

Covering Pebworth and surrounding districts

# *Pebworth Piper*

October 2023



**Village Quiz**

**Wildlife Photos**

**Harvest Supper**

**Village  
Noticeboard**



# Welcome!



I am pleased to introduce a couple of new features this month. The first is a **Village Almanack** by Charlotte Foskett which will chart the changing wildlife and countryside around Pebworth as we go through the year. The second is an online, **interactive jigsaw** puzzle. You will need to be reading the pdf version (rather than the flipbook version) of the Piper to be able to use the html link to access it. If you have any photos you think would make good jigsaws, please send them in.

Also, we are introducing a monthly theme for the Wildlife Photos. The theme for November is 'Water'.

I hope you enjoy the new features.

Best wishes

*Karen*

*Happy reading!*

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

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# ***HARVEST SUPPER***

**Saturday  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Doors open 7.00 pm (Food served at 7:30) at  
Pebworth Village Hall

Hearthy home cooked two course supper and some  
live entertainment!  
Licensed Bar & Raffle

**For TICKETS: £15 per person  
Please contact  
Yvonne on 01789 720296  
or Jane at [jvcromack@aol.com](mailto:jvcromack@aol.com)**

Proceeds to St Peter's Church and Pebworth Village  
Hall Funds



# VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE

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

VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE	Church Services - October					
	Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey	Weston sub Edge	Aston sub Edge
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b> Trinity 17			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b> Trinity 18	11.00 am <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>		11.00 am Family Service at the Village Hall	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	11.00 am <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	6.30 pm <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> Trinity 19			11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service		6.30 pm Evensong
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> Trinity 20	11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>		10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		6.30 pm Holy Communion (Traditional language)
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b> Bible Sunday/ Last Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Modern language) at Pebworth					
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> All Saints' Day			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		





## Long Service Award For Former Councillor John Hyde

Former Parish Councillor John Hyde was presented with a scroll in recognition of his long service as a councillor before the September Parish Council Meeting. The scroll confers the Freedom of the Parish of Pebworth on John, the first time this has been awarded in Pebworth's history. The scroll was presented by Vice-chairman James Pearson.

John served as a Parish Councillor for Pebworth for just over 30 years. As James pointed out in his speech, John joined Pebworth Parish Council at a time when John Major was Prime Minister and Bill Clinton was being sworn in as US President. It was even before the National Lottery had begun. James thanked John for his long, selfless service and dedication to the needs of the parishioners of Pebworth. In response, John reflected on how the Parish Council had changed over the 31 years and thanked all those who served with him.

## Wychavon Parish Games



The latest results from the Parish Games are that we lost to Bretforton in the Men's darts, to Bengeworth in the cribbage and also lost a very close skittles match against Honeybourne. Pebworth were placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the angling. Ken Wood described the cribbage match against Bengeworth as '*a thrilling encounter*'.

If you'd like to get involved next year with the Parish Games, please contact Jodi or Ken Wood. We'd particularly be keen to form a Pebworth 5-a-side football team!

Jodi - [jodicotton10@gmail.com](mailto:jodicotton10@gmail.com) or Ken - [ken.w.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.w.wood@btinternet.com)



