

Covering Pebworth and surrounding districts

# *Pebworth Piper*

November 2023



**Meet The New  
Masons Arms  
Landlords**

**Prize Bingo Date**

**Harvest Festival &  
Supper Report**

**Village Quiz**





# Welcome!



Christmas is fast-approaching and I am pleased to be able to tell you that, in addition to the normal December edition, I will be producing a special Christmas edition for villagers to pass on seasonal wishes to their friends. If you would like to wish anyone, or everyone, a Merry Christmas, please email me your text by 30<sup>th</sup> November and I will include it. If you would like to be more creative and produce a graphic, that is fine as long as you send it to me in jpeg form please.

Sadly, we received no wildlife photos this month. The theme for December is 'Festive photos'. Hopefully, we'll be inundated with photos.

Best wishes

*Happy reading!*

*Karen*

Please contact the editors with any contributions, photographs, news and announcements for the  
**November Piper** on or before **20<sup>th</sup> November**.

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 VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE	Church Services - November					
	Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey	Weston sub Edge	Aston sub Edge
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b>			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	10.00 am Muddy Church	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	10.52 am Remembrance Service	No Service Dorsington to join Pebworth	3.00 pm Remembrance Service <b>in Church</b>	10.30 am Remembrance Service	9.00 am Remembrance Service	4.00 pm Remembrance Service
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>			11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service		4.00 pm Evensong
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King/ Sunday next before Advent</b>	11.00 am Family Service	No service		10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		4.00 pm Holy Communion (Traditional language)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b>			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	No service	







## HARVEST FESTIVAL & HARVEST SUPPER

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee & Pebworth Parochial Church Council, I write to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way and helped to make Pebworth's Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival Service such resounding successes.

Father Kevin said Grace, and the village sank its teeth into delicious Beef Bourguignon, followed by crumble, courtesy of the very talented village cooks, supervised by Ursula and Jane. The sound of music and chatter filled the hall, and our Bell Ringers manned the Bar! A joyous evening took place and the proceeds amounted to **£875.82**, which will be shared equally between the Village Hall and the Church. A fantastic evening enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday, St Peter's rang with traditional harvest hymns, skilfully accompanied by Pamela. The little children brought their harvest gifts to the altar, where they were blessed, before being distributed to Home Farm Trust in Bidford upon Avon.

Festive thanks to the entire village:-attendees, cooks, ticket sellers, baristas, entertainers, singers, musicians, donors, organisers, and Bell Ringers who washed the glasses and plates back to starry brightness!

A fruitful thank you, one and all.

Elizabeth



The AfterKnights and the Mos Eisley Brothers performing at Harvest Supper





The Elves are busy preparing his Sleigh ....

Father Christmas  
is coming to  
Pebworth with the  
help of our  
Firefighters to say  
Hey!



*More information to come at the end of November!*

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning. Also thanks to Barbara, Kathy and Sue for the delicious cakes.

We are also grateful to our loyal helpers, Steve, Liz, Ann and Sophie, not forgetting David and Dudley for setting up the hall.

The amount raised was **£420.50**. This will increase slightly with gift aid in respect of donations.

Once again thank you all for supporting this worthy cause.

*Rachel & Sally*



# 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**

October	11th	25th
November	8th	22nd
December	6th <small>pre-order by 22nd Nov</small>	13th
January	10th	17th

**Free Squash for the Children & Activities during the holidays!**

**Prices are:**

**Mug of Tea or Coffee - £1.00**

**Refill - 50p**

**Unlimited Biscuits!**

**Homemade Soup & Roll during winter**

**£2.00**

*This event is Cash only*

**For more information contact Jodi: 07944933001**



## A VILLAGE ALMANAC

By Charlotte Foskett

*'If the Geese on St Martin's Day ( November 11th ) do slide on ice,  
at Christmas they will walk in mud.'*

In the old Roman Calendar, November was the ninth month of the year which began with March, and November 11th marked the beginning of Winter! During Anglo Saxon times, November was known as 'Blod-Monath' as this was the month in which the cattle were slaughtered to honour the Gods.

