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Pebworth Piper

December 2023



Rock & Roll Bingo

**Christmas Tree
Lighting**

Carol Service

**Santa Comes To
Pebworth**



Welcome!



Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Many thanks to David Lees for providing this month's cover photograph. Please do send in any photographs you have of Pebworth or wildlife!

There's plenty happening in the village this month so please do make a note of all the important dates.

Best wishes

Happy reading!

Karen



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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 - December					
	Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey	Weston sub Edge	Aston sub Edge
3rd December Advent Sunday			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		
10th December Advent 2	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at the Village Hall	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)		4.00 pm Evensong
Wednesday 13th December		7.00 pm CAROL SERVICE				
17th December Advent 3	5.00 pm CAROL SERVICE		11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am CAROL SERVICE		4.00 pm CAROL SERVICE
Tuesday 19th December			7.30 pm CAROL SERVICE at the Village Hall			
24th December Christmas Eve	3.00 pm CRIB SERVICE	Dorsington to join Pebworth	2.30 pm CRIB SERVICE	4.00 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	6.00 pm FAMILY CAROL SERVICE at the Village Hall	
	11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS					
25th December Christmas Day	No service	No service	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	10.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	No service	8.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)
31st December Christmas 1	10.00 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Modern language) for St. Egwin at Honeybourne					
7th January Epiphany			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		



Photograph courtesy of David Lees



Pebworth Remembers

Last year our thoughts were with the people of the Ukraine, suffering terribly from Russian aggression, and this year, while that conflict still rages, the people of the Middle East, Israeli and Palestinians, are in our thoughts. Yet again violence has erupted with innocent people, especially thousands of children suffering unimaginable horrors. Peace seems a long way away but the suffering and deaths of so many, especially servicemen and women were remembered at the weekend of 11th and 12th November.

There was a spine-tingling moment on Remembrance Day when the notes of the Last Post died away. As the two minute silence began the large crowd at the memorial area could hear the solemn tolling of a single bell from St Peter's. The simple service at 11am on the 11th November has become a much appreciated tradition and each year more seem to join the Pebworth In Bloom event. The weather was perfect, with a cloudless blue sky and sunshine as the names of the men "dear to Pebworth" were read aloud and as wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, Scouts and Cubs, West Mercia Police and the WI with hand drawn tributes from children. We are very grateful to Raffe who played the Last Post impeccably, to Simon for his poignant reading of "For the Fallen" and to Liz who led the final prayer for peace. And thank you to Vikki and Rob who welcomed everyone to the Masons Arms for refreshments afterwards.

The weather changed dramatically the next day for Armistice Sunday which was celebrated at St Peter's. Rain and wind greeted the congregation for the annual service of remembrance which was taken by Father Kevin who gave a thought-provoking talk on the need to protect peace from evil doers. The church had been beautifully decorated by Rachel and Sally, and Raffe and Simon once more contributed to the service and along with well-loved hymns. The service was further enhanced by our bellringers. Many stayed for coffee afterwards and the collection this year was donated to the charity "Help for Heroes".





Christmas Tree Lighting

(Accompanied by a carol or two)

Sunday 10th December

5pm

St. Peter's Churchyard, Pebworth

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served

Father Christmas is coming to Pebworth! Tuesday 19th December from 6:30pm

The Masons Arms welcomes everyone to the Pub to await his arrival and will be serving Hot Mulled Wine & festive sweet treats!



The Route:

- Depart the Fire Station and head to Broad Marston (Top of Priory Lane)
- Into Broad Marston Road (Residents in New Road will need to come to the main road)
- Into Friday Street (If you're visiting the village stand on the Friday Street junction to see Santa)
- From Friday Street we make our way onto Long Marston Road then up into Back Lane
- Anyone living on Dorsington Road and Little Meadows should stand by the Bus Stop to see Santa opposite the church.
- We then come down Front Street and onto Chapel Road (Residents in Elm Close & Wesley Gardens should come and stand at the Village Hall entrance)
- We then head back up the Honeybourne Road and Return to the Fire Station



As with previous years, this event is only possible with the help of Pebworth Fire Station, and we'll have donation buckets on the evening and all donations made go to The Firefighters Charity!

Pebworth Firefighters would like to invite everyone back to the Fire Station after the event, for Festive Refreshments. Interested in becoming a retained firefighter? The recruitment team will be on hand with all the information you need. Maybe you've got a little one who would like to sit in the Fire engine? Bring them along. The Fire Station will be open for everyone to come along & find out more!



