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PARISH COUNCIL'S TOUR OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

ON 25 JANUARY, the Parish Council were very privileged to be offered a tour of our new hospital site. Suitably kitted out in protective clothing and hard hats, we embarked on what was to be a very exciting journey. What an absolute joy it was to experience the nearly completed hospital site and to see for ourselves the thought that has gone into this 21st century building. We have all been watching this building go up and wondering what it would be like. Nothing prepared us for the huge expanse of building as we entered; the sheer size took our breath away. You imagine by looking at the paper plans that you know what to expect, the real thing is just so beautiful.



The building is magnificent; even half built you can begin to see all the perfection that is happening in our village. The corridors are very spacious and we saw a nearly completed patient room with ensuite. All the rooms have a view of the woods which will be of benefit to patient's recovery, granting a feeling of peace and tranquillity. Everything seems to have been thought about with great care for the patient, even down to the blinds between the double glazed windows that can be operated at the touch of a button. All fixtures and fittings are so very modern - what a transformation!

We toured wards, theatres, the new Imaging centre (x-ray dept) and the maternity unit which will be second to none; new mums will so lucky to have their babies there with all the enhanced facilities. We were able to get down to what will be the new entrance of the hospital and hear how it will look as you approach the main doors. In the main mall there will be a coffee shop and another all-purpose shop selling anything a visitor or patient will need; on a lower level there is a restaurant for visitors and staff, so all will be well catered for, which is so welcome if you are spending time with a loved one.

Our sincere thanks go to the project manager and staff for allowing this visit and for their time and obvious pride in this wonderful new hospital.

June Crowhurst

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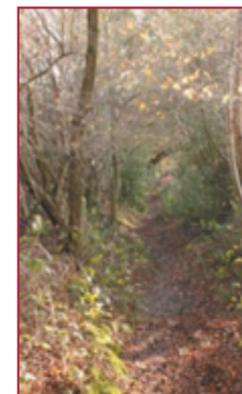
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THE OLD COACH ROAD

THE OLD Coach Road is taking on a whole new look under the renovation programme being carried out by village volunteers, under the guidance of Hugh Boorman and with help from Ian Johnstone of the High Weald Partnership.

The Old Coach Road, which runs to the south of the village and leads down to a small copse, is a beautiful footpath with some wonderful views across the weald. In recent years it has become quite overgrown and Holly, always an invasive plant if left unmanaged, has steadily encroached on the areas around the path, screening out some very attractive trees and making the footpath itself quite narrow in places. Other problems along the route include the eroding of the footpath itself, the encroachment of brambles in some areas and the silting up of the ponds in the copse and the problems of invasive non native plant species, especially Himalayan Balsam, around the pond area.



The aim of the renovation programme has been to restore the footpath, cutting back some of the low lying scrub to reveal various feature trees and to improve the views across the Weald, along with bringing back the ponds in the copse and re-establishing this area as a haven for wildlife and an attractive resting spot for village walkers.



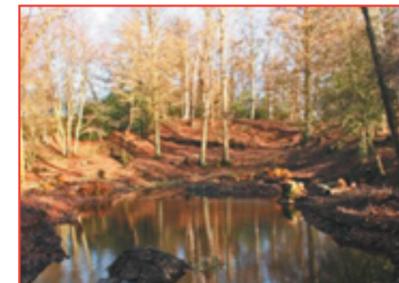
The work finally got underway back in the autumn of 2009 and the various volunteers were able to make some very rapid progress, especially around the pond areas. Clearing the brambles and rough scrub in this area has already significantly improved the volume of water in the ponds, allowing rainwater, run-off and thawing snow to find its way into them. Hopefully these will become homes for amphibians and water birds this spring, as well

as attracting dragonflies and other invertebrates later in the year.

The Holly along the footpath is slowly being cut back and majestic Beech and Oak trees are once again revealed, having been hidden for some years. The bird life along this walk has always been good but now that the renovation is well under way it's easier to spot some of the more interesting residents, including Sparrow Hawks, Kestrels, Green Woodpeckers and Nuthatches.

The Old Coach Road is a beautiful walk becoming more beautiful as its former glory is restored – but this is a long term project and the work goes on, with volunteers always welcomed. For more information on the project and to join in the voluntary work contact the Parish Council Office; details can be found on the inside front cover of this magazine.

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SLEEPING BEAUTY

EVERY GOOD pantomime is a battle between good and evil, and the Pembury Player's version of Sleeping Beauty was no exception, with the good fairy, Rosebud, played by Sophie Bowen, and the bad fairy, Valeria, played by Hilary Smith. Despite a date change due to snow, the pantomime left everyone feeling enchanted. King Alphonse had a baby daughter, Serena, who grew up to be a beautiful princess, played by Catriona Allan. After a spell cast on her, she fell asleep on her eighteenth birthday to be woken in the second act by the handsome prince Philip, who immediately fell in love with her and asked for her hand in marriage.



There was the usual rough and tumble of the Dame and her son who insisted on the audience singing 'If you're happy' and sweets were thrown out to the children. The whole pantomime was enhanced by the excellent dancing of the children from the Pembury Youth Theatre Academy who brought the whole pantomime to life, dressed as fairies, villagers and townsfolk at appropriate parts of the story.