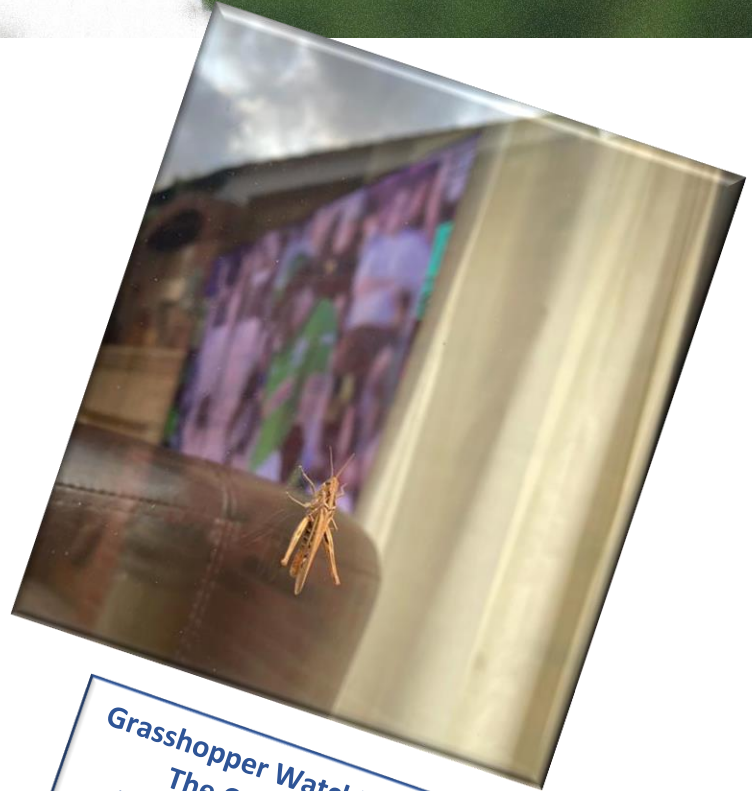
# Wildlife Photos



Sent in by our readers



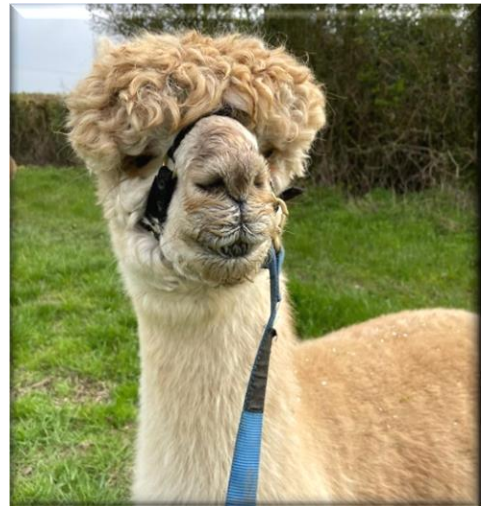
Grasshopper By Karen Pearson



Grasshopper Watching  
The Cricket  
By James Pearson



Cattle  
By David Collins



Alpaca  
By David Collins

If you have any wildlife photos or other photos of Pebworth and the surrounding area that you would like us to include in future editions of the Pebworth Piper, please email them to [kpearson@active-research.co.uk](mailto:kpearson@active-research.co.uk). The theme for November is 'Water'.



## A VILLAGE ALMANAC

By Charlotte Foskett

*"If ducks do slide at Hallowtide, At Christmas they will swim;  
If ducks do swim at Hallowtide, At Christmas they will slide!"*

### The Month Of October

October is a glorious month of colour!

By the end of this month when the clocks go back and the mists of the mornings lace the lanes, many of the trees will have lost their leaves transforming our roads and gardens into a rich coloured carpet. However, leaf colour is affected by frost. If we have some wonderful frosty nights and dawns then the colour of the leaves will be more striking!

Watch out for a quick flash of a jay bird as October is a busy time for jays and squirrels as they hide acorns and other nuts for the coming Winter months. Animals that hibernate will begin to search out their safe havens and this is the time to make sure that there aren't any precious Hedgehogs hiding innocently under garden bonfires! Keep an eye out for young or small hedgehogs as they may need a helping hand!



October still has many warm days even if the nights are perceptibly cooler, and on these rich, warm days the butterflies and bees and drowsy wasps feast on the last pollen and nectar of the year to be found on the Ivy bushes in our village. The butterfly, Red Admiral, particularly loves Ivy and it is so important that we let Ivy flower and bloom as it provides such a beneficial habitat for many of our declining insects.



By All Hallow's Eve, our migratory thrushes, such as the redwing and the fieldfare, should have returned to the UK. The redwing is our smallest thrush and is easy to spot by its chestnut red underwing. It can be seen in large numbers in October as they migrate south, sometimes stripping holly trees of every berry. Fieldfares have a slate grey head, nape and back and have a harsh chattering call. They also love feasting on invertebrates and berries.

It is said that if the trees and hedgerows are laden with berries then we are in for a harsh winter!

Finally, try and leave some foliage to overwinter as it will provide much needed shelter and food for a whole host of wildlife!