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Coffee on the Close

Mary's Room,

Pebworth Village Hall

1pm - 3pm



Held on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

dates can sometimes be altered due to other commitments

December	6th <small>pre-order by 22nd Nov</small>	13th
January	10th	17th

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This event is Cash only

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A VILLAGE ALMANAC

By Charlotte Foskett

The following extract from a Shepherd's Diary at the end of 1939:

'At nightfall winter moths will flock about the Shepherd's lantern as he goes to the fold. The continuous hoot of brown owls in the moonlight mingles with the dog fox's bark as he journeys through deep shadows in search of a mate, and the death of the Old Year closes with those of us not knowing what humanity will face only that nature is a constant!'



Weather Wisdom

*'If Sun shines through the apple trees upon a Christmas Day,
When Autumn comes they will a load of fruit display.'*

December New Moon

Tuesday 12th December.

December's Cold Moon (Full Moon)

Tuesday 26th December





Christmas



Rock & Roll Bingo

Saturday 16th December



7pm start



The Masons Arms, Pebworth, CV37 8XN

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OPTION 3

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CRIB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm



**St. Peter's Church,
Pebworth**

Traditional Crib Service led by
Clara Byrd (church support
worker at Pebworth First School)

All Welcome

MIDNIGHT MASS

With Communion
11.30pm

The Christmas Cat

This little boy was found by revellers on their way home from a night in the village hall. He was seen playing on the new playground apparatus. He was alone. It was dark. Wolf howls could be heard from the Council Re-wilding Scheme – it was having teething troubles. When the inebriated couple lifted him down, he clung to them and sobbed. He said his people had decided that the local robot garage would make a better job of him than they could. This was true but not a Good Thing.

Kindly, if blunderingly, the couple took him to the robot garage that was in the garden of the Grand Engineer. They banged on the door. It was the wrong door, the Engineer was in the house snoring, but a robot sentry opened up and invited them all in. The tipsy couple pushed the little boy inside and staggered back into the night. What better place for a little boy, than to be surrounded by capable robots instead of inadequate humans. The robots made a bed of cardboard boxes and

lined it with layers of bubble wrap. The little boy was safe now and warm.

As the sun rose, warming the thatched roofs of the village, the mechanical cockerel climbed to the top of a chimney and hooted. The design still needed adjustment after Beta testing, but no one could catch it to do that. The Grand Engineer awakened accordingly and asked his robo-lady assistant to go to the kitchen. She read the dials over the autocook and pushed the button for avocado wraps, or whatever children eat. In moments she had a warm plate of warm wraps that would warm who ever it was who had been taken in, in the shed. The robots in the shed unplugged themselves having charged up all night and began their day job.

The little boy was very happy, although he did ask what had become of the lazy adults who had left him. He was very little, so his question was not as precisely framed as was needed to interrogate the system – there were two couples who had left him so the system was confused and produced hallucinations that would baffle the Peace-bots. Those bots were supposed to look after such things. They forgot, the adults forgot, the robots forgot and so the little boy was named Romulus, and he forgot too. Well, he was well off actually – avocado wraps for breakfast is not bad, and he could play all day or at least until dinner time. Time passed and while the robots looked after him properly, he did begin to feel sad - he needed something of his own - the need for a toy. The Grand Engineer put his mind to the problem. When Christmas came round again. The robots put up pretty lights and had a parcel to give him.

In the parcel was a robo-cat. It was perfect.



Charles

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On Saturday 18th November, Meon Way Gardens and Pebworth residents had the opportunity to meet their parish and district councillors and also find out more about what is going on in the parish.

The Pebworth Fire & Rescue team was on hand to inform and entertain, as was the Meon Vale Residents Association which provided refreshments.



A team, supported by Pebworth In Bloom members also planted up troughs with bulbs kindly donated by Persimmon Homes.



It isn't often that you meet a self-proclaimed witch but at our November meeting, the night after Halloween, we welcomed Kathryn Jackson, dressed in black appropriately and with green hair, who gave an incredibly interesting talk about witchcraft in the Cotswolds. Who knew that we lived in such a spooky area? She described the history of witchcraft, the influence of the church, the fact that most accused were acquitted and then revealed stories of witches from around this area – fortunately not from Pebworth! We welcomed visitors Jane, Debbie and Milly, and new member Maggie and, after some suitably spooky refreshments, made pomanders with oranges and cloves – the hall smelled delicious at the end of the meeting.

Members were busy signing up for our Christmas party with invited guests and also for a special evening visit to Margie Shiers' gorgeous perfume shop "Scents on the Green" at the beginning of December.