It was a thoroughly good night out and I hope in future that more residents of Pembury will support such a great event.



Janet Ditchett

PEMBURY TREES – WILD CHERRY

THIS IS A Wild Cherry or Gean tree that stands in Pembury Primary School behind the Old School. As you can see, its base gets a massive amount of trampling!

It is a very old tree of its type and is one of the biggest in Kent. In April, there is no mistaking it in flower – a cloud of white blossom at a height that no other garden or ornamental Cherry ever reaches. The old name connects back to the French 'guigne', but the other folk name for this tree is Mazzard. Personally I like this name very much! – although there is no information that I can find that explains its meaning.

In summer the flowers develop into small cherries that are edible but are more popular with birds. They do, however, make the best Cherry Brandy; made in the same way as Sloe Gin.

Caroline Mazzev



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WHAT LIES BENEATH THE WEALDEN CLAY?

WHILE LAYING new water mains to connect Kippings Cross reservoir with Pembury, South East Water made an exciting discovery – the remains of an Iron Age settlement. Archaeologist Tim Allen, from Kent Archaeological Projects, said: “We have found evidence of postholes, pits and ditches, probably part of an Iron Age dwelling, along with pieces of pottery that we can date to the late Iron Age. We also found evidence of a medieval enclosure further along the route and five circular, fire-scorched pits, probably parts of ancient hearths or kilns or evidence of charcoal production”.

The Iron Age period lasted in Britain from around 750BC through to AD43. By the end of the Iron Age, coinage had been introduced, wheel thrown pottery was being made and people had started to live in larger and more settled communities. “It is likely that the Iron Age remains are associated with a prehistoric roundhouse that would have been approximately eight metres in diameter, with timber supports and with walls and a roof made with wattle and daub.”

Paul Clifford, Engineering Manager Networks at South East Water, said: “This exciting find, on private land in the Pembury area, has emerged during careful archaeological surveys carried out during the excavation work before we lay the pipe”.



On large schemes such as this, South East Water makes a point of having archaeologists working alongside contractors to ensure that, if they do unearth anything of historical significance, work can be halted for further investigations; protecting and recording our ancient heritage.

There is not much more detail known at this stage, but it is certainly exciting to have found a material connection to our ancestral neighbours. As a Pembury resident I feel a warm connection to these people who chose to live nearby over 2000 years ago. Their lives might have been entirely different from ours, but they walked the Wealden soil, they made a living out of the local woods and quite possibly gave names to various places that are still with us today. That’s what I call a real connection and South East Water have been praised by archaeologists for considering the importance of such findings and allowing time for proper investigation.

I am certainly grateful to the company for sharing their findings with us. For those of you who might have guessed the location of the dig, please respect the privacy of the landowners.

Masha Odintsova-Bayles

PEMBURY ART +

S.T. PETER’S Church will be putting on another Arts and Craft Exhibition this May, starting with a preview on Friday 14 May, 7pm to 9pm, and then open on Saturday 15 May and Sunday 16 May from 10am to 4pm. Do come along if you missed it last year, try out our popular Arty Crafty Café which will be open throughout the day. Entrance is only £2, and children enter for free. If you are interested in exhibiting or having a craft stall, contact Carole Wakeford on 822030 or Kate Lucas on 822448.



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PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

OUR BOWLS green was looking particularly lovely covered with snow a few weeks ago, but how we long for the start of the new bowling season.

In November, members of the bowls club planted seventy-five blackthorn saplings as part of the BBC tree planting record attempt. We very much hope that in a few years we will have a splendid hedge along the side of the green next to the public footpath which we will keep low enough so that passers-by can see bowlers in action.



Our annual Bowls Club Dinner and Presentation took place at Tunbridge Wells Golf Club on 30 January with some 48 members and friends present. Our next big event is our, now annual, dance on Saturday 13 March 2010 at the Village Hall starting at 7.30. Tickets are £8.50 per person, bring your own drinks, nibbles provided. The Dance this year, as last, will be to the wonderful band 'Ricochet', even people with two left feet were up and dancing to this popular band. Tickets and more information can be obtained from Brian Aylard on 823162, Barbara Scholten, 823445, or anyone seen most mornings working at the bowls green.

The new bowling season starts in April, the date depending on the weather, new or previous bowlers will be very welcome.

Barbara Scholten, Competition Secretary

CODA – CONCERTS ORIGINAUX DES AMIS

DO YOU enjoy classical music? Did you know that Pembury has its very own music club? We meet approximately monthly from September to June at Kent College to hear live performances by professional musicians.

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Recently we have heard violinists Gina McCormack (leader of the Maggini String Quartet) and Eleanor Fagg (until 2001, leader of the National Youth Orchestra), singer Daniela Lehner from the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, pianist Nigel Clayton (Professor of piano at the Royal College of Music) and others of equal standing. Some very exciting players are lined up for 2010.

We are an informal and friendly group. Our concerts are happy occasions and we are always pleased to welcome newcomers. If you would like to know more about us please contact either our Chairman, David Mills (tel. 825577) or our Secretary, Arthur Boyd (tel. 527710). We shall look forward to welcoming you!



