: meonvaleresidents@gmail.com

Website: www.meonvalera.org

by **Jenny McLeish**

Our annual litterpick at the beginning of March, which usually attracts more than 50 volunteers, fell victim to the awful weather – the rain, the bitter wind and the state of the muddy roads and overflowing ditches proved to be too much, even for our stalwart WI members. We hope to arrange another date to remove all the rubbish from the parish, so watch this space.

That was not the only change to our programme – our original speaker had had to pull out due to illness, so we were really grateful that Claire Poore was able to come to our meeting. Many will recognise her name as the editor of the



Petrus but the other string to her bow is as a very talented glassmaker. She produces beautiful work from her 4 kilns in Honeybourne and detailed how the pieces were made. From her examples it was easy to see how

different temperatures affect the result of fusing glass together. We were all fascinated and keen to make a panel together from tiny pieces of glass. Claire will fire it and return it to us in due course. She also generously donated her fee to this year's chosen charity, the Rigby Unit at Stratford Hospital.



Our support for the Kori Project in Sierra Leone continues and Anne was able to report that 560 bras have been donated and 126 dresses made from pillow cases while the Knit and Natter group continues to produce items. We are also collecting food items for the Meon Vale Food Bank again, in time for Easter.

The skittles team, under Ursula's captaincy is nearing the completion of matches in the County competition, the quiz team (county champions) are gearing up for the battle against other WIs in the area on April 5th, a group are looking forward to a theatre trip to see the comedy "Art" in Stratford, and others will be visiting the famous David Austen Rose nursery. And the committee is putting the final touches to the new 2024 programme with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

Our next meeting will be on April 3rd when we are looking forward to hearing more about Lord Nelson and his love life from the very experienced and humorous Max Keen who will most probably be in costume.

If you feel tempted to find out more about our WI this year, please contact our president Jenny McLeish (jenny.mcl@tiscali.co.uk) or go to www.pebworth.org for the year's programme. Guests are welcome for £4 which includes refreshments.

Next Meeting

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Wildlife Photos

Sent in by our readers



Hedgehog & Fox Dining Together
By
Les Madden



Newly-awakened Hedgehogs Feeding
By
Les Madden



Blackthorn Blossom & Wild Violets
By
Charlotte Foskett



**'Different Perspectives'
Two Views of Meon Hill
Taken on Friday 15th
March at 6.05pm**



**View from Meon Way Gardens
By Jodi Cotton**



**View from Pebworth
By James Pearson**

**Quince Blossom
By
David Lees**



**Oystercatchers on Anglesey
By
David Lees**

Pebworth Footpath Volunteers

Wet conditions still hamper much of the work we'd like to start on, but we have been able to continue renovation of the footpath from Friday Street to the Close. What we are doing is levelling the existing flagstones, which entails removing underlying roots, where possible, and setting the stones on a firmer base. However, there are gaps where the stones have been removed which we'd like to be able to fill with similar flagstones, so if you have any you'd like to donate we'd be most grateful.



Whilst we were working on the path last month, we spotted a charming miniature flower garden (see photo). We carefully worked around it *as it may have been left by fairies*, but if not, we'd love to know who the gardener is so we can refer them to PIB!

We are a little light on members of PFV and are considering ways to get other villagers to support our activities but without the concern of heavy work and/or work they may not enjoy. In 'one lightbulb moment' we thought it might be of some interest to some members of the walking community if we set up a regular (bi-monthly) path inspection walk where we would choose an area of the local

Pebworth Footpaths for a recreational walk but also use it to show people where paths are and look for current or future issues that need correcting to make access easier and that we can bring to the attention of WCC or our normal PFV work teams to fix. Probably no more than 2/3 miles of light walking with only occasional stiles to negotiate - most of our network is now gated. We could also complete some light bramble clearing and path marking as we go round. Any thoughts/interest, please let us know.



Future work includes more path clearing (*it's like painting the Forth Bridge - as soon as you finish its time to start again!*) and ongoing access issues.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Graham (graham.fowles@btinternet.com) and look out for our next project.

Bingo Prizes Needed!

We're looking for donations for our Spring
Bingo being held to raise funds for
Pebworth Village Hall.

