

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

- 4.1 Get in touch: Tel: 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
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Useful information: Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste.

Householder - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>

• Businesses - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>

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Alerts and information

Police urge road users to stay safe on two wheels

With a national enforcement campaign starting next week, West Mercia Police is encouraging those using two wheels to stay safe and urging all motorists to share the road responsibly to reduce the number of collisions we continue to see involving motorcycles and bicycles. The campaign is being run across the UK and coordinated by NPCC, the National Police Chiefs' Council, to improve road safety and law enforcement.

Over the past 3 years, 31 people died and 343 were seriously injured in collisions involving a motorcycle in West Mercia. An additional 11 people died and 170 were seriously injured in collisions involving a bicycle. Cyclists and motorcyclists unfortunately feature heavily within road collisions and continue to be two of the most vulnerable road users. The aim of the national campaign is to raise awareness amongst all road users to improve driver behaviour but also to educate both groups of the dangers of not having the correct skills, knowledge and personal protective equipment. As part of the campaign police officers will be taking part in operations across the two weeks to enforce compliance of road traffic regulations and improve driver/rider behaviour.

Superintendent Melanie Crowther for West Mercia Police comments: "Supporting this national campaign with local activities and increased enforcement is an important way of raising road safety issues amongst cyclists, motorcyclists and other road users. Unfortunately cyclists and motorcyclists are over-represented within our road collision statistics and we want to ensure we are doing all we can with both education and enforcement to keep these two groups safer. This not only means specific activity with these two groups but with all other motorists on the role they can play to keep our vulnerable road users safer".

As part of the campaign, West Mercia Police is trying to raise awareness of the importance of extra training to improve riding skills and safety on the roads. Motorcyclists in West Mercia of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to take advantage of two training courses locally - Take Control and Biker Down - both of which aim to equip them with practical skills and knowledge which will enhance their riding.

The **Take Control** course is available to any riders across Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire who want to brush up on their biking skills, gain more confidence on their bike or become a better rider in preparation for their full test. The practical course is carried out on the road and is subsidised by the Safer Roads Partnership so riders pay only £50 for a full day course, which offers great value when compared to the usual cost of motorcycle skills training. The course is tailored to the needs of the individual rider, so is suitable for beginners and experienced riders alike.

Take Control courses are delivered by advanced trained and qualified instructors from RMT Motorcycle Training. Visit www.westmercia.police.uk/article/39759/Take-Control to find out more about the course. To book a place, call RMT Motorcycle Training on 01527 500 333 or email takecontrol@rmtnet.co.uk

Biker Down is a free classroom-based course which offers bikers the chance to benefit from essential first-aid training and advice on what to do should they find themselves first at the scene of a collision where a motorcyclist is injured, as well as learning practical skills to help avoid being involved in a collision. The course is made up of three modules: Collision scene management, Basic first aid and casualty care (including CPR and helmet removal) and 'The science of being seen' - advice on visibility and positioning.

Biker Down courses are delivered in partnership by West Mercia Police, the Safer Roads Partnership, Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) RoadSmart and Midlands Air Ambulance.

Places are still available on the following upcoming Biker Down course:

- Worcester - Friday 22nd November (10am-1:30pm)

To book a place or to register your interest in a future course elsewhere in the West Mercia area, please email RoadSafety1@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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SEPTEMBER UPDATE

PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

From your local County Councillor

Roger Phillips. Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Dear Residents,

Hope you have been enjoying the summer and the many local activities and events.

This month I was delighted to see the completion of the new pedestrian lights crossing in Shobdon. I have worked with Herefordshire Council, Shobdon Parish Council and Balfour Beatty using the remaining 106 funding from the Yew Tree and

Bateman developments to support the payment of the new crossing. The use of lights has received favourable comments from both pedestrians and drivers and I think significantly reduce the risk of accidents. It has been 12 months since the main section of Shobdon was resurfaced and the new white line system with no central line installed - again feedback has been positive.

The new administration has announced it is pausing the Hereford Bypass scheme both the southern link road and the western route. This, probably the most important decision in the County, on a subject debated for the last 50 years and more, was not allowed to come to Cabinet or Council but made by a single cabinet member. I have been one of many councillors who have called in the decision. By pausing they know the project will sink down the priority lists and achieve their object of stopping it by stealth. There is again distraction about going east of the city – read the 1991 inspectors report! It is a fact that if the roads are not built then house building in the City and business development in Rotherwas is strictly limited (those housing sites will have to be found in the towns and villages). I believe in a sustainable future of this County and we will be poorer economically and environmentally, services will continue to be downgraded if we do not have a bypass. The bypass is a critical part of the delivery of a transport package which will allow the promotion of a variety of active travel arrangements in a much safer and healthier environment.

Last month sadly saw the passing of Peter Davenport from Hinton Manor at Eardisland. Peter had a very interesting life and was committed to the local community chairing the Parish Council for 40 years. He was one of the first PC Chairman that I worked with in 1997 and I learned a great deal from him. A large attendance at the service was testament to the respect he had throughout the area.