David Mills



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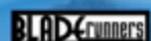


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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 2010 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 29 March at 8pm. This is a public meeting open to all who live in the Parish. The Chairman of the Parish Council, June Crowhurst, will give her report about what has been happening over the past year. It is a chance for residents of Pembury to put questions to Parish, Borough and County Councillors. The Councillors want to hear your views and your ideas about the future of the village. This is the place where you live – take part in its life.

PEMBURY ECO GROUP

The Pembury Eco Group will be conducting a Bat Walk on the Old Coach Road on the evening of Friday 28 May. For more details contact Rick or Masha Bayles on 822865 or go to the Eco group's on-line forum at pemburyecogroup.myfreeforum.org.

PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ

The quiz will be held in the Village Hall, on Friday 21 May at 7.45pm for a prompt start at 8pm. The quiz is open to all organisations and groups in the village to enter teams of six people at £18 per table. There will be a bar and a raffle and the organising committee would gratefully accept any donations for prizes.

Tables are only available by advance booking; entry forms and details from 822586. Entry forms can also be downloaded from www.pembury.org, and completed forms should be sent, with the entry fee, to be with the organisers by Friday 7 May. The winning tea, will receive the Parish Council Cup and a cash prize to donate to the charity of their choice. Parking is very limited, so please leave for essential users only. Enter early to secure your place! The quizmaster will be Keith Merrin and we hope you all enjoy the evening!

PLANNING AN EVENT?

It's the start of a new year and we've all been planning dates into our diaries for various events throughout the year. Have you remem-

bered to check the village diary, though? There are often clashes with other events which aren't discovered until nearer the date, so check now, and let's get them all sorted out before they become a problem. You can find the village diary on the Pembury website (www.pembury.org) in the Village Life section, and then contact Janet Ditchett on 822586 to ensure your event is added to the diary.

(GREEN) FINGERS AT THE READY

Advance warning to all the gardeners and photographers in Pembury that the Parish Council will be running the 'Pride in Pembury' garden and photographic competition again this year. Now is the time to get planting and snapping to compete in the various categories:

- Best Front Garden
- Best Hanging Basket or Container
- Best Commercial Frontage
- Best Allotment
- Best Container planted by a child or group of children.
- Best photograph of 'Pembury Life'

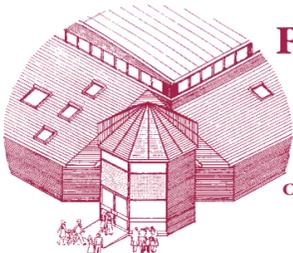
More details and an entry form will be in the next edition of the PVN. Take pride in our village and take part!

PEMBURY WI

On 29 March 2010, Pembury WI celebrates its 90th anniversary. You are invited to join them as they celebrate with an event on Saturday 10 April, 2pm, in the Village Hall. There will be an exhibition of past activities, a display of crafts, a bring and buy stall, a sale of crafts, cakes and produce and refreshments.

LETTERS PAGE

We have been thinking about introducing a Letters Page to the Pembury Village News. Do you have any comments or ideas which you would like to express in the magazine? Please send any suggestions to the Editor, details on inside front cover, for consideration before 1 May.



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PEMBURY'S OWN VICTORIA CROSS HOLDER

DID YOU know that Pembury boasts a former resident who won the Victoria Cross, our highest award for gallantry?

Matthew Charles Dixon was born on 5 February 1821 in Avranches, north-west France. His ancestors, including his father, had all served in the forces. His father, also Matthew Charles Dixon, served in the Royal Engineers and his second wife, Emma Dalton, gave birth to our hero.



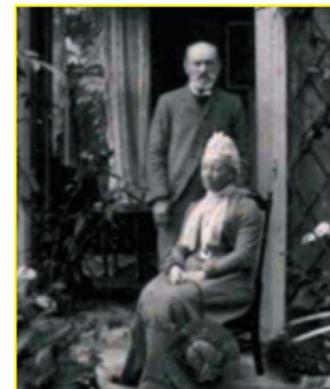
Matthew Charles Dixon, VC

After passing through the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, young Matthew received his commission into the Royal Artillery on 19 March 1839 as a second lieutenant. He then served nine years in Ceylon, and six years in Jamaica.

The end of 1853 saw Russia and Turkey at war and France and Great Britain as allies. The latter decided that Russian power in the Black Sea needed to be broken by crippling the great naval base at Sevastopol. Thus on 28 March 1854 war was declared against Russia by France and Great Britain, and a month later embarkation for the Crimea commenced.

Captain Dixon arrived with reinforcements in March 1855, and was placed in command of four officers and one hundred and thirty-one men posted to No.5 Company, 9th Battalion. This followed the Battles of the Alma (Sept. 1854), Balaclava (Oct. 1854), Inkerman (Nov. 1854) and Eupatoria (Feb. 1855).

On 17 April the magazine of No.9 Battery (under Capt. Dixon) blew up when a shell fell on it, wounding ten men, and disabling five guns. A large crater was formed, the parapet knocked down, and all the guns but one were buried in debris.