Things such as:

- Bottles of wine
- Boxes of Chocolates
- Things for the Garden
- Crafts for Children

Prizes can be dropped to Jane Cromack or
contact Jodi 07944933001 to collect!

Thanks for your support!



Evesham Volunteer Centre – Community Car Scheme

Evesham Volunteer Centre provide an essential service benefitting predominantly elderly and disabled people who have no means of transport or cannot access public transport. We cover hospital, doctor, dental and social appointments. Our volunteer drivers will pick up clients in their own car, take you to your appointment, wait and bring you home. A sliding fare scale is applicable for all journeys and a cost can be given when you enquire.

If you require our service, please call 01386 45035 weekdays from 9:30am till 1:00pm.

We are always welcoming new volunteers!

Wednesday Volunteer Required: 9:30am till 1:00pm working on the transport desk answering calls and matching clients up with a volunteer driver.

Volunteer drivers use their own car to transport clients to and from their appointments and will get 45p a mile which is paid monthly to cover expenses. As a volunteer driver you can provide companionship to passengers who may be socially isolated and make new friends by being part of our team.

For more information please contact Helen on co@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk or call 01386 45035

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Planning never seems to stop for the PIB committee - the RHS judges have been in touch and dates are pencilled in for their visit in July, the schedule for the produce show at Party in the Park on Sept 1st has been drawn up and will soon be available, at least 10 gardens are being prepared for the NGS Open Gardens event at the end of May and we will soon be launching our sunflower competition.



But this month we are getting ready for the annual Potato Challenge on Good Friday, 29th March. Come along to the village hall car park from 10am till noon to collect large pots and seed potatoes (this year's variety is Picasso). £2 per entry and you should end up with a good supply of spuds at the weigh-in, in August. Can anyone beat Nick Holdsworth this year ?



Hopefully the weather will be better by Good Friday – the endless rain hasn't affected the lovely displays of spring flowers. The churchyard is now covered in primroses, daffodils line the main path and tulips re-emerging in the bulb border, the troughs and barrels. But oh dear, what a mess the verges are in. There will need to be some recovery work, especially where large vehicles have churned up the grass – the verge by the main entrance to the churchyard is one of the worst examples.



The next meet-up for Saturday Crew volunteers will be on Saturday 6th April in the churchyard, from 10am onwards. The sun is bound to shine that morning so come and join us.





Pebworth Village Hall Weekly Groups

Jane Cromack

Sunday			
Monday			First Monday MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL 7pm
Tuesday	BRIDGE CLASSES 2pm with Juanita 07856 565639 www.strengthandbalance.co.uk	CHESS CLUB 6.30pm pebworthchess@gmail.com	MONTHLY SEWING GROUP 1pm SOUND BATH 7pm www.reikibydan.co.uk
Wednesday	HATHA YOGA 10am with Nikki Coope nikki.coope58@gmail.com	'MOVE IT OR LOSE IT' EXERCISE CLASS 12.30pm with Krys Cave www.kryscavefitness.com	First Wednesday MONTHLY W.I. 7pm
Thursday	PILATES 9.30am with Nicki McGinn 07798 641593	SHORT MAT BOWLS 2pm	
Friday	HATHA YOGA 10am with Nikki Coope nikki.coope58@gmail.com		Last Friday MONTHLY RURAL CINEMA 7.15pm

For more information please contact Jane Cromack on 01789 720319
and look at the advertising notices on the various Village noticeboards,
Facebook and www.pebworth.org
or just go along on the day and say hello!

The Noticeboard

Flag Days For April 2024

Tuesday 23rd St. George's Day

Les Madden

Mobile Library



Friday 26th April

School Road layby
Broad Marston Road

11:15-11:30am
11:35-11:50am

100 Club January Winners

£25	D Adams
£15	C Warren
£15	C Foskett

Congratulations!

Robin

100 Club February Winners

£25	S Jordan
£15	T Grose
£15	S Rawlins

Congratulations!

Robin

100 Club March Winners

£25	A Johnson
£15	J Watkins
£15	D Phelps

Congratulations!

Robin

Pebworth Parish Council

Abridged Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2024.