I am delighted to report that the latest Greenhouse Gas Report (2018/19) shows that Herefordshire Council has delivered a 43% reduction in CO2 emissions. Based on a target reduction of 40% by the year 2020, the council has exceeded this aspiration two years early and illustrated its continued commitment to the tackling the Climate Emergency. This reduction of over of 11,875 tonnes of CO2 has been achieved through a number of 'invest to save' projects including: LED lighting, solar PV renewable energy generation and use, greener vehicles and wider energy efficiency projects. This policy was begun under my leadership of the local authority and I took the lead in two projects. The Heritage Archive Resource Centre to house all the county records and archives in the most sustainable "passive "design. Secondly the new Livestock market which recycles all the dirty wash via a series of reed beds, filtering the water for reuse.

A reminder that next year the May Bank holiday has been move to Friday 6th May as part of national celebrations of the 75 anniversary of the end of War in Europe.

Sadly the Planning Inspector found against the Council and the local community on the access to the Balance Farm development at Titley. Even worse they ordered the Council pay the applicant's cost. Clearly Planning technicalities overruled highway and personal safety. I am working with Pembridge PC on another appeal which affects the protected status of the Burgess plots in Pembridge. Following several concerns I have raised the matter of the capacity within the planning department given the time delays in resolving applications.

September events

The h.Art week with over 100 venues all over the County takes place between 6th – 15th September open from 11 am to 5pm with local venues of Old Chapel Gallery, Sidney Nolan Trust at The Rodd, Nick Holmes at Westonbury and Julie Cooper at Stansbatch. More details on www.h-art.org.uk

KINGTON SHOW SATURDAY 14TH SEPT at The Oval Lyonshall . The largest rural one day show in Herefordshire

SHOBDON Church Flower Festival 28th and 29th September

In this update I cover our contribution to the recent Dam emergency, a visit to the Sidney Nolan Trust, Highways and the return of the Pembridge Penguins.

As ever if I can be of any help please do hesitate to contact me.

ROGER

As Chairman of Hereford and Worcester Fire Service I was pleased to see our High Volume Pump was one of the 23 national pumps involved in the Whaley Bridge emergency in Derbyshire. They reduced the level of the Toddbrook reservoir in days allowing the local community of 1,500 to return to their homes. Our service has the one high volume pump team based at Kidderminster provided by the government as part of a national strategy. The vehicle has a capacity to pump 7,000 litres of water per minute and is normally earmarked for flood emergencies.

Visit to the Sidney Nolan Trust

I arranged a visit for the Titley Group Parish Council to the Sidney Nolan Trust at Rodd near Presteigne. He was a very famous Australian artist who settled at Rodd in There have been some changes for the trust recently including new trustees and Director Andrew Craven and the transfer of the main house to the trust. There is a certainly a more proactive policy towards the local community which includes our local schools being involved in art sessions.

The Rodd is one of the venues for the h.Art festival and I recommend a visit. In the picture are members of the Parish Council as well as the Chairman of Powys County Council Beverly Baynham who is County Councillor for Presteigne and Andrew Craven the new Director.

Highways

I still wait to be told a starting date for the Lawton cross roundabout but I am confident it will be started in this financial year.

Following a recent accident I am co-ordinating support to help get some maintenance on the Golden Cross junction (where the Brecon and Aberystwyth main roads meet). Longstanding residents know this was the scene of many serious accidents in the past and I am anxious to ensure we keep the lining and lights in good repair.

Like many local unclassified roads Jack Ditch Lane in Lyonshall parish which runs from A44 to Spond road is in need of regular maintenance. This year 22 jobs were carried out on this approx. 2 mile highway on 2nd Feb, 14th June, 25th June, 1st July, 25th July and 2nd Aug. (There would still be a discussion on the amount of weak sections and holes left). The number of summer visits is really to challenge the value of the Highways contract, surely two visits at most should have been all that was required. I will be using this example to challenge our officers to seek amendments to the contract in the interest of value for money and common sense.

If you have potholes please report them using the contacts below. This is the time of year when we can get on top of the issue before the winter damage begins.

The Pembridge Penguins

Attending the Pembridge Fete last month I was confronted by the site of a table full of penguins – just when you thought it was safe! Children throughout Pembridge and adjoining parishes have grown up with these soft toys in their bedrooms and just when you thought the supply was over, more appear. Twenty years ago there was a small company in the village called

the Handling Partnership who did administration of national promotion campaigns and draws. One such project included the supply of penguins which was discontinued and they were left with thousands of the soft toys. Given the slight connection of the black and white village of Pembridge and penguins they donated them to the community for fundraising. Consequently they appeared regularly for several years and seemed to disappear until another box was discovered. Clearly they will become collector items on the Antique Roadshow in years to come so I urge everyone to pick up a penguin and cherish it – only 600 left!

Useful numbers and contacts

Did you know that can get tweets automatically to [@HfdsStreets](#) 24/7 to let road users know when conditions are bad and we will be out gritting. Get family, friends and colleagues to follow so they know when to take extra care.

Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Go onto Herefordshire Council website and download the pothole App to help report potholes

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle please use

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims

Report fly tipping – it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame, by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you have an enforcement concern, mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk

Parish Council CONTACTS.