The Russians manned the parapets and cheered and opened a concentrated fire on No.9 Battery. However the remaining gun was at once turned round on the enemy. They continued firing until sunset (some seven hours), despite the heavy concentration of fire from the Russians. This action was to earn Captain Dixon the Victoria Cross.

Sevastopol did not fall until several bombardments had taken place. The allies finally entered and occupied the fortress on 9 September after a 322 day siege. In all, the allies lost more than 10,000 men in the final assault, the Russians 13,000.

In January 1856 Captain Dixon and the Royal Artillery returned home from the Crimea, and on arrival they were reviewed by Queen Victoria. On

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PEMBURY'S OWN VICTORIA CROSS HOLDER

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30 March the Treaty of Paris brought peace to the Crimea, making the Black Sea neutral territory.

In June 1856 Lt. Colonel Dixon proceeded to the Channel Islands. He received the Victoria Cross (announced 24 February 1857) on 2 August 1857 on Southsea Common, Portsmouth. This was presented by Queen Victoria. Further acts of bravery in the Crimea brought Lt. Colonel Dixon the Campaign Medal, Knight of the Legion of Honour, 5th Class of the Medjidie (Turkey) and the Turkish Crimea Medal.



On May 13 1862 he married Henrietta Letitia Eliza Bosanquet, daughter of an Admiral at Enfield Parish Church. From 1862-1866 he served again in Jamaica.

On 28 August 1868 he was appointed Regimental Colonel, and on 19 March 1869 he retired from the army aged 48 on full pay with the honorary rank of Major General RA.

Richard Snow

Major-General Dixon's retirement and life in Pembury will be continued in the next issue of the Pembury Village News.

PEMBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A BUSY YEAR for the Pembury School Association culminated in a highly successful Christmas Fair at Pembury School. While the main attraction was no doubt Santa in his grotto as usual, there were plenty of other stalls and entertainment to keep everyone happy. Children could buy a secret gift for their parents; make Christmas decorations, enter various tombolas and raffles, including the phenomenally popular Chocoholics tombola, and try their luck at a new game involving knocking Santa off his chimney! Parents could enjoy a glass of mulled wine while browsing the many craft and gift stalls. An amazing £3000 was raised for school funds.

Plans afoot for the first half of 2010 include a disco and magic show, a kids' catwalk fashion show, a film night and, of course, the summer fair. This will be held on Saturday 3 July in the school grounds and promises to be a rather different format this year. Details will be released soon!

The PSA would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone in the village who has supported PSA events. With your help, over the last 18 months we have bought new tables and benches for the dinner hall, chairs for the ICT suite, playground markings, a storage shed and many more items to benefit the whole school for many years to come.

Julie Phillipson



OUT & ABOUT CLUB

THE OUT & About Club have organised a number of trips for 2010. If you would like to receive details of these outings, together with booking forms, please contact Sue Giles on 823318 or pick up a copy from the Upper Church porch.

On Tuesday 23 March, you can join the **Sinister Side Guide** as they seek out ghosts, gangsters and the mystery of Jack the Ripper. The tour is coach-based, so you can be entertained while keeping warm and there is no walking involved, except to the bar and back! Tickets are £15.

On Wednesday 12 May, you can visit **Blenheim Palace**. This beautiful baroque palace, home of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, with fabulous landscaped grounds designed by Capability Brown ensures a wonderful day out. Tickets are £21.

On Thursday 23 September, the club are visiting one of England's most beautiful cities, **Winchester**. This city boasts a tempting array of independent shops and award-winning pubs and restaurants. There are also many historic buildings, museums and tranquil green spaces which are just waiting to be explored. Tickets are priced at £12.

On Thursday 2 December, you can enjoy a trip through the lovely Kent and East Sussex countryside to the ancient town of Lewes. A two-course carvery **Christmas Lunch** has been booked at the White Hart Hotel for 12.15pm, with arrival back in Pembury expected around 5pm. There will be plenty of time to visit the castle, browse the Christmas shops and more. This trip will cost £22.

Pauline Hawker

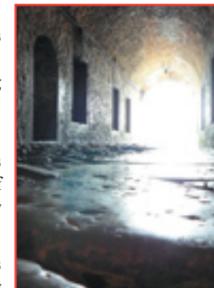
YOUNG LADY REQUIRED . . .

“YOUNG LADY required to help in Kitchen of Sanatorium”, were the opening lines of an advert in *The Lady* that launched Pembury resident, Denise Barnes, on the adventure that she would eventually turn into a witty and entertaining book. “From Bad to Wurst” is a book about the young Denise's experiences as a kitchen assistant at the Tannenhof Sanatorium, a family owned health clinic in the Bavarian countryside.

On Wednesday 27 January, Denise gave a talk at Pembury Library about her book and the experiences behind it. It was an interesting and engaging look at her life as a girl in her twenties exploring life in another country – where she couldn't speak a word of the language and had no cooking experience to speak of. In the pleasant, informal atmosphere of the library 'after hours' the audience listened to extracts from the book and stories of the background to Denise's Bavarian experience.

If you want to read more about “From Bad to Wurst”, and read an extract from the book for yourself, you can do so at <http://denisebarneswriter.com> – and if you want to know what else is happening at the village library give them a call on 822278 or, better still, drop in. Perhaps you'll be inspired to be Pembury's next resident writer.