As the temperature dips during the days and nights of November, the month signifies a big change for two of our native species. Bats, still seen feasting nightly in October, go into hibernation for the winter. They don't breed or hibernate in the same place and require a 'hibernacula roost' to be cool and dry and stable. There is some evidence to suggest that members of the pipistrelle group are venturing further afield to continental Europe to overwinter before returning in the Spring.



November is the month when fox cubs permanently leave their mothers and venture out further afield to find their own territories and mates. The healthiest of young foxes usually travel the furthest as they have built up fat reserves and are keen to establish their own territories and families while the runts of a litter don't travel as far and sometimes never establish a territory but become subordinates and help a dominant pair of foxes look after their cubs.

New Moon - 13th November  
Full Moon - 27th November





### **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](mailto:co@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk) or call 01386 45035

# PEBWORTH FIRST SCHOOL

*Why wouldn't you travel 8 minutes\* to give your child the best education?*

**Their Journey Starts Here**

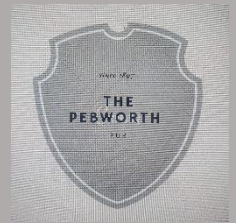


**OPEN DAYS**

**Tuesday 14 November 3.30pm - 4.30pm**  
**Thursday 16 November 9.30am - 11.30am**

\*average travel time

# The Pebworth Masons Arms



## Welcome Vikki And Rob!

We are delighted to welcome Vikki and Rob to the village as the new landlords of the Pebworth Masons Arms. Between them they have 46 years' experience in the hospitality industry so our village pub is in safe hands.



You may already have noticed a few changes. The garden is undergoing a thorough tidy up, and the new, quirky hanging baskets have been planted with winter pansies to provide some colour through the colder months.

Vikki and Rob intend to install a small kitchen so that they can provide basket meals and Sunday roasts, as well as sandwiches and baguettes. They also plan to create a patio area outside the summerhouse which can be used for barbecues in the summer.



As well as continuing the music events, our new landlords hope to reinstate the quiz and bingo nights along with traditional pub games nights including darts, dominoes, pool, skittles and cribbage. They are also hoping to host a local air rifle club's practice night once a week.

The new opening hours for the pub are:

Monday to Wednesday	- 4-8pm
Thursday	- 4-10pm
Friday	- 4-11pm
Saturday	- 12-11pm
Sunday	- 12-8pm

Vikki and Rob are keen to support village events, starting with providing tea and coffee after the Remembrance Service on the recreation ground on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.



# **Pebworth Village Hall**

## **Winter Prize**



**Friday 17th November**

**Pebworth Village Hall**

**Doors open 18:30**

**Eyes Down 19:00**

**Bar Open - Cash Only Event - Accompanied Children Welcome**

# Naughty Robots (Part 2)

The little childra-bots in their marching mode were approaching the garden wall in caterpillar formation. They had been reading about the Romans and their tortoise formations. They were hot with small-boy revenge at being spoken to in an untoward manner. Times had changed whereas it had been normal to speak to small boys in harsh tones, boy-shaped robots were not inclined to quaver. They did have emotions, but they did have pre-programmed responses. They had been spoken to too harshly. This was tantamount to an assault: reaction: defend, defend. The caterpillar marched on up over the brick wall. The Beast woman shrieked. Revenge was being visited upon her, or rather her garden. Those peonies were trampled to mulch. The *it, the un-godly creature*, now all-one turned and headed towards her. She shrieked again, fell to her knees in the mud, and prayed to the Grand Engineer. Using her very loud voice, she said she would never insult a robot again, that she was a changed woman, that she would adopt a childra-bot, that she would tell her bank manager that The Grand Engineer, who was a good and honest man worthy of another loan. He took

his hand off the dead man's handle: the *it* stopped.

The caterpillar divided back into childra-bots again. They skipped and hummed and helped her up. They made soft murmuring sounds and took her to the garden bench by the hedge. They smiled at her. She smiled back, but hesitantly. One of the childra-bots brought her a cup of Russian tea with a slice of quince. Well, they cannot get everything right. She held the cup rattling in her bony fingers and said: thank you.

The childra-bots all smiled and skipped,



waved and returned to the wall. They were not in a row like a caterpillar and so could not climb the wall. It seemed to the worrying wardress that she would have to have an obsequious word with her neighbour, the Grand Engineer, or be stuck with a pack of childra-bots for ever. They would sit in her house eating up all her electricity.