With that and the group Carol Service, the county skittles competition, the collection for Meon Vale foodbank, and the ongoing collection of bras (now over 500) there is always something going on for our members.

We were delighted for the first time to be able to lay our own wreath, produced by the Knit and Natter group on the memorial on November 11th. It seems fitting that the mothers, wives, sisters and other female family members who lost loved ones in WW1 and 2 should be remembered and represented on this day.

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

Our next meeting will be on Wed 6th December when we will be discovering how the Tudors celebrated Christmas with a Worcester re-enactment group.



Veronica & Jenny laying the WI wreath

Postscript:

Just when WI members thought the village has always been safe from witchcraft this article was found very recently in "Worcester People and Places"

"At Pebworth, about 1850, there was a White Witch, who had the power of curing by incantation. She is remembered for two cures, one for curing a young woman who from childhood had St Vitus' Dance, the second for the removal of a very bad whitlow (*a painful, infectious skin condition on the fingers, caused by the herpes virus*) which disappeared after muted words and the application of her saliva. Tales were told in the village of furniture travelling from room to room in her house and a pot of broth removing itself from the fire and going into an adjoining room and emptying itself into a basin. The woman was drowned in a pond at Pebworth, whether by accident or as a result of a "trial" is not known".



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.

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It has been such a busy month that we haven't found time to fit in one of our monthly committee meetings. The time-consuming winter planting of pansies has been completed, and Front Street volunteers have mown the verge so the barrels full of pansies can be seen to advantage. We are putting our thoughts to leaf-clearing in the churchyard on 2nd December, and the arrival of autumnal weather with wind and rain means there are masses of leaves everywhere. What a stunning autumn display of colour there has been this year, especially when the sun has shone.

We were invited to a delightful celebratory lunch by Pebworth School pupils at the end of October and on the very first day that Ofsted inspectors arrived! The delicious food, most grown, harvested and cooked by the delightful pupils, was very much enjoyed by us all. Who could resist vegetable soup, quiche and salad, and carrot cake and apple sponge? Yvonne presented

the gardening club members with some useful tools and the children entertained us with songs to round off a lovely afternoon with confident, polite children. A few days later nearer to Halloween and with the invaluable help and enthusiasm of Jodi, we held our Pumpkin Party in the village hall. Children of all ages carved pumpkins, (kindly donated by Will – thank you), planted conkers gathered from Pebworth Manor gardens (thank you John and Annie), played lots of games, chased balloons, won prizes and enjoyed hot dogs and drinks. It was a hectic afternoon with the children all dressed in fancy dress. And a jolly good time was had by all, especially by the dads who could demonstrate their incredible knife skills to each other!

We were delighted that so many turned up to help us remember the men "dear to Pebworth" on 11th November – this is a special day in the village calendar. And we hope that you can join us on Sunday 10th December at 5pm in the churchyard when we light Christmas Tree. There will be a carol or two, and definitely mince pies and mulled wine. Ho ho ho!

by **Jenny McLeish**





Pebworth Village Hall Weekly Groups

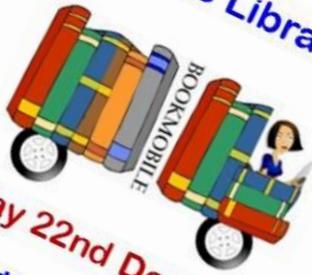
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Sunday			
Monday			First Monday MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL 7pm
Tuesday	BRIDGE CLASSES 2pm with Juanita 07856 565639 www.strengthandbalance.co.uk	CHESS CLUB 6.30pm pebworthchess@gmail.com	MONTHLY SEWING GROUP 1pm SOUND BATH 7pm www.reikibydan.co.uk
Wednesday	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

Mobile Library



Friday 22nd December

School Road layby
Broad Marston Road

11:15-11.30am
11:35-11.50am

Flag Days For December 2023

Monday 25th
Christmas Day

Les Madden

David Morehen

To those who remember Jill and David Morehen (previously of Evening Hall, Dorsington Road, Pebworth) we have received sad news from Jill that David passed away peacefully at home on Friday, 3 November 2023.

Anyone wishing to contact Jill please contact Joy Thyeson, and she will pass on contact details.

joyandeddiethyeson@sky.com

100 Club November Winners

£25

H Beaumont

£15

J Watkins

£15

R Tyrell

Congratulations!

Robin

Pebworth First School



Pebworth First School has just received its latest Ofsted Inspection Report and is delighted that the school has been rated as 'Good' by the inspectors.