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WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY

AS I SIT down to write this, it is January, and these words by Mike Barson from his song Grey Day come to mind; "In the morning I awake, my arms, my legs, my body ache, the sky outside is wet and grey, so begins another weary day". Here at Waterfield House, we know life can feel very grey sometimes. We meet many of you who find this time of year difficult. Some of you have even told me that the waiting room, where a frustrated hour or two has been spent, is looking particularly drab and tired.

It is 10 years since the surgery was extended and the new waiting room commissioned; I believe it is time for a facelift. It would be nice to ask the people of Pembury who use the room to decide upon the new colour scheme, the lighting and any other changes that would make it more pleasant. One proviso I would stipulate is for the fish tank to remain.



I had the fish tank when I was a medical student living alone in London. The fish kept me company! Since being moved to the surgery, the tank is now cared for by D.J.B., a modest Pembury man, whose dedication and hard work in keeping the tank pristine is appreciated by everyone. I know there are only three fish, but they are healthy and too big to introduce other smaller fish who would end up as a rather tasty snack.

If anyone has any inspiration for the facelift, please send a note to me or pick up a form from Waterfield House. I shall collate the suggestions and arrange for a vote amongst the patients to decide the most popular scheme.

Even though summer is a long way off, it is nice to dream of holidays and some of you may be fortunate enough to be planning a holiday abroad. The NHS provides the basic travel vaccinations for free, so book in to see Sister in good time. When grey days seem to be the order of the day, please be assured that they always pass and summer will be with us soon.

Dr Andrew Cameron

WAR MEMORIAL NAMES

RICHARD SNOW is researching the names on the Pembury War Memorial from the two World Wars. He is trying to find out more about the men who died, and where they lived in the village. This information will then be available for all when he has finished his research.



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If anyone has or wants any information on these valiant men, or if anyone knows any relatives, he would be pleased to hear from you. He would also be interested to hear if there are any missing names, including those from more recent conflicts. Richard can be contacted on 825428.

Richard Snow

WINTER IN PEMBURY

I think it is fair to say that we have recently had more snow in our village than many of us remember. Yes, it may have caused problems for some of us getting into work, or caused frustration as it became more and more difficult to get out of the house, even to go to the shops. But to me, what shone through was the community spirit that was felt in spite of all the cold weather.

When the first snow fell before Christmas, I ventured out to take some photos. The roads were covered in snow, and were practically impassable. It was actually easier to walk along the road than the pavement as it was hard to see where the edge of the pavement was! There were only a few people out and about; either taking photographs, or helping others to make their journeys. There were people in 4x4 vehicles towing people up the main road, there were people ploughing the roads and there were others carrying food and medicine to those who were stuck in their homes.

I wandered around most of the village in search of some beautiful pictures. During my walks, I was amazed at how many people said "hello" to me; people who normally walk by anonymously. People were smiling, and happy to greet others as they made their journey through the snow. Children and adults were building snowmen, and having snowball fights and sledging down hills. It was a lovely situation, everyone getting on with their life, happy to speak to strangers, and travelling around on foot.

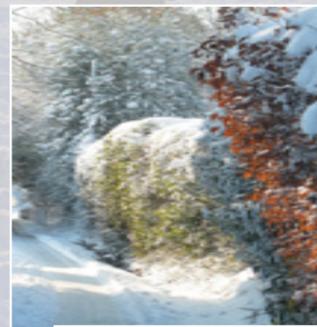
It made me think about how much we take for granted; when we need food, we hop in the car to go to the shops; when we need doctors or medicine, it's always nearby; when we need our friends, we know they're only a phone call away. But what happens when we can't get out, when we can't get the help we need?

The high levels of community spirit showed me that we can all help each other. There are those who can pull our car out of a sticky spot, those who we can call on when we need a chat, and those who can bring us things from the shops when we can't get out. I would love for us to carry this community spirit through this year, to continue greeting those we pass on the street, and to check on our friends and neighbours to see if there is anything that we can help them with.

And if we have more snow later this year, the best way to travel seems to be on a sledge!

You can see the fun that some of our villagers have had in the snow in these pictures which were taken around the village.

Editor





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WHY NOT VISIT PEPENBURY FOR A BLUEBELL WALK?

WHAT COULD be more delightful than taking a walk through the bluebell woods in the Spring? Pepenbury, the charity for people with learning disabilities is opening its ancient woodland this Spring so people can enjoy the spectacular display of bluebells. The woods at Pepenbury are set in some of the prettiest, most un-spoilt countryside in the High Weald Area of Natural Beauty. The whole site is a haven for wildlife and as well as native woodland flowers, the woods are buzzing with insects and resonate with the sound of birdsong.



There is a guided walk map which is available from the coffee shop at Pepenbury. The walk is suitable for all ages, and is approximately a mile and a half long over relatively flat ground. Pepenbury do not charge people to walk in their woods, although as a charity they rely on donations and a donation to Pepenbury would be appreciated.