Edited by **Diana Beaumont**

Full minutes can be found at

<https://www.pebworthparishcouncil.co.uk/community/pebworth-parish-council-20229/parish-council-minutes-2023/>

Next Meeting:

8th April 2024, 7pm at Meon Vale Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, James Pearson, Sam Parkins, David Cranage & Jodi Cotton

In attendance: District Councillor Judith Ciotto and Mrs D Bowles (Clerk). Also County Councillor Alastair Adams for part of the meeting.

Also in attendance: 4 members of the public.

Apologies Considered for Absence: None

Open Forum: The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation.

- a) 4 members of the public were in attendance and the following queries were raised:
- When will the drop kerb be installed on Chapel Rd - by the end of the financial year.
 - Canopy lift works – these have been mentioned however this was queried. Clerk to investigate.
 - Regarding the criteria for social housing; Cllr Weller stated this does not fall under the Parish Council remit.
 - Comments were made about the speed of cars along Long Marston Rd; County Councillor Adams investigated the possibility of extending the 30mph limit to Millfield some years back however this was declined. Pedestrian signs were installed at that time.
 - Regarding Persimmon and Meon Way Gardens relating to the precept and social housing.

- The road drain at the bottom of the field at Manor Farm, Back Lane is blocked. Clerk to report.
- Queries were raised regarding speeds of vehicles and whether the PC can ask the police to provide a speed camera vehicle. Clerk advised the police are looking to attend the May meeting.
- Regarding the car in the ditch at Long Marston Rd. Police are aware, however, it cannot be removed at present until the insurance company has carried out investigations.

b) County Councillor Adams arrived at 20:10; report to follow.

c) District Councillor Ciotti reported –

- Nigel Huddleston MP is calling for constituent input for a future expansion to the Worcestershire On Demand bus service. Clerk to relay this via email, social media and noticeboards.

The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:35

Planning Matters:

- a) Pebworth Manor, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth: Change of use of domestic storage building to dwelling (part retrospective). Following discussion, “No comment”, from Members.
- b) Ivy Cottage, Front Street, Pebworth: Single storey rear extension (variation of condition 2. Ref W/22/01253/HP). Following discussion, “No comment”, from Members.
- c) Far View, Back Lane, Pebworth: Planning permission to erect a replacement dwelling, including demolition of existing. Parish Council

comments to be found:

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/02437/FUL>

- d) Bank Farm, Front Street Pebworth: Demolition of existing agricultural barns and Pebworth Parish Council replacement with 5no. detached dwellings. Parish Council provided further comments to the Planning Inspectorate. For a copy of these comments please contact the Clerk clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
- e) Bank Farm, Front Street Pebworth: Residential conversion of barn including replacement roof and extension, to replace approved barn conversion. No comments from Members received.

Decisions:

- f) Far View, Back Lane, Pebworth: Planning permission to erect a replacement dwelling, including demolition of existing. Application Approved Subject to Conditions.
- g) Pebworth Manor, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth: Certificate of lawfulness for existing single storey side extension. **Certificate of Lawfulness Granted.**
- h) Old Granary, 1 Bank Farm Court, Front Street, Pebworth: Change of Use of Highway Land to Private Garden Old Granary. **Approved Subject to Conditions.**

Finance:

- a) The Council gave consideration and unanimous approval of the payments listed in Appendix A, confirming the payments in Appendix A have been approved by full Council and there is provision within the budget, and that financial regulations and relevant policies have been followed. Cllr Pearson to authorise the payments made by internet banking.

It was **resolved** to approve the payment of the Parish Games invoice when received.