The Inspectors' Report said, *'Pupils are proud of Pebworth First School and are happy to attend. It is a small school at the heart of the community. Pupils take an active role in their wider community, whether it be hosting a harvest lunch or their involvement in Pebworth in Bloom.'*

Pupils say behaviour is good at Pebworth and they are right. Older pupils are role models and care for younger pupils. All pupils say that they feel safe and know who to go to if they feel worried. Pupils live out the school's vision of 'CARE'; community, aspiration, respect and excellence are values that help pupils to build positive relationships.

Staff know each pupil extremely well, and as a result relationships between staff and pupils are very strong. The school has high expectations for pupils and these ambitions are realised. Pupils achieve well because their needs are met by dedicated staff. The school has risen to the challenge of designing an ambitious curriculum that meets the needs of mixed-aged classes.'

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Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

5pm

St. Peter's Church, Pebworth

All welcome



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& Poems, as well as the lighting of the indoor tree and
blessing of memorial baubles**

If anyone would like a memorial bauble placed on the tree in
memory of a loved one please
contact Sally (01789 720817) or Rachel (01789 721513)



Pebworth Rural Cinema

Friday 15th December



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



DECEMBER 5TH

SOUND BATH

EXPERIENCE

EXTENDED

Soulful Winter Vibrations

Step into the serenity of our extended December Sound Bath, a special treat for yuletide. As we celebrate the spirit of Christmas, this immersive experience offers more time to relax and rejuvenate. In the true holiday spirit, following the session, we'll be serving a delightful, soul-warming drink that will further enhance your relaxation and help you fully embrace the festive atmosphere.

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JOIN US!

On-call firefighters required for Pebworth Fire Station

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) is looking for more on-call firefighters to cover Pebworth Fire Station.

Anyone interested in the paid role must be aged over 18, live or work within five minutes of the Stratford Road station and be able to respond to emergency calls whenever needed.

The surrounding area includes a maximum-security prison, high-speed railway lines, recycling centres and other local manufacturing businesses found on the industrial sites.

Pebworth is staffed solely by on-call firefighters who are professionals from a wide range of backgrounds which can prove helpful when responding to incidents.

The station boasts a Dennis Sabre fire engine, which is a first-line attack appliance, carrying a crew of up to six firefighters along with



firefighting and rescue equipment.

The building and facilities are still relatively recent having been built in 2011 to replace

the previous structure in Broad Marston Road.

HWFRS is looking to recruit enthusiastic, community-minded applicants from all walks of life for the on-call roles.

The most important qualifications are common sense, compassion, commitment, discretion and teamwork.

Potential firefighters must be available on Tuesday evenings for drill nights which are weekly training sessions at the Pebworth station starting at 7pm.

HWFRS offers a range of contracts where the number of hours and times to be available on-call can vary to suit personal and professional circumstances.

Full training, uniform and personal development are provided alongside many opportunities to gain additional skills and qualifications that will be of use outside the Service.

The Service only asks for an average level of strength and fitness and will provide full support in helping people understand and achieve this.

For more information on joining, visit www.hwfire.org.uk/join-us/retained-firefighter/ or email gflower@hwfire.org.uk.



Join the Friends of Pebworth First School at their

Winter

Celebration

to include:

~ Craft Stalls from local businesses ~

~ Raffle ~ Chocolate Tombola ~

~ Santa Meet & Greet ~

~ Refreshments including mulled wine & mince pies ~

~ Doors open at 4.00pm ~

~ Christmas Carols performed by

Pebworth First School Choir at 5:00pm ~

~ free entry ~ all welcome ~

Pebworth Village Hall ~ Friday 1st December 2023

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller, James Pearson, Simon Shiers, David Cranage, Samantha Parkins & Jodi Cotton

In attendance: District Councillor Judith Ciotto and Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 4 members of the public.

Apologies Considered for Absence:

Cllrs Shiers and Parkins – approved

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

- Parking on the dropped kerb by the village hall has caused an issue for residents. Cllr Weller advised the resident to discuss this with the Chair of the Village Hall Committee reminding hall users to be considerate when parking.
- Query regarding planning application which is being discussed under agenda item 6a – resident is concerned regarding the impact of the reduced light to her property.
- Bollard outside Bank House on Front Street is missing. Clerk advised Members the Lengthsman Scheme is unhappy to pay for these works and they should be referred to Highways. Members resolved to pay for any bollard repair work going forward.
- Back Lane - overgrown ivy on a wall causing an issue with visibility. Clerk to write to landowner in the first instance.
- Potholes to be reported on the road from Little Meadows to Ullington crossroads.