The woodlands are a mixture of mature oak, ash, and cherry with chestnut and hazel coppice. The woods have a number of wide woodland rides running through offering perfect habitat for birds and butterflies. The woods are managed in the traditional way using coppicing and traditional woodcrafts to produce traditional chestnut fence posts which are used on site



and traditional hazel products like bean poles and pea sticks, which are available to buy. The woods are also used as a training and leisure facility for people with learning disabilities, offering them useful and fulfilling activities in training and physical exercise.

The hazel and chestnut coppice is cut on a 7-15 year rotation offering the perfect under-canopy allowing dappled shade for the carpets of beautiful bluebells, primroses and violets to thrive. The woods also boasts all three species of native woodpecker and the beautiful Goldcrest, Britain's smallest bird. A herd of wild deer and several wildlife ponds are also found around the site, teeming with tadpoles.

After a walk around the bluebell woods, what could be more enjoyable than relaxing with a cup of tea/coffee and delicious piece of cake at Pepenbury coffee shop? The shop will also be selling spring bedding and vegetable plants. Bean poles and pea sticks cut from the hazel woods will also be available for sale.

For further details of the bluebell walks and for more information about the Pepenbury charity, please contact Nigel Hill on 822168.

Nigel Hill

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PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

PEMBURY GARDENERS' Society will be holding their Spring Flower Show on Saturday 27 March, 2.30pm, at the Village Hall. If you would like to join in and have a go, ring me on 822031 to get a schedule which gives you details of the different classes and also contains the entry form.



There are lots of Daffodil entries so it is difficult to win a prize, but Tulips are often in very short supply and if you have them in your garden, worth entering. Anyone can enter their polyanthus, muscari or hyacinths easily, also a flowering shrub spray or three stems of any flower.



If you fancy your cookery, try cheese scones, carrot cake, shortbread, sausage plait, etc. The juniors can enter a collection of Spring flowers or try their hand at cup-cakes.

There are sales of plants, cakes, books, a raffle and auction of flowers and produce plus tea and coffee. It makes a nice afternoon and it really is not difficult to enter and, yes, win a prize. There are displays of Floral Art for the artistic ones among you, so do please come and support your local Garden Society. If you are really keen, do become a member, or even consider joining our Committee. We have talks and social events as well and helpers are always welcome.

Currently the shed where we sell compost and other garden items is desperately in need of help on a Sunday morning for 2 hrs – any strong males out there? You will receive a 10% discount for yourself! Happy Gardening in 2010.

Shirley Smout

KENT COLLEGE



KENT COLLEGE Preparatory and Secondary school for girls aged 3 to 18 was proud to receive an overall judgement of 'outstanding' following their Ofsted Boarding Inspection in November 2009. This standard demonstrates exceptional provision and is hard to achieve in any sub-section of the report. To gain an overall 'outstanding' requires that this level is met in at least four out of five areas, including that of organisation. Therefore, it is rarely given.



On gaining such a pleasing result, Headmistress Sally-Anne Huang commented: "To say that we are proud of this report and all it demonstrates would be an under-statement. This year has seen the restructuring of our boarding at the school and Ofsted have endorsed all that has been achieved both through this and in the past as the quality and status of boarding at KC have continued to improve. To have boarding at the heart of all we do is contained in our mission statement and I feel that this report is testament to us meeting that aim. I am grateful to all the staff and girls who make our boarding community so special."

You can read the whole report on Kent College's website, www.kent-college.co.uk. The school are very pleased to announce this result to the local community and like to keep us involved in and aware of their achievements.

Emma Chandler



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STARTING SCHOOL IN 1947

WITH THE recent weather being colder than for many years, with people unable to get to work and most of the schools closed, my mind went back to the winter of 1947, the year I started at Pembury School.

Shortly after starting school, the winter weather deteriorated with freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall that would last for another two months. The temperature at one point dropped to -2°F (-19°C), the sea froze over on the Kent coast, keeping many fishing vessels in port and adding to the food shortages.

But to school I had to go. Mr Davies, the caretaker, had dug footpaths through the snow for us to get to our classrooms, the air was strong with the smell of burning coke from the boilers and in my classroom, Miss White, the first year teacher, was removing wet socks from children with inadequate footwear and hanging them on the radiators to dry. The milk for the morning break was placed on the radiators for those who wanted it hot, if not, my drank cold milk slush.



End of war party, The Grove, 1945

I always had a sandwich for my morning break, either marmite, fish paste or home made jam, usually plum; but my favourite was buttered sugar sandwich. The toilets were outdoors and you never wasted time there! If we went out during the break, we would make slides in the playground. Although many of the teachers came from Tunbridge Wells, to my recollection, the school never closed during that winter.

At the time my family shared a house in The Grove. The heating was a coal fire but coal had to be used sparingly as it was often in short supply. There were power cuts from time to time and many foods were still rationed. I had to share a bedroom with my parents and at bedtime we dressed for bed in almost as many clothes as during the day. There was always ice on the insides of the window panes in the morning.

But the summer was coming and I would spend my summer holiday down at Pippins Farm where my mum would be fruit picking. The days would be spent exploring the farm, riding on the horse pulled cart and making bows and arrows to play Cowboys and Indians.