## 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

PET PORTRAITS  
BESPOKE PERSONAL PORTRAITS BY  
MOLLY & MAUD

*Pricing Guide*

<b>OPTION 1</b> Oil painting On Canvas Head & Shoulders* 30cm x 40cm  £330 + £20 P&P	<b>OPTION 2</b> Mixed media on artist quality 230gsm paper  £199 + £10 P&P	<b>OPTION 3</b> Charcoal drawing on A3 paper  £90 + £5 P&P
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# Jigsaw Puzzle



Welcome to our new feature. To access this please click on the picture above or follow this link <https://jigex.com/AZhf7> . You will need to be viewing the pdf version for the links to work. You can find this attached to the email from Ken Wood or on the Home page of [www.pebworth.org](http://www.pebworth.org)  
Let me know what you think of it.



# Naughty Robots

The shed at the bottom of the Grand Engineer's garden had been noisy for some time. It was not just his rather flat rendition of the Hebrew Slaves that pricked the neighbours' ears, it was the shuffling from a test track he had laid around his vegetable patch.

Every afternoon, when they were sampling Lapsang Souchong and nibbling squashed fly biscuits under their awnings, this awful awareness arose. In mere moments, the teacups rattled on the saucers. Heads, hats and tortoise-shell spectacles popped above the fence.

A regiment of regular robots was now emerging from the shed, in a row. They were tramping, all in step and all with heads that rotated nearly 360°. They each had two feet and were four feet tall. Each had its hands clamped on the elbows of the one in front. This was a routine that let them advance like a caterpillar. Their arms were pulsing like the piston rods of a steam engine. The susurrating sound reminded older neighbours of the chuff-chuff of their childhood days listening to those long-loved locomotives. Connected together in a line like a cabbage caterpillar they could clime over obstacles – the back



ones pushing the front ones up smooth ridges then the front ones pulling . . you get the idea. Now, the Grand Engineer was a wise man, of course, he had to placate the psychology of the human response what was new – he made it seem old.

The chuff-chuff motion inspired him: he fitted a warning whistle – the front robot prompted the others when a human was in the way. They

all sighed aloud, one overlapping another sounding just like a good old steam whistle, but quieter.

The Grand Engineer had arranged each robot to look like a child playing – they each had different faces just like the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. When he released them on to the lawn near the house his aunt and several nieces clapped their hands with maternal glee. He could have made them more like spiders – they would have had better climbing skills but, well humans feel happier with their own kind, so he made them humanish, and gave them friendly smiles when spoken to.

The ladies just insisted on adopting one. They gave each one a name and called them hither and thither to pick apples or bring more trays of biscuits. Alas, one of the women had an awkward temperament and a sharp tone of voice. She had been a prison wardress in her time and stood no nonsense, even from children, so especially not from childra-bots. The bots themselves were programmed according to Asimov's Robot Rules and so could not rise in revenge. The Grand Engineer could. At a secret whistle the childra-bots gathered again into a line like a giant caterpillar or that worm thing that he read about in 'Dune'. They were now an 'it'. It was now an invincible worm worker. It approached the brick wall that this impertinent bossy woman had had build around her castle. The front childra-bot sighed aloud, it still warned humans of its arrival. Asimov's law was built-in, but it did not stop. The Grand Engineer had his hand firmly on the dead man's handle on the control console in his shed. He could not quite see from his window but the perceptors on the childra-bots gave him a panoramic picture. He grinned, in fact he chuckled. An engineer has feelings, even if a robot or a wardress has not.

Well Readers what will happen now? Will there be a property invasion . . . . . ?

**H**elen Plumb from Just Gems” in Winchcombe must be one of the best speakers we’ve welcomed for some years – knowledgeable, humorous, engaging and revealing a world of which we knew very little - the world of precious gems.

We are now aware of why diamonds are still the best, why spinels are cheaper but just as beautiful as rubies, why amethysts fade, why opals must not be put in the hold of an aircraft and which gems should not be used in rings. Her background as a geologist, working for oil companies on oil rigs for 8 years, her contacts all over the world, her fascination with rock formations and ultimately precious minerals has led to a career travelling, sourcing and purchasing gems on behalf of fabulously wealthy clients, especially from the Far East. But she seems happiest when she’s advising nervous customers with very limited budgets in her shop.