- Issues relating to Meon Way Gardens, however, these do not fall under the remit of the Parish Council.
- It was reported that the uptake to events at the village hall has risen. This is due to residents from Meon Way Gardens being more informed.

The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:30

Ward Member's Report:

- a) County Councillor Adams – apologies and report received (Appendix B)
- b) District Councillor Ciotti: Planning Communities Together event being held on 23rd November 6.30pm. All Cllrs invited.

Planning Matters:

Considered:

- a) Elm View, Chapel Road, Pebworth: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of nine dwellings, creation of new vehicular access into site along with private driveways and gardens, alteration and extension of retained outbuilding at Elm View and alteration and extension of Walnut Tree Cottage. Following discussion, it was resolved to object to this application. Cllr Cranage to draft a response.
- b) Old Granary, 1 Bank Farm Court, Front Street, Pebworth: Change of Use of Highway Land to Private Garden (retrospective). Following discussion, it was resolved for Clerk to respond with “No comment”.

Considered between meetings:

- c) The Forge, Back Lane, Pebworth: A dilapidated, old stable building that is no longer used would be demolished and rebuilt into an outbuilding as a living space with one bedroom and a

kitchen/living room area as open plan for extra accommodation for family use. Cllr Weller declared an interest and did not take part in the email discussion. Following consultation via email Clerk responded with "Pebworth Parish Council has no objection to this application however we do question whether the parking provision is sufficient for the increase in dwelling capacity created by the application as there is no capacity for parking on the street."

- d) Bank Farm, Front Street, Pebworth: Amended design of dwellings. Demolition of existing agricultural barns and replacement with 5no. detached dwellings. The Parish Council had no further comments to make on this application.
- e) New Buildings Farm, Priory Lane, Broad Marston: Full planning application for the demolition of agricultural buildings with Class Q consent and the erection of 5 dwellings. The Parish Council had no further comments to make on this application.

Decisions:

- f) 14 Middlesex, Pebworth Road, Ullington: Hobby workshop (part retrospective) **Planning Application refused.**
- g) 8 Little Meadow, Pebworth Road, Ullington: Hall extension and front porch. **Application approved subject to conditions.**
- h) Hill House, Pebworth Road, Ullington: Single-storey extension to rear, first-floor extension to side, new dormer windows and external alterations. **Application approved subject to conditions.**

Council & Community Matters:

Considered:

- a) applying for the Community Legacy Grant, applications open in January – defer to December agenda.
- b) flooding issues in Friday St – Cllr Cranage to speak with County Cllr Adams with a proposed solution and to report back to the Parish Council at the December meeting.
- c) application received for £100 grant for Coffee on the Close. Cllr Cotton did not take part in the discussion. It was resolved to support this. Clerk to make payment to the Village Hall account.
- d) setting up a Community Grant application form and Terms and Conditions – defer to December agenda.

- e) responding to the questions relating to Worcestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the associated Surface Water Management Plan for the county (emailed 30.10.23.) Cllr Weller & Cllr Cranage will investigate and respond if necessary.

Members noted:

- f) the dropped kerbstones between 1 & 4 Chapel Rd have been approved.
- g) the gritting route has been extended to include Broad Marston Rd.
- h) a new keycode padlock has been installed on the gate to The Recreation Field.
- i) New dog bins have now been installed on Meon Way Gardens.

The Close & Recreation Field

- a) Members noted the tennis net has now been removed for the winter.
- b) It was resolved for the ditch to be cleared at The Close. Clerk has sought confirmation from Rooftop that they are willing to pay half the costs.
- c) Clerk has authorised the hedge cutting at The Recreation Field.

The zipwire repairs will take place on the mound.

Allotments:

- a) Members noted all allotment holders have been advised of the gate code for the new padlock.
- b) Allotment plot number 10 has been leased.

Highway Matters:

- a) Clerk to re-contact Severn Trent Water regarding manhole cover opposite The Masons Arms.
- b) Police Officer Alex Prentice has taken over from Matt Beards; she has spoken with the nursery regarding consideration when parking

Lengthsman/Handyman Matters:

- Signage clearance works have taken place
- Gully grates have been cleared at Broad Marston

Future Works:

- Bollard on Front St to replace by Bank House.

- Repair works on zipwire mound to take place
VAS:
VAS data has been emailed to Members (Appendix C)

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.

Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00 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: December 2023

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Dear Residents,

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

There have been many improvements by the County Council around our area in the last 12 months, and I am so glad to see the flood alleviation schemes all seemed to work well during the heavy rain we experienced recently.