Pembridge – clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk Shobdon - shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com

Lyonshall – lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com Eardisland – parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk

Titley Group – rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Data Protection Act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that supersedes the Data Protection act came into force on the 25th May 2018. I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do and will not share those email addresses with any third party. In seeking legal compliance I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with me holding your email contact please advise me and I will remove you from the list. Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates and occasional key information.

- 7.1 Work in July and August: strimming footpath to church; cutting back hedge at end of Lyme Lane; strimming round 30mph signs; clearing round all road signs; strimming Lyme Lane ditch and hedge.
- 7.3 It has been a very busy period for the group with a new challenge, repairing the weir outside the dovecote. With knowledgeable assistance from Stan Blatchford, essential repairs were carried out in a day, with the weir now featuring new timbers and steels, the latter with grateful thanks to Mike Connop. We have also been able to shift large quantities of silt from the west side of the millstream, enabling an even flow of water through both arches, although it should be noted there is a huge silt build up under the western arch. Other work in hand includes sanding and varnishing of benches, which will continue over the coming weeks and pruning of the Hawthorn trees in the car park, allowing extra parking places.
- 7.7 Quote for £70 for new 'To the Church' sign made from oak.
Quote for £420 for new slider board.
- 7.8 Mixed response following emails/letters after July meeting. Request made for other hedges to be cut, particularly along the main road. Also issue of problems for new fire tender to get round Broome Lane corner highlighted. Suggest 2 Cllrs and Clerk walk round village, identify and list properties and leave letters for householders asking for hedges to be cut back.
- 7.9 Quote for £2,337 (+ VAT) for 1m wide gates with posts x4, 'Eardisland' sign x4, installation and delivery. Exact sites will need consideration with site visit by Balfour Beatty officer, company and relevant landowners.
- 7.10 9 January, 13 February, 12 March, 29 April (Maundy Thursday), 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November.

EARDISLAND PARISH MAGAZINE PROPOSED DATES FOR 2020

Copy Date	Probable Distribution Date
Friday 10 th January	Friday 24 th January
Friday 6 th March	Friday 20 th March
Friday 1 st May	Friday 15 th May
Friday 3 rd July	Friday 17 th July
Friday 4 th September	Friday 18 th September
Friday 13 th November	Friday 27 th November

Notes:

1. *By request, I have suggested the January edition be produced a week later than 2019. This will leave a better gap after Christmas/New Year.*
2. *As a result, the March date is one week later.*
3. *I changed the November date during 2019. The new date better suits the run-up to Christmas/New Year.*

- 7.11 Town and Parish Councils VE Day 75 – Friday 8 May
 3.00 pm – Pipers playing Battles O'er and pubs for toasts
 6.55 – Town Criers round the world
 7.00 pm – Ringing of church bells for peace
 7.00 pm onwards – parties and celebration
 Parties on Saturday 9 May instead
 10 May – 10.30 Church services – reading of Tribute to the Millions, playing of last post and Reveille.
11. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 -
 (2) A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.
 (3) A body may under subsection (2) above treat the need to receive or consider recommendations or advice from sources other than members, committees or sub-committees of the body as a special reason why publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, without regard to the subject or purport of the recommendations or advice; but the making by this subsection of express provision for that case shall not be taken to restrict the generality of subsection (2) above in relation to other cases (including in particular cases where the report of a committee or sub-committee of the body is of a confidential nature).
 Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration - the handbook for Clerks - states it is desirable to treat discussion of the following types of business as confidential a) employment issues; b) tenders and negotiations for contracts; c) legal proceedings; and d) early stages of any dispute.
 Legal advice from NALC is treated as legal proceedings and HALC advised when it sent the advice to the Clerk that it should be initially considered confidentially. The parish council can decide to provide the legal advice in full or summary to parishioners once it has considered it. It does not have to remain confidential once the council has considered it.
13. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Review of polling stations and districts – no change for Eardisland
 - From various parishioners – responses on receipt of emails/letters re hedges
 - From Richard Mills – phonecall declining work on slider board and having removed sign from fingerpost at carpark
 - From parishioner – re horses on footpath land, passed to Locality Steward at PFOs request, investigated and no problem found
 - From HC – Invitation to Parish Council summit on 20.9.19 at 6.30 pm (time to speak to officers and colleagues from 5.30 pm)
 - From RegisterOfficeNearYou – request to add link to website
 - From HALC – NALC 2019 model Financial Regulations
 - From HC – phone box removal consultation – not relevant to Eardisland
 - From Eardisland in Bloom – repairs to weir cost less than anticipated, total cost paid by EIB
 - From HC – pause and review of major transport projects
 - From EVMC – issue re borrowing of equipment
 - From Community Heartbeat Trust – further email re WMAS system
 - From HC – Armed Forces Veterans' Survey – posted on websites
 - From HC – Information from EA about licences for water abstraction – on website and noticeboards
 - From Clerk and Councils Direct – September update
 - From River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RLIDB) – notice of election and asking for nominations to Board – on website and noticeboards

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