We also learned some fascinating stories – some sad, some very funny, some astonishing - when members brought along a favourite piece of their jewellery and told us why it means so much to them.

During August we have supported the Meon Vale food bank with donations, and Susan organised a sewing day for the Kori Project. Cotton material, donated by members and friends had already been cut out, and after a break for coffee and then for lunch, the number of dresses made by the 10 machinists, for little girls and teenagers in Sierra Leone was a staggering 50. These will be sent by container along with more bras and blanket squares – the first 450 bras have already been sent and these were apparently greeted by squeals of delight when they arrived.

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 4<sup>th</sup> October when Mike Bottomley is returning to tell us about Katherine Parr, the last wife of Henry VIII. This will also be our AGM when a new committee will be elected.**







by Jenny  
McLeish

**Y**es, he did it again. Nick Holdsworth won the Potato Challenge for the third year in a row.

Everyone in the village hall car park was waiting in anticipation for his arrival. The lead had changed several times – Raffe and Anthony then Cathy were feeling optimistic at certain points but a whopping 16lbs 7oz swept to the top of the board. Well done Nick. AGAIN! There were many more entrants from



children this year and eventually Ursula and Roger's granddaughter Livvy won with 4lb 8oz - a amount far more than some adults. The sun shone, the bbq breakfast was delicious, lots of spuds were taken home and Australian visitors Jason and Tania from New South Wales were so

amazed by it all that they want to enter via zoom next year ! They were seeking ancestors, one in particular who had been transported for stealing a sheep (more about him in Jenny's next churchyard talk!) and found themselves in the middle of a jolly community event which they loved.



And yet another winner is Maggie Steadman of Wesley Gardens whose magnificent floral display, not only in front of her own home but also the neighbouring one, won her the Les Tustin Award. Yvonne presented the award in front of neighbours, who all appreciate her efforts. Well done Maggie. Over 50 certificates of thanks have been distributed to the gardeners around the village with 10 of them being " Highly Commended" for their efforts. We all appreciate the work that so many continue to do to make our village an attractive place to live.

Many of you must have noticed as you passed the school, the display of wildflowers along the railings. What a splash of colour it has brought to School Road.

Just because judging has happened and August is a quieter month for the volunteers, work has not stopped. The dirtiest and most exhausting job by far was the continuing battle against invasive bulrushes in Wesley Pond. These were planted by the developers and can quickly cover the whole surface which is not good news for the duck lodge inhabitants who need to paddle about. Les and Steve removed 1200 heads from the bulrushes – each bulrush contains 200,000 seeds, resulting in an astonishing and frightening 240 million seeds altogether ! And joined by Dave they removed the rhizomes etc from the pond. Well done.

Some of the PIB volunteers will be attending the Heart of England in Bloom Awards ceremony at Sutton Coldfield on 5<sup>th</sup> October so please keep your fingers crossed that the village gets GOLD again.



# Pebworth Village Hall Weekly Groups

Jane Cromack

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



# The Noticeboard

## Flag Days For October 2023

Sunday 1st National Police Memorial Day  
Saturday 21st Trafalgar Day

Les Madden

## Mobile Library



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

School Road layby  
Broad Marston Road

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

## 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 September Winners

£25

C Foskett

£15

P Bowen

£15

C Denham

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 27<sup>th</sup> October



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



Littletons Tennis Club

# QUIZ NIGHT

*Fund raiser for  
refurbishment of courts*

**Friday 13th October 2023**

**Venue: Pebworth Village Hall**

Chapel Rd, Pebworth CV37 8XA

**Start: 7.30pm**

*Teams: Max 6 people*

*sharp*

**PLUS  
raffle**

# Tickets: £15

*includes Chilli & Rice (veg option available)*

Bring your  
own drinks  
and glasses

Full details and tickets are available on-line at  
<https://littletons-tennis-club.square.site/> or  
from Carole 01386 840152 Jo  
01386 442877

## 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).





# Coffee on the Close

**Pebworth Village Hall**

**1pm - 3pm**



**2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month**

June		28th
July	12th	26th
August	9th	23rd
September	13th	27th
October	11th	25th
November	8th	22nd
December	13th	