NEW drains under the Honeybourne Bridges

The good news, the new drains under Honeybourne Bridges worked well on 19th & 20th October. There was widespread flooding but there was little water under the bridges, and the road was still passable.

BUT as previously mentioned, it is so important to make sure any debris that covers any road gully is removed regularly. Since the flood waters of 20th October, I see a lot of mud and leaves have covered the gully on the LHS under the second bridge as you go towards Pebworth, and on 13th November this caused water to flood across the road. I did ask Owl Homes if it was possible to use their road sweeper to

clean the debris under the bridges; Tom Parriot – Site Manager - at Owl Homes was very helpful and said he was going to instruct the road sweeper to brush under the bridges.

REMINDER - CAN THE PARISH AND RESIDENTS PLEASE CHECK ALL GULLY GRATES ARE CLEAR ON A REGULAR BASIS. Simply sweep or remove debris off the top of the gully grate with a spade or a stiff brush; it only takes seconds to do.

Other updates on flooding – Broad Marston

The flood plain in the Heart of England field on Mickleton Rd/Broad Marston Rd worked well on the 20th Octo 2023 too following the excellent work carried out by the volunteers.

As a consequence, there was hardly any water under the Broad Marston/Holt railway bridge, and the road was still passable.

However a little fine tuning to the inlets into the 2 x Flood plains is needed to help the flood plains take great capacity. I have spoken to Jonathan at Broad Marston volunteers, and a few minutes with a spade will hopefully be all that is needed.

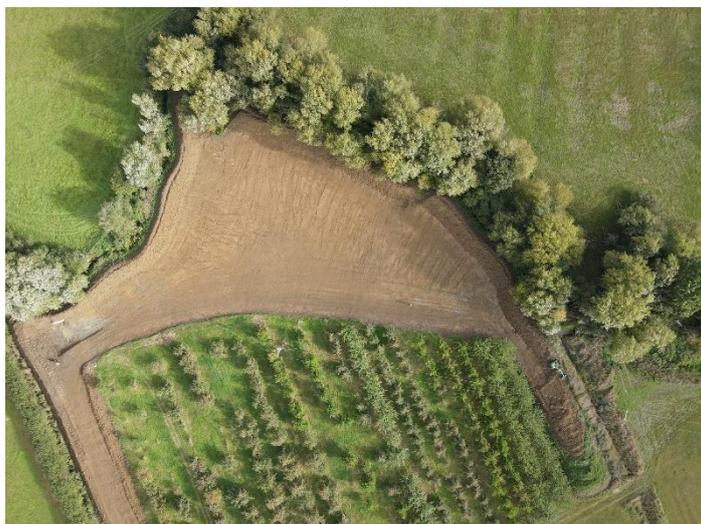
There was some water on the road in front of the Broad Marston Manor entrance, but the road was still passable. This water was mostly coming from the field opposite Cotswold View. A few years ago, the ditch on the right hand side (as you drive out of Broad Marston) was dug out and the soil used to build a bund in the field. This bund has now eroded and disappeared, and in my opinion this ditch needs digging out again, and the soil used to rebuild the bund. I have asked the Pebworth Parish Council to see if there any monies left from the Cala Homes Flood alleviation maintenance fund (£5000) to help clear this ditch. They paid for it last time to be done, and I would strongly recommend they do it again. I spoke to Nick Farmer who did it last time and he is happy to quote to do it again.

Other updates on flooding – Honeybourne

In Honeybourne again there was some water on the road outside the Gate pub but the road was still passable. There was water along the High Street too but it seemed to be coming from the ditch opposite the Gate Inn, and the ditch along the High Street. I had a meeting with WDC flood engineers, and they are going to ask for these ditches to be dug out by the landowners/community. Also some of the

outlets under the raised pavement are to be blocked off on a temporary basis to see if that stops water coming back onto the road from the brook.

The flood plain in the farmer's field upstream of the Gate Pub worked well on the 20th October 2023 following the excellent work carried out by the farmer, Ted Mansfield, over the last 2 years. The flood plain is bigger than 3 football pitches and held back an estimated 10,000 cubic meters of water that evening. Without this flood plain, the junction by the Gate pub would have been about 3 foot deep on the 20th October. See aerial photo showing the size of this flood plain. Once again a HUGE THANK YOU to the farmer in building this flood plain on his land.