**Moral: be polite to robots.**



# Steve's Pop Up Farm Shop

Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
08:30 - 13:00

Located at  
The Masons Arms, Pebworth



*Rob & Vikki will have the pub open serving  
Teas & Coffees*

Selling Fresh Local Vegetables,  
Herbs & Eggs

Steve - 07341828744

It's very rare that we welcome back a speaker for a third time but Mike Bottomley is a very knowledgeable and engaging historian and this time we learned more about Katherine Parr, whom he described as the Gloucestershire Queen but whom most people know better as King Henry VIII's last queen. Most people are unaware that she was the first female author to be published in the English language, that she was a highly educated woman, a keen follower of the Protestant religion and was trusted to be put in charge of the country when Henry VIII travelled to France. She was a caring stepmother to his three children and nursed him to the end of his life when she was finally free to marry the man she had loved for many years. Her interesting life ended after a few years of happy marriage and a baby daughter when she died at Sudeley Castle where she is buried. This was a very interesting story of a Tudor queen that we know more about now.

After being told about all the events coming up – the WI Carol service at Church Lench, a visit to David Austen roses, and to Evesham's Henrician theatre to hear retired policeman and raconteur Alfie Moore – it was time to elect the new committee for 2024. It looks remarkably like the previous one with Jenny as president, Julie as secretary and Heather as treasurer with Anne, Bec, Charlotte, Judy and Nicole taking on all the other roles which makes our WI so successful.



We all agreed that the charity we would like to support this year is the Rigby Unit at Stratford Hospital. Although the facility is funded by the NHS it relies heavily on donations. It has offered support and treatment to several of our members and so we were delighted to agree to Jean's proposal.

Julie reported on our very busy year with many highlights, Heather assured us that our finances are very healthy and Bec presented a delighted Anne with the prize for winning most competition points this year.

If you feel tempted to find out more about our WI this year, please contact our president Jenny McLeish ([jenny.mcl@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jenny.mcl@tiscali.co.uk)) or go to [www.pebworth.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> November when, with Halloween in the air, we're looking forward to learning more about witchcraft in the Cotswolds from Kathryn Jackson.**





A special thanks from everyone who attends Coffee on the Close to Councillor Alastair Adams who kindly donated £330 from his divisional fund. This has paid for the hire of the Hall for the winter months and has enabled us to purchase a Soup Kettle. During the winter months we are serving homemade soup and a roll for £2.00 we always welcome new faces so please join us. See the Coffee on the Close Poster for when and where you'll find us!



## PARISH COUNCIL FIREWORKS NOTICE

With November 5th fast approaching and fireworks events already being held, this time of year can often be very hard on pet owners and we often get feedback that people were not aware of upcoming events.

Whilst the Parish Council does not any have jurisdiction over events held on private land, we would like to request that all parishioners do their utmost to advise the village of these types of events as a matter of common courtesy and with enough notice so that people can take appropriate action.

The easiest way to circulate things, and the medium with the widest reach, is by email and social media. We fully understand that not all parishioners are active on social media, but the PC can help anyone out in the communication of relevant messages. Please contact the Parish Council through the normal way should you wish us to help out in the communication about an event.

Regards  
Richard Weller  
Chairman, Pebworth Parish Council



# THE F SHOOTS

THE MASONS ARMS

PEBWORTH

**SATURDAY**  
**4TH NOV**

**8PM**  
**TIL LATE....**





by Jenny  
McLeish

**W**inning GOLD again doesn't get any less exciting after 10 years in a row. So we are just as delighted now as in 2013 when we won our first gold. Many thanks to our many volunteers and supporters for another year of making the village such an attractive and friendly place to live.

The Saturday crew were working at the entrance to Elm Close at the end of September and made a huge difference to its appearance, removing brambles, pruning shrubs and planting new ones despite the excitement when Steve took a tumble into the watercourse! Sadly, the elm tree in the village hall grounds has had to be removed. We have been monitoring it, along with 4 others, for Pershore College. We planted them in 2016 but Dutch elm disease had attacked it so it had to come out. Our next working party will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov when we will be tidying up the churchyard and the Town Pool ready for winter. The weather is bound to be lovely so join us at 10am.