**Free Squash for Children**

**Ice Lollies and takeaway cups on offer in the summer holidays!**

**For more details contact Jodi: 07944933001**

**New for the winter:  
£2.00 for homemade vegetable soup and a roll.**



# Pebworth Parish Council

Abridged Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Edited by **Diana Beaumont**

Full minutes can be found at

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

**Next Meeting:**

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, 7pm at Pebworth Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors: James Pearson, Simon Shiers, Sam Parkins, David Cranage & Jodi Cotton

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

**Also in attendance:** 10 members of the public.

**Apologies Considered for Absence:**

CLr Weller – approved

## Open Forum

The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation. 10 members of the public were in attendance. Requests were made to:

- Arrange for the canopy to be lifted on The Close/Chapel Rd. This was last carried out in 2021. Clerk to organise a tree surgeon to investigate and carry out any works.
- Lower the kerb stones between 1 and 4 Chapel Rd – Clerk to liaise with Worcestershire County Council.
- Notice was given to hand back allotment plot number 10. Clerk to contact the next person on the waiting list.
- Representatives from Meon Way Gardens Residents Association advised that Wychavon do not intend to enforce S106 on Persimmon which means they will not need to provide community facilities. The Parish Council has been asked if they will support putting a case forward to pursue any funding. This is to be discussed under agenda item 8c.
- Stansgate Planning talked through a proposed scheme for Elm View.

**The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:40**

## Ward Member's Report

- County Councillor Adams - Reminder for everyone to clear ditches and drains. He advised that if there is any issue with sewers the more people who report it to Severn Trent Water the better.
- District Councillor Ciotti – Community Legacy Grant applications open in January. Clerk asked her to speak with Phil Childs regarding the dog bins on Meon Way Gardens.

## Planning Matters

- a) 8 Little Meadows, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth: Hall extension and front porch. Following consideration the Parish Council had no comment.

### Considered

- b) Bank Farm, Front Street, Pebworth. To note Parish Council response at the following link: <https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01124/FUL>
- c) Ullington Hall, Buckle Street, Ullington: Prior notification for construction of agricultural building. Following consultation via email Members had no comment.
- d) Far View, Back Lane, Pebworth: Extension and renovation to existing property. "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."

## Decisions

- e) 20 Middlesex, Pebworth Road, Ullington, Pebworth: Single storey front and side extension. Approved subject to conditions.
- f) Land adj to Bramble Cottage, Dorsington Road, Dorsington: Residential conversion of barn including

replacement roof and extension, to replace approved barn. Planning Permission refused.

- g) Broad Marston Manor, Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston, Pebworth: Single-storey extensions to rear to provide garden room and rear access, and extension to kitchen: Approved subject to conditions.
- h) Ullington Hall, Buckle Street, Ullington: Prior notification for construction of agricultural building. Provided the development is carried out in accordance with the details submitted with your notification application, I write to confirm the Council determine prior approval is not required for the proposal as indicated upon your completed forms and no further details are required. In accordance with the regulations referred to above, this approval is given subject to conditions.

### **Council & Community Matters**

- a) Following Hugo Fox's decision to implement charging structure for the Parish Council website, Clerk obtained quotes from Hugo Fox and Parish Online. It was resolved to accept the quote from Parish Online.
- b) Council noted the request to grit Broad Marston Rd to Long Marston Rd does not meet the established criteria for including within the existing gritting network. County Cllr Adams has pursued this and believes this gritting route will be extended.

Cllr Pearson provided an update regarding S106 monies for Meon Way Gardens. Clerk to respond to Wychavon stating there is engagement with Persimmon and Meon Way Garden Residents Association requesting the decision be deferred until after a meeting with Persimmon and following that a meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Pearson to attend the meeting between Persimmon and Meon Way Gardens Residents Association along with Cllr Cotton.

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

The new play equipment was officially opened on 14<sup>th</sup> July. It was decided by Members not to have a post installation inspection but to carry on with the annual inspection. Some issues were raised but these have now been dealt with.