Network Rail gives the green light to the new Honeybourne Railway Station Car Park

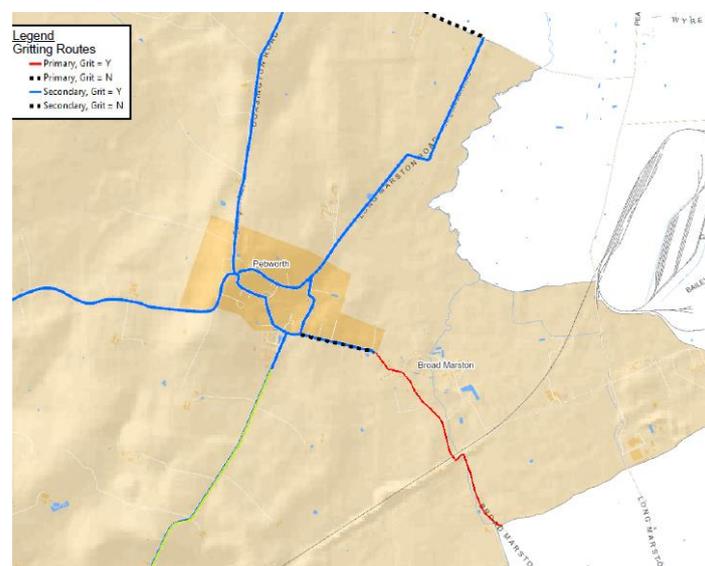
WDC bought some land opposite the platform at Honeybourne Station just off Sheenhill Rd over 4 years ago to build a new railway car park with 200+ parking spaces. Unfortunately, Network Rail wanted £4million from WDC to connect to the existing pedestrian bridge so the project was put on hold. Over the last few years I have held several meetings with representatives from Network Rail and WDC, and started a campaign of writing to the CEO of Network Rail pushing for a cheaper option. The Parish Council, the MD of WDC, and our MP all wrote to the CEO. And at last we have some progress. NR have agreed that a pedestrian level crossing from the new car park to the platform can be constructed over the redundant rail track to Long Marston so the project can go ahead at a much-reduced cost. So hopefully the new Honeybourne Railway Station car

park will be built in the next 12-18 months. Progress has been made in the last month with Network Rail starting to look at designs for the pedestrian level crossing.

Highways:

There are still some road and footway maintenance in progress in Worcestershire please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

- **I have reported the sunken road opposite the entrance to Pebworth Nursery to Highways.** WCC are going to dig to investigate.
- **Dropped kerbs requested opposite 2, and 3, Chapel Road for mobility scooter.** Awaiting survey and quote
- **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.
- **Flooding at Chalk Farm , Buckle Street –** Culvert jetted, but some ditches still need to be dug out by the landowners/residents. Another meeting occurred with residents and WCC & WDC engineers and action plan agreed. Ditch on RHS to be dug out by farmer and new grips dug by WCC
- **Noisy manhole cover opposite the Masons Arms – Repaired By Severn Trent.** Signs to be collected by WCC Ringways.
- **Gritting route extended along Broad Marston Rd**



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.

Ditches – IMPORTANT TO DIG OUT DITCHES TO REDUCE FLOODING

It is the land-owners responsibility to keep their ditches working correctly. At this time of year all ditches should be inspected and where necessary dug out. The bottom of any pipes that feed into the ditches must be clear, and the bottom of the pipe should be above the bottom of the ditch.

Earlier this year a house in Dorsington Rd was flooded at junction with Long Marston Rd. The cause was unmaintained ditches. The good news is the ditches have now been dug out by Heart of England Forest, and all the culverts under the road checked and jetted. On Friday 20th October this house was not flooded. So please keep your ditches clear.



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 & paid

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

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



Solar panel theft.

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

Your local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Matt Beards, PC Alex Prentice and PCSO Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

We are actively involved with social media accounts, please follow them for updates on our work, and local events/news. These are @EveshamCops (Twitter) and @EveshamSNT (Facebook).

What have we been up to?

Officers have conducted several 'drop in sessions' around the patch. Even if the session is in a village, you are more than welcome to attend a drop-in session to speak with us. This is a great way for you to understand what we are doing in your village, and if there is something that you believe we are not doing, it's a great way to tell us.

Officers attended several Firework displays. No issues were reported at these events.

We attended Cavendish Park Care Home for the launch of their poppy wall. We have also attended various Remembrance services.

Various schools have been attended due to concerns over parking at drop off and pick up times. We are encouraging parents to walk to school when they can and park safely if they can't walk.

During the week of 13th-19th November, West Mercia joined police forces up and down the country to support 'Operation Sceptre' - a week long national campaign aimed at tackling knife crime. Officers have attended various schools to discuss this matter along with conducting knife sweeps in local parks where ASB has been reported.