Council & Community Matters:

- a) Cllr Cranage advised he is meeting a company this week to obtain quotes for drainage works on Friday Street and Broad Marston Road. It is hoped these will be available for the April meeting.
- b) Persimmon have provided proposed designs for the Meon Way Garden Open Space. The Meon Vale Residents Association Executive Committee

met to discuss these proposals and their comments were provided to the Members. Cllrs Weller, Pearson & Cotton to arrange a meeting with Persimmon to discuss these proposals and draft a response to the Meon Vale Residents Association. These plans will be brought to the April Parish Council meeting which is being held at Meon Vale.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):

- c) A meeting took place between some Councillors and Wendy Hopkins from Brodie Planning to discuss the review of the NDP. Advice has been sought from the Planning Policy Officer as the Parish Council is seeking to modify its plan to protect against speculative developments/outside the defined boundary given that WDC cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply. The Parish Council is looking to modify the plan so a level of protection against housing development outside the identified development boundary is in place without the need for a full review of the NDP ahead of the adoption of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review. A response has been received stating that adding a development boundary to the NDP would be a material modification which does change the nature of the plan; as such this would require independent examination and a referendum. Further advice has been sought and a response is awaited.

The Close & Recreation Field

The weather conditions are still preventing clearance works at the ditch being carried out. Clerk to request the Lengthsman reinforce the grill as this has become damaged.

Lengthsman/Handyman Matters:

Members noted John Hyde has:

- Cleared out gully grates and verge grips on Long Marston Rd
- Cleared verge grips on Honeybourne Rd
- Met with Steve Baker and further grip works to take place.

Future Tasks:

None at present.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Meon Vale Village Hall.

Future dates:

APM – 22nd Apr, 13th May & ACM, 3rd Jun, 1st Jul, 2nd Sep, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, Budget meeting – 25th Nov, 2nd Dec

Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40 hrs

You can contact the Parish Council via the clerk at clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your District Councillors are Judith Ciotto (Judith.ciotti@wychavon.net) and Hannah Robson (hannah.robson@wychavon.net)

County Councillor Report – Pebworth

Month: April

Prepared by Alastair Adams -

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council covering Pebworth (including Meon Way Gardens), Honeybourne, Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham, Cleeve Prior, South Littleton, North & Middle Littleton, Ullington, Bickmarsh and Broad Marston)

Dear All

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter, and lets hope the rain stops and the sun comes out now the clocks have gone forward. I think we are all looking forward to a bit of sunshine!

Abandoned car in ditch along Long Marston Rd has been removed



Strangely it was the insurance company who took over 7 weeks to collect the car !

County Council Budget 2024/25

The County Council did finalise the 2024/25 Budget on 15th February at Full Council, and you should all have received your council tax notice which shows where the money is going between the 5 public bodies; Pebworth Parish Council, Wychavon District Council, Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police, and the Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Service.

Boundary Commission Review

A reminder that the Boundary Commission consultation on their recommendations for changes to the County Councillor Divisional Areas. Closed on 18th March. Their recommendations will be officially published on 2nd July 2024.

To read more see <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire>

Flooding

The good news is since my last report there has not been any flooding but we have had lots of rain!

Flood Plain – Broad Marston

The outlet pipe needs some attention again in the secondary pond in the Heart of England field. The flexible pipe broke during the heavy rains in February.

Flood alleviation work – Friday Street & Broad Marston

The Parish Council has agreed to pay for the ditch opposite Cotswold View in Broad Marston to be dug out and a bund built in the field to stop water run off from the field onto the road. They have also agreed to pay for a in Sam Rainbow’s field at the end of Friday Street to stop flood water from the field going onto the road and down into Friday Street. Quotes have been supplied to the Parish Council.

Highways:

Please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures and temporary traffic lights on a regular basis. It is the start of the annual road maintenance and surface dressing to keep our roads in Worcestershire as some of the best in the country. The roads with potholes around here are mostly in

Warwickshire or Gloucestershire! So please do check the <https://one.network/> regularly .

- **High Street Honeybourne closed 2-5th April for dropped kerbs installation and Severn Trent works**
- **Western Rd, Honeybourne closed for one night for re-surfacing end of April**
- **Sunken road opposite the entrance to Pebworth Nursery.** WCC dug up the road on 15th Feb and confirmed it is a gullys issue. A new pipe has to be installed, which hopefully will occur later this year. Awaiting date
- **Dropped kerbs requested opposite 2, and 3, Chapel Road for mobility scooter.** Order given to proceed and install – Awaiting date of installation
- **I had a meeting in November with Severn Trent and again reminded them about the foul sewer manhole in School Rd and Friday St** which suffer foul water coming up through the manhole when we had the heavy rainfall recently. They have promised to take action. I have chased again as I do every month!
- **Flooding at Chalk Farm , Buckle Street** –The ditches on LHS of Pebworth Rd at the Buckle St junction have been dug out by the farmer and also the ditches along Buckle St towards Honeybourne have also been dug out by the same farmer. A BIG thank you to the farmer.
- **Welford Bridge Open** – Hooray!