We hope that as many as possible will join us for the annual act of remembrance at the memorial area on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50 am, ready for the 2-minute silence at 11am. This is always a poignant event which gives the village a chance to commemorate the lives of the 21 men of Pebworth who lost their lives in world wars.



We hope to give a report and lots of photos in the next issue of the Piper, of the Pumpkin Party, celebrating everything spooky and Halloweeny, which we organised with the help of Jodie on the afternoon of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.



Pebworth hedgehogs appear to be thriving and at the moment continue to be very active BUT any time now they will start to hibernate. Our village hedgehog warden Les has issued this plea as the cold of winter approaches.

*"Any pile of wood or brush is going to be an attractive prospect for a hedgehog looking for somewhere dry and cozy in which to hibernate. Please check your bonfires well before November 5<sup>th</sup> as any disturbance during hibernation can be extremely dangerous, as hedgehogs, once disturbed, use up their precious energy reserves to become active again".*





# Pebworth Village Hall Weekly Groups

Jane Cromack

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

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](http://www.pebworth.org)  
or just go along on the day and say hello!



# The Noticeboard

## Mobile Library



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

School Road layby  
Broad Marston Road

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

## Flag Days For November 2023



## Zipwire Closure

The Parish Council would like to advise that the zipwire on The Close will be temporarily closed after the October half term holiday. This is to allow for remedial repairs to the surface to take place and for the area to fully recover.



## 100 Club October Winners

£25

£15

£15

N & L Holdsworth

A Adams

G Bradbury

**Congratulations!**

*Robin*

# The Pebworth Village Hall Quiz 2023



is on  
**Friday November 3rd**

Doors open 7.00pm  
(Quiz starts at 7.30pm)

Entry £5 per person (Up to 4 in a team)

Pay on the door (Cash or card)

*Ploughman's Supper available to buy in the interval.*

*Bar open throughout*

Prizes for the winners.  
Lemons for the worst!

For further info and to book your team a table or to find a team to join,  
phone Jane Cromack on 01789 720319 or text 07977071233  
or email [jvcromack@aol.com](mailto:jvcromack@aol.com)  
Proceeds to Pebworth Village Hall





# Pebworth Rural Cinema

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November



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

## On-call firefighters required for Pebworth Fire Station

**H**ereford & 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/](http://www.hwfire.org.uk/join-us/retained-firefighter/) or email [gflower@hwfire.org.uk](mailto:gflower@hwfire.org.uk).





# Pebworth Parish Council

Abridged Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

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:**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7pm at Pebworth Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors: Richard Weller, James Pearson, David Cranage & Jodi Cotton

**In attendance:** County Councillor Adams & District Councillor Hannah Robson, Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

**Also in attendance:** 5 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.

**a)** 5 members of the public were in attendance:

- Resident thanked the Parish Council for help regarding the proposed dropped kerb and the lifting of the canopies of the trees on The Close.
- Complaint regarding a resident in Elm Close; although this is not something the Parish Council can be involved with, the Clerk will inform the local police officer.
- Query raised regarding the VAS data. Cllr Weller advised this is being monitored and the data is provided in the minutes.
- An update was given regarding the recent meeting with Meon Way Residents Association and Persimmon Homes. Minutes are provided as Appendix B.
- District Councillor Robson had a meeting with the police regarding Meon Way Gardens. They have agreed they will drive around Meon Way when they are in Pebworth. She has suggested a mobile police van to perhaps carry out a surgery for residents. A resident stated there does

seem to have been a better police presence recently.

- Welford Bridge is being closed; Cllr Cotton will provide the predicted closure dates which will be appended at the end of the minutes (Appendix C)

**b)** County Councillor Adams – arrived 19:45.

**c)** District Councillor Ciotti sent her apologies. She is currently investigating the issue with the dog bins at Meon Way Gardens.

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

**District Councillor Robson reported:**

Wychavon District Council are pushing a drive on food waste and recycling.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan has been formally submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

**Planning Matters:**

**a)** 14 Middlesex, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth, CV37 8XF: Hobby workshop (part retrospective). Following discussion Clerk to respond “No comment”.