### **Cemetery**

- a) Report regarding burial ground headstone inspection and to consider recommendations. Appropriate immediate action was taken to lay down the dangerous headstones. Clerk to seek further quotes.
- b) Three interments have taken place during August.

### **Highway Matters**

- a) Culvert on Little Meadows – the bricks will be removed in the very near future and the landowner will be looking to reconstruct. The ditch is not blocked at present and there shouldn't be a drainage issue even if the header wall is not rebuilt.

Following a request for a priority scheme by Town Pool Car Park, Clerk has been advised this type of scheme needs to have an open and unobstructed view ahead to see another vehicle approaching. As the proposed site is more of a blind bend this wouldn't work. Traffic Management Team to assess and consider any alternative.

### **Lengthsman/Handyman Matters**

- Bollards on Front St have been replaced.
- Branches on trees by Church & Town Pool Car Park have been removed.
- Dead trees on Long Marston Rd are due to be removed next week.
- Clearing of ditch in The Close.
- Clear the overgrowth around the bus stop on Broad Marston Rd.

### **Public Rights of Way**

- a) To note the emergency closure of Footpath PB-528(part) Pebworth. The bridge is on the border of two counties and a plan of action is being worked on. It is anticipated this section of footpath will remain closed for up to a maximum of 6 months.
- c) Clerk contacted the landowner regarding the overgrown footpath on Broad Marston Rd. She was advised there is currently a birds' nest which has prohibited clearance.

### **Policy**

It was resolved to approve the Unreasonably Persistent or Vexatious policy.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.

**Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:30 hrs**

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: July 2023

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers in Broad Marston who helped improve the Wetlands/ flood alleviation scheme in the Heart of England Forest field on the 23/9/2023 – see below photo.



They dug a new trench from the existing channel to the edge of the field where the water comes into the field. This will help in flood situations allowing the flood plain to fill up with water to alleviate flooding in Broad Marston. It will also help keep the stream flowing into the pond most of the year so the field can become a proper wetland and encourage bio-diversity.

### 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.

- **Stratford Rd/Honeybourne Rd closed** until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September as WCC install new drains to prevent flooding under the railway bridges.
- **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.
- Opposite the pub on Chapel Rd by the Stratford Rd junction, there is a **noisy manhole** cover that clangs every time a vehicle drives over it. It has been repaired.
- **4 Blocked gullies** along Broad Marston Rd have been cleansed.

- **Flooding at Chalk Farm , Buckle Street** – Culvert jetted, but some ditches still need to be dug out by the landowners/residents.
- **Flooding in Dorsington Rd** at junction with Long Marston Rd. Highways have jetted the culverts under the road, and HOEF have been requested to dig out their ditches. I have chased up HOEF to clear the ditches before Winter.

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.

### 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

**Welcome to our new PC Alex Prentice who has joined our local Police Team – see below**



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Solar panel theft.

Recently we have been out conducting speed checks in areas that have been highlighted to us within our 'Rural North' area. Checks were done and approx. 70 vehicles were checked one weekend with words of advice given to only a small number of people.

We have also been out in our local village parks where we have had reports of anti-social behaviour. Please ensure you report any ASB through to us, either via the above email address or through 101. If there are areas that you are concerned about, please let us know and we can add this to our patrols.

Various parish council meetings have been attended within our patch which has proved very helpful in meeting the community and addressing any concerns.

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.

### **Are you aware of how to contact your local policing team?**

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).

### **Have you signed up to Neighbourhood Matters?**

West Mercia Police are looking to sign up as many residents as possible to Neighbourhood Matters.

This is a completely free service, and takes around 2 minutes to sign up. Once your account is activated you will receive local news and updates from your local policing teams, together with updates from our HQ teams.

Neighbourhood Matters allows you to engage with a post directly with the team, send them a reply to a post and the team can update you personally. Take a look at the website for further details or scan the QR code below:

<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.***



## 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><b>Council Tax &amp; Benefits</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Parking and Transport</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Homelessness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Streetlink</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Housing</b></p> <p><a href="#">Report an empty home</a></p>
<p><b>Environment and animals</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Report a planning enforcement issue</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Refuse Collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Report a missed bin collection</a></li> </ul>

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