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

The following grants have been requested, and some have already 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
3. Honeybourne Bowls Club – grant for a contribution towards a new mat
4. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust – grant for new tables
5. Pebworth Bells – grant to help improve their Website
6. Freedom Day Centre – grant for a defibrillator
7. Cleeve Prior Art Club – grant for portrait training
8. Coffee Mornings in Pebworth Village Hall – grant requested for soup kettle and hall hire
9. Offenham Cricket club – grant towards an artificial wicket for training
10. Honey Tots Playgroup, Honeybourne – grant requested for some play equipment
11. Badsey Film Club – grant requested for a new projector
12. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust- grant for laptop
13. Honeybourne Public rights of way volunteer group – grant for a strimmer
14. Vale Landscape Heritage Trust – grant for some tools
15. Cleeve Prior Community Pub & Hub – grant for website and marketing
16. Honeybourne School – Grant for fluorescent jackets for the school children
17. Honeybourne Fete – Grant for portable toilets for the annual fete.

Your County Councillor, Alastair Adams, can be contacted on adams.pebworth@gmail.com or mobile 07725 979 277 or www.alastairadams.org.



Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the ‘Rural North’ area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex Prentice and PCSO Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk. Sadly, PCSO Sansom will be leaving his role as a PCSO

in March to work in a different department, still within West Mercia.

We are actively now more than ever involved with our Evesham SNT Facebook page. Please follow Evesham SNT to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Engagements

As you may know, we do weekly engagement sessions in each of the villages across the Evesham Rural North patch. We are always open to listening to the public if they believe the engagements with the public should be done differently. Please, if have any ideas on how we can better engage with the public, please let me know by emailing the above email address.

What have we been up to?

Various schools have been visited with regards to parking. Again, can parents please park sensibly when dropping off/picking up children, and if you can, please walk! Be mindful of junctions, dropped kerbs and peoples driveways and please do not drop children off whilst in the middle of road. Schools have also been visited to engage with the children. We have spoken about all sorts! How to become a police officer, the kit we wear, what a day in the life of an officer looks like along with general Q and A's.

Drop in sessions/engagement sessions are attended throughout the month on various days including weekends. Please attend these if you feel the need to. On average these are done 1-2 times a week within the Rural North patch so there are plenty of opportunities to come and meet your local officer.

Various coffee mornings have been attended and crime prevention presentations have been provided to the local residents.

All of the above is sent through Neighbourhood Matters as well as any engagement sessions we run. We are encouraging people to sign up to this service as it's a great way of finding out what we are up to and where we will be. Please ensure you sign up to this free service.

Take a look at the website for further information:
<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>



INFO FROM PEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

Report it... <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/report-it>

All under one roof! Wychavon District Council has provided a number of things that can be reported online from the comfort of your own home whether it be flytipping or abandoned vehicles to compliments and complaints.

<p>Council Tax & Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit fraud • Change in circumstances • Moving in or moving out of a property 	<p>Parking and Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Pay & Display' Ticket Machine Faults • Highways Defect • Street Light Fault • Appeal against a parking fine/ charge • On street parking • Report a pothole
<p>Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetlink 	<p>Housing</p> <p>Report an empty home</p>
<p>Environment and animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discarded needle or syringe • Dog Fouling • Graffiti And Fly Posting • Japanese knotweed • Nuisances (smoke, noise, light, accumulations, dust/odour, insects/flies, bonfires) • Over Grown Shrubbery on pathways (Worcestershire County Council) • Problem with a litter or dog bin • Abandoned Vehicles • Damaged Street Sign • Dead Animal • Fly Tipping • Travellers on public land • Untidy front gardens • 	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report a planning enforcement issue <p>Refuse Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report a missed bin collection

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