**b)** Ryknild, Buckle Street, Honeybourne, WR11 8QQ: Erection of garage, workshop and storage building. Following discussion Clerk to respond “No comment”.

**c)** Cherry Orchard, Back Lane, Pebworth, CV37 8XA: Two storey front extension, and first floor rear and side extensions. Cllr Weller declared an interest in this application and did not take part in responses. Following consultation via email Clerk responded with –

“Whilst Pebworth Parish Council has no problem with the principle of redeveloping and expanding the existing property we would

ask that the Planning Officer check the design and materials comply with the Design Policy P3, page 33 of the Pebworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Should you be minded to approve this application the Parish Council would like consideration given to neighbouring and nearby property owners in relation to appropriate traffic and construction management conditions, eg working hours, washing of tyres as the site is at the end of a narrow, single track road with other properties also being improved upon."

- d) Hill House, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth CV37 8XG: Single-storey extension to rear, first-floor extension to side, new dormer windows and external alterations. Following consultation via email Clerk responded with "No Comment".

#### **Decisions:**

- a) Installation of 24 Ground Aligned Photovoltaic Solar Panels at Low Furrow Farmhouse, Low Furrow Farm, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8AP. **Application Approved Subject to Conditions.**
- b) Construction of detached garage/garden store/workshop (part Pebworth Parish Council retrospective) at Mobile Home At Sunnycroft, Pebworth Road, Ullington, **Application Approved Subject to Conditions.**
- c) Removal of Condition 4 on granted planning approval W/12/01027 - Replacement dwelling Mobile Home at Sunnycroft, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth. **Application Refused.**

#### **Finance:**

It was **resolved** to:

- a) to purchase a Parish Council wreath regarding Remembrance Day
- b) approve the second quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and income and expenditure budgets. Cllr Cotton initialled.

Members noted new 24 month mobile contract has been signed at £7.70 pm which is a 50% reduction.

#### **Council & Community Matters:**

- a) A works order has been given to lift the crowns on the 12 trees on Chapel Rd. These works will take place at the end of Oct/beg of Nov when the trees are dormant.
- b) Update still awaited regarding dog bins on Meon Way Gardens.
- c) Update following meeting with Persimmon Homes on 29th September was discussed during Open Forum.
- d) Policing situation at Meon Way Gardens was discussed during Open Forum.

SIMS Metals appear to be working past 9pm which is in contravention of planning. District Councillor Robson will take this forward with Enforcement.

**County Councillor Adams arrived at 19:45.** The Chairman suspended the meeting for a report to be provided which is appended to the minutes.

Broadway volunteers finished putting in the flood alleviation works at the Heart of England Forest.

Extra drainage system has been installed and it is hoped the flooding has been solved under Honeybourne bridges.

Grant provided for the Village Hall.

It has been agreed for a temporary pedestrian crossing for the proposed Honeybourne Railway Station car park.

Street cleaning works to be requested by District Councillor Robson.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 20:10

#### **The Close & Recreation Field**

- a) Members noted the remedial works have now been completed and the remaining balance can now be paid.
- b) Clerk to place a reminder in the Piper & Petrus that dogs are not allowed on the Recreation ground.
- c) New numerical padlock to be bought for the Rec, Clerk to advise allotment holders of the code.

#### **Cemetery:**

Members considered the additional headstone audit report. There are 24 headstones that require immediate work with a further 18 to be re-checked in the future. It was resolved to accept the quote from Simply Stone and for Clerk to issue the works order.



**Allotments:**

Members noted allotment plot 10 has now been handed back and deposit of £20 refunded. Clerk has offered this to the next person on the list but has not received a response to date.

**Highway Matters:**

- a) Following the recent enquiry from a resident during the September Open Forum, Highways has raised a request with the Minor Infrastructure Projects Team to survey a single dropped crossing opposite Nos 2 and 3 Chapel Road. If accepted it may still need funding.
- b) Query raised regarding speed limit on Campden Rd B4632. Clerk to contact Warwickshire Highways.

**Lengthsman/Handyman Matters:****a) Works carried out:**

- Vegetation cleared from the Bus shelter on Broad Marston Road and a coat of fence paint given.
- Cleared the grill on The Close ditch bridge and removed debris.