That same summer I had my own bedroom for the first time when we moved to a newly built house in Bulls Place, the first tenants in the road, shortly to be followed by others, all with children. The building sites of Bulls Place and Belfield Road were our playgrounds, playing

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STARTING SCHOOL IN 1947 – continued

chase around the unfinished buildings, shinning up the scaffold poles, seeing who could jump off the highest scaffolding board onto a pile of sand, building camps from the stacks of bricks on the site. As far as I know, nobody was seriously injured, the 'elf and safety industry would have nightmares now!

As the years went by, life became more comfortable as rationing ended, housing improved and we became better off. Children had more freedom to roam then; as a child, all the problems of life go over your head; you make the best of what you have. In these affluent times when children can have almost anything they want, I feel they have lost some of the fun of life.



Pippens Farm, 1943

Melvyn Cole

SIGN OF THE TIMES . . .

BUT WHICH times? Paul Mason, who lives on Lower Green Road, found an interesting sign while doing a bit of fence repair on his property. At first he thought it might be an old road sign but, on closer examination, it appears to have come from a house - but not Paul's house, which he bought when it was built in 1970 and there was no sign attached.

The sign is actually engraved on a substantial piece of marble in a style that suggests it could be quite old, possible early 20th century. Obviously a sizeable piece is missing, adding to the mystery. Do you recognise it? All the signs point to this being a difficult mystery to solve!

Rick Bayles

Since writing this article, the pieces of the jigsaw to this mystery fell into place. We found out that one of Mr Mason's neighbours had the sign engraved a few years ago but that it had been destroyed by vandals and they had been looking for the missing part ever since! – Editor



WHO SAID OUR CLIMATE IS WARMING?

IFELT POSITIVELY at home this winter when the winds brought heaps of snow and sub-zero temperatures straight from Siberia. There the plants are not daft and know better than to keep leaves green in winter. Way before the first frosts they transport all goodness from the leaves into their roots, shed them and shut down till spring, just like our native deciduous trees. In winter the landscape changes to a white desert and for very good reasons. Keeping greenery going equals death, mainly because of water. When frozen it expands 10%, bursting the cell walls. Higher water content means higher risk of frost damage. Along with that, frost affects the proteins in plant tissues that coagulate in low temperatures, causing plants similar problems as blood clots in humans. So rather than risking it, nature conserves its energy and goes into a deep sleep. It's had thousands of years to work it out to perfection.

Now, Britain might have been the same if it wasn't for our passionate love of collecting plants. Don't blame Garden Centres for that, blame the Victorians and all the explorers before them who dragged every exotic beauty that caught their eye back onto Albion's shores. So here we are, shaking snow off our Japanese Privets and Portuguese Laurels, wondering if Hellebore will ever recover and what else might have been lost to frost. If only someone could assure us that was a one off and those cold temperatures would not return . . . But no such guarantee our climate is no longer stable. So here is some advice on how to help your garden cope with our crazy weather.

For new plants, choose either native plants or those that come from a place where the weather is not always sweet, the mountains of North America and Asia for instance. Japan has a mild climate, so plants from there are not exactly hardy, the same goes for the Mediterranean. Botanists have not found any evidence so far that plants can adapt to varying temperatures. When weather changes drastically, so does the flora. A plant's ability to deal with climate variations is utterly genetic. Among the shrubs introduced into England in Tudor times were the Bay Laurel, the White Jasmine and the Spanish Broom, none of which have become hardy after 400 years of living with us.

For established evergreens the best solution is to prune them in a dome-like fashion to improve their ability to shake off snow. Those that are badly damaged could be cut a few inches from the ground in the hope that the root system will produce new healthy shoots. Or in the case of branches, just below the damage.

It is worth considering the landscape of your garden. Cold air is heavy and tends to slide downhill and gather in any depression it can find, including the patio. Your house walls unfortunately do not make much of a difference, unless plants lean on or are fixed to them. The lower the ground, the colder it will be and the longer it will stay that way. So replant your tender beauties elsewhere.



Our soil is a mixed blessing – wonderfully fertile, but easily waterlogged, unless you have sand pockets here and there. For most of us it is a Wealden clay loam or just clay. To improve the drainage and keep plants 'drier' in winter, dig in grit and compost to loosen up the soil structure and plant 'green manures', such as alfalfa, phacelia, tares and clover – all of which send their roots deep into the ground, breaking the clay and improving drainage, among other benefits such as locking in carbon. Most green manures are also very pretty and attract loads of bees.

As for the ground cover, leave the dry stems untouched. Yes, I know, it often looks untidy, but honestly – who is looking when it's dark and cold outside? The dead stems and leaves form a natural protection for the emerging shoots against the icy winds of winter that, apart from frost bite, also drains moisture from young shoots. Plus all your resident invertebrates will be grateful for leaving them plenty of winter shelter opportunities.

As for Spring frosts, watch out. Your plants might need protection. No need to wrap them up like Christmas presents, a fleece handkerchief stretched on poles just above the crown is perfectly sufficient in preventing heat radiation from a plant. Blossoming fruit trees are particularly at risk. In the old days smoking kerosene lamps were used to create a protective fog. Nowadays there is no shortage of horticultural fleece on offer – just Google it.