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/>

Drop in Sessions

We now have access to a community engagement van so the team can set up a mobile "office" to allow us to speak with residents and provide advice and crime prevention information.

Keep up to date via Neighbourhood Matters (NHM) for future dates and locations. We have a new community engagement calendar on NHM which will highlight our events.



COURIER FRAUD

Once again we are highlighting Courier Fraud following fresh reports of incidents in the Shropshire area, causing financial loss to victims.

The caller may also be able to confirm some easily obtainable basic details about the victim such as their full name and address. The caller will try and build up trust with the potential victim before proceeding.

How does it work?

- The scammer calls you claiming to be from your bank or

as a police officer and will tell you either a fraudulent payment on your account needs dealing with, or sometimes that a person has been arrested using your details and cards

- You may be asked to call the bank back to convince you the call is genuine using the number on the reverse of your card. However, the Scammer has still kept the line open so you are still in touch with the Scammer
 - If you do try to call your Bank back, always wait at least 5 minutes for the line to clear or use another phone
 - They will either ask you for your card PIN number or tell you to key it into the phone – you should never be asked for your PIN or pass it over on the phone
 - The Caller then tells you they will send a Courier to pick up your card – they may often provide a “password” to give to the Courier to make it sound even more genuine
- Once they have your card and your PIN they then have access to your money.

Other versions of this scam include:

- Asking you to withdraw a large sum of cash which the police will mark and return to the banking system in an effort to identify a corrupt banking person – once you hand over the cash to the courier - it is gone
 - Scammers have also realised now that when a more vulnerable person goes into the Bank to withdraw large sums of cash the Bank staff become suspicious so the Scammer may tell the victim to withdraw the cash in Euros from a Foreign Exchange outlet
 - A person claiming to be a police officer and is investigating sales of counterfeit goods then asks you to buy an expensive item such as a watch or jewellery from a specific retailer. You are then asked to hand it over to the Courier to deliver to the “Police” and again that is the last you see or hear of it.
 - A further common variation is to tell you your bank account has been compromised and you need to transfer all your money into a “Safe Account”. Once again you have delivered your cash directly to the Scammer.
- Protect yourself
- Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone or offer to pick up your card by courier. Hang up if you get a call like this.
 - If you need to call your bank back to check, wait five minutes; fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.
 - If you think you have been scammed use the dedicated “159” telephone number for direct access to your Bank.

Take Five To Stop Fraud

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 OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you’ve fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Avoid disclosing security details
- Emails, Phone Calls and Texts may not be authentic
- Always make direct contact with any organisation by using a genuine phone number
- Stop and Challenge any unexpected requests
- Protect others by reporting Fraud and Scams

If you’ve fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to **7726** to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks.

Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk.

To make a report of a crime or incident, please contact West Mercia Police at www.westmercia.police.uk or dial 999 in an emergency, or 101

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Report

The full results of the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner’s Town & Parish Council Survey have been published. The PCC is grateful to have heard from a record number of 182 councils, an increase of 30% from last year, about their feelings on policing. If you’re interested to see the results, please read below. Further, if you would be able to share with your local community any your relevant platforms, e.g. website, newsletter, or social media, it would be appreciated.

In **South Worcestershire**, over a quarter (33%) of respondents agree West Mercia Police is working well with councils to identify and address local crime and disorder issues.

Other results from respondents included:

- 28% state they agree/strongly agree that they have confidence in the police to tackle local crime and disorder issues.
- Three-quarters (72%) explained police have been in contact to identify priorities as a town/parish council.
- 43% explained the police have acted upon the priorities set out.
- 50% explained they find it fairly easy/very easy to access their local policing teams.
- 38% believe that anti-social behaviour is a fairly big/very big problem in their area.

Over three-quarters (77%) state road safety is a fairly big/very big problem, alongside criminal damage/vandalism (31%).

PCC John Campion said: *“As PCC, my pledge is clear to ensure everyone from all corners of our communities has a voice, and it’s heard at the highest level in policing. This survey allows me to understand the concerns of communities across West Mercia, and I will ensure they are acted upon.*

“It’s welcome to see that councils in Worcestershire believe West Mercia Police is doing work of value within the community and they feel they are being heard. However, I acknowledge it could always be better as I want all residents to feel they are safe in their community by befitting from the investment I have made to provide West Mercia Police with a record number of officers and for residents to believe the force is delivering a high-quality service that both they and I expect them to.”



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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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