**b) Future Tasks:**

- Tennis net to be taken down.
- Zip wire works to be undertaken after the half term break.
- Grip clearance works.

VAS data is appended to the minutes.

**Matters Raised by Members:** The following matter was raised by Council Members for consideration for future agendas:

A request had been received from the Friends of Pebworth First School to place a banner on The Rec's fence, advertising the school's open day. This was unanimously approved.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.

**Closure of Meeting:** The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:55 hrs

You can contact the Parish Council via the clerk at [clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

**County Councillor Report – Pebworth**

**Month: November 2023**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council**

**NEW drains under the Honeybourne Bridges should help alleviate the flooding**

Honeybourne Rd was closed for 2 weeks in whilst WCC installed a new network of drains on the Honeybourne side and fitted large gullies to the existing drains. See photo below.



**The good news, the new drains worked!** On 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October we had really the heavy rain and widespread flooding but there was little water under the bridges, and the road was still passable. So another flood alleviation scheme that has worked.

**Other updates on flooding form 20/10/23**

The flood plain in the Heart of England field on Mickleton Rd/Broad Marston Rd worked well on the 20<sup>th</sup> Octo 2023 following the excellent work carried out by the volunteers last month. The new channel worked well, and the flood plain filled – see photo below.



As a consequence, there was hardly any water under the Broad Marston/Holt railway bridge, and the road was still passable. So another flood alleviation scheme that has worked.

The Noleham brook was still very high on 20/10/23 as you can see from the photo below, and a little fine tuning to the inlets into the 2 x Flood plains may be needed. I will liaise with the Broad Marston volunteers.



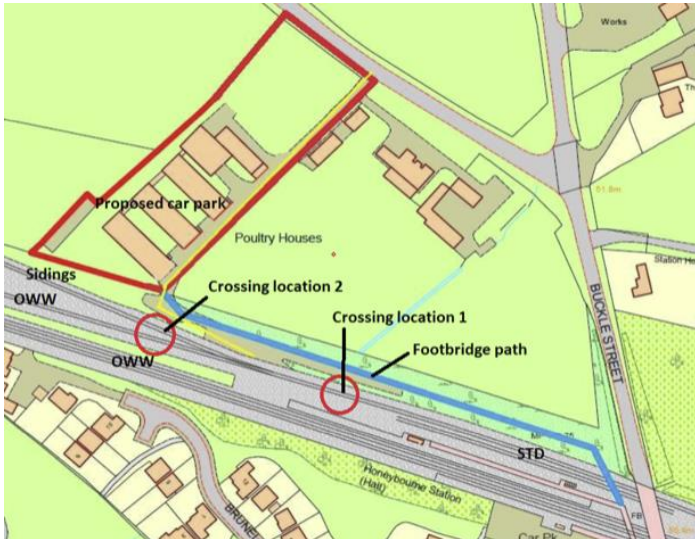
There was some water on the road in front of the Broad Marston Manor entrance, but the road was still passable. This water was mostly coming from the field opposite Cotswold View. A few years ago, the ditch on the right hand side (as you drive out of Broad Marston) was dug out and the soil used to build 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.

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. So the huge flood plain downstream of Honeybourne built in the last 2 years worked too.

#### **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. See below map showing the proposed crossings.





### **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. Also, please clear any debris off the road gullies near your homes to allow any rain to drain away.

- **I have reported the sunken road opposite the entrance to Pebworth Nursery to Highways.**
- **Request to extend gritting route along Broad Marston Rd has been accepted by WCC.** This will ensure there is a safe route for the school bus Chipping Campden. Awaiting the gritting routes to be updated on the WCC website.
- **Dropped kerbs requested opposite 2, and 3, Chapel Road for mobility scooter.** Awaiting survey and quote
- **I have reported to Severn Trent the foul sewer manhole in School Rd** which had foul water coming up through the manhole when we had the heavy rainfall recently.
- **Flooding at Chalk Farm , Buckle Street** – Culvert jetted, but some ditches still need to be dug out by the landowners/residents. Meeting arranged with WDC and residents.
- **Noisy manhole cover opposite the Masons Arms** – reported to Severn Trent to repair.
- **Welford Bridge Closed**
  - > Closure:  
Mon 30th Oct - Fri 22nd Dec  
(Foot & Cycle Access only)