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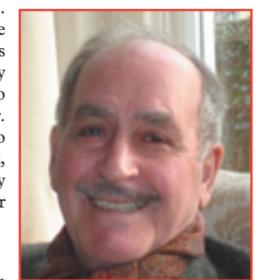
PEMBURY PEOPLE

CHARLES GEOFFREY MARSHALL

This issue we have interviewed a Pembury resident whose history is based in the local area.

When did you come to Pembury?

I first came to Pembury in 1973 with my wife, Jill, and we settled in Hastings Road. However, that was before the bypass was built and so it was pretty crazy and we didn't stay there for too long, preferring to move somewhere a bit quieter. Hastings Road has become so much calmer since the bypass that, four years ago, we decided to buy the house we had always had our eye on, near the war memorial.



What brought you here?

I got the job as Head Teacher at Sherwood Junior School. Prior to that I had been teaching in a very deprived area in Gravesend, which is actually where I learnt my trade. Previously I had only taught 'nice' kids, but there, in Gravesend, school was actually better than home. It was a kind of refuge for the kids, somewhere where they could get a decent meal. As their parents had no notion of what school was for, we really had to start from scratch.

The first question I asked myself was: 'What are these children interested in?' I feel strongly that as adults (parents and teachers) we should begin by thinking about what it is like to be a child; what are primary children drawn towards? We should then use those interests to bring them to see the relevance of the traditional curriculum. Children are naturally interested in everyday things such as water, stones and grasses, so we did things like setting up wormeries, growing mushrooms and exploring the dump for what we could find. We would then bring our finds back to school and talk about them. For example, we looked at grasses. This was how the children realised that there is not just one type of grass but many different grasses. We would sort them and mount them and the children would draw them.

Our emphasis would be on doing their work slowly and carefully and to the best of their ability. Thus the children learnt the discipline of drawing or stitching and that they should try, time and time again, until they were satisfied that

they had produced their very best effort.

How did they learn to read and write during all of this?

Of course there was a practical side to all of this too, which was the development of their language. In order to describe something properly you need to have the correct vocabulary and these children would learn the specific names of the plants, even their Latin names. An interest in a patch of garden, or snails, a pond or a wormery will inevitable lead to talking, drawing and painting, to counting and measuring, to writing both factual and fictional and so on. When a child couldn't write, we got them to describe what they saw and their teacher

wrote it down and read it back. Over time they would use what they had written to learn to read, which gave them a sense of what reading and writing are all about. The children's writing led to making their own little books about what they had seen which in turn led to the use of 'proper' books. In this way the children came to see the relevance of what they were doing instead of 'we go to school to learn to read and do sums'.

What are your views on the National Curriculum?

The National Curriculum is devised by people who have never given a thought to what children are like. It is all about preparing them to fit into a workplace by a step-by-step progression which may make sense to mathematicians, historians, geographers and so on, but is a complete turn-off to youngsters. I ask myself "what has happened to childhood?"

I tend to dwell on the way things have gone and I find it quite tragic. By setting targets, the government, parents and schools only look at where they want the children to be in five years' time instead of enjoying today and building on the present. By knowing your children intimately and building on what they like, you will create healthy, mature adults. I believe schools are only able to operate because most children are so tolerant and forgiving.

Mel Karpinski

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

THE HOSPICE in the Weald, Maidstone Road, have a number of events happening over the next few months. If you would like more information, or need tickets or an entry form to any of them, please telephone 820508.

On Wednesday 24 March, all ladies are invited to attend the **Ladies' Night Out**. It's a chance to spoil yourself with a range of treatments and therapies, manicures, facials, makeovers, Indian head massage and more. There will also be a fashion sale of good quality clothes from the Hospice shops. The evening runs from 7pm-10pm and tickets are £15 which includes your first luxury treatment and a glass of wine.



On Saturday 15 May, the **Plant Fair and Farmers Market** will be at the Hospice from 10am until 2pm. For more details, telephone the Hospice.

On Friday 18 and Saturday 19 June will be the circular sponsored **8-mile Moonlight Walk**.

This starts and finishes at the Hospice in the Weald. The Friday night event will be a 'Girls on the Town' fiesta night with hot Latin sounds, cooling sangria and oodles of chocolate!

The Saturday night event will feature **'Family Party Night'** with live music, children's fun pack and chocolate treats.

Ruth Fahie

PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

THE 2010 SEASON is upon us. The beginning of May sees the start of another league season with all players refreshed after their winter rests and raring to launch into a belter of a summer, weather permitting!

There are a few changes at the club this year. Both our adult Saturday sides have changed cricket leagues, which means we have the opportunity to play new opposition and visit new grounds throughout the season.

We have a few new players to the club for 2010 who have joined us, and warmly welcome them to the ranks and hope they and their families enjoy the cricket and the company and stay with us for many a year.

Whilst our performances on the field in the last couple of years haven't set the world alight in terms of league positions, as a club we remain successful at bringing through young cricketers into the adult teams. This augurs well for the future when hopefully this policy will reap results; either way the club still retains a warm friendly environment, with a lively social calendar centred on family based fun and enjoyment. Junior cricket remains the lifeblood of the club, we have six qualified coaches who each give up their time to coach cricketers from the