> Christmas - bridge open  
Sat 23 Dec - Mon 19 Feb

> Closure:  
Tue 20th Feb - Wed 19 Mar  
(Foot & Cycle Access only)

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](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 and all the culverts under the road checked and jetted. 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](mailto: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

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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](mailto: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 a drop-in session in one of the villages in the rural north patch. This proved extremely successful, and we will be doing this monthly allowing people from the villages to come and meet us in person. Please keep an eye on social media and Neighbourhood Matters for future dates. Even if the session is not in your village, you are

more than welcome to attend any 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 have been busy covering the local MOP fair in town. This was an extremely busy weekend for officers, but we were happy to see some local residents who took the time to say hi to us.

We have also been visiting every school on our patch and have dropped off SmartWater and signage. We even got a 'hello, hello, hello' from one of the primary school aged pupils at one of the schools which did make us laugh.

Officers across the Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team have been visiting vulnerable residents across all areas who are at risk of cuckooing. Cuckooing is the term used to describe the actions of gangs who travel to towns and take over the homes of vulnerable people in order to deal drugs. These visits are routine unannounced visits, with the aim to identify and proactively safeguard vulnerable drug users whose premises are likely to be used by dealers.

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.***







## How to Report Intelligence About Illegal Drug Use: A Guide

I'd like to talk to you about an issue that concerns us all: misuse of drugs and the illegal drug trade within our communities.

### The Work We're Doing

I want to assure you that the West Mercia Police are tirelessly working to tackle the issue of drug misuse on multiple fronts. Not only are we committed to identifying and apprehending drug dealers, but we're also making a concerted effort to disrupt the market at its roots. Importantly, our approach isn't solely punitive; we're working in partnership with local authorities, health and social care to actively safeguard those who may be at risk of exploitation or who are vulnerable drug users.

### Why Your Help Matters

People often hesitate to report drug activity because they're not sure if their information is relevant or significant. Rest assured, every piece of intelligence is valuable. The more information we have, the better equipped we are to understand the nature and scale of the problem, which in turn allows us to take more effective action. Please don't assume that because you think a problem is obvious or is happening regularly that the police must know about it or aren't interested in resolving it. It may well be that we need that extra piece of information from you to support a search warrant or a proactive operation.

### What to Report

**Suspicious Activity:** Keep an eye out for unusual foot traffic at all hours, quick exchanges between people in cars or on the street, or an unusually high number of visitors to a particular address.

**Physical Evidence:** Discarded drug paraphernalia like needles, small plastic bags, or torn pieces of cling film in public spaces can also be signs of drug activity.

**Overheard Information:** Sometimes, snippets of conversation can provide valuable clues about drug deals or supply chains.

### How to Report

**999 for Immediate Danger:** If you believe there is an immediate risk to life or property, don't hesitate to call

999. The situation may require swift intervention by the police or other emergency services.

**101 for Non-Urgent Reports:** If you want to provide information about ongoing drug activities that are not an immediate threat, you can call 101 to reach your local police.

**Online Reporting:** You can report drug intelligence via our website [westmercia.police.uk](https://westmercia.police.uk) and can also use our postcode search on the home page to find contact details for your neighbourhood team. Emailing your local officer is a great way to get in touch.

**Crimestoppers:** If you'd like to stay anonymous, you can call the independent UK charity, Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111. Your anonymity is 100% guaranteed.

**Speak to us on the beat:** If you're comfortable doing so, you can always walk into your local police station to give information in person or catch a PC or PCSO on patrol for a chat in confidence.

### Safety and Privacy

Your personal safety and privacy are of the utmost importance. All reports are treated confidentially, and you have the option to remain anonymous if you wish. Do not put yourself in harms way in the pursuit of information, trust that our expert intelligence officers will review your reports and take appropriate action to develop further leads.

### Conclusion

Tackling drug misuse is a collective effort that requires the co-operation of all residents. By reporting what you know, you contribute to the safety and well-being of our entire community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we can ensure Worcestershire remains a safe place for all.

Best wishes,

Dave

**Inspector Dave Wise**  
**Safer Neighbourhood Malvern Hills and Wychavon**  
**| West Mercia Police**

## 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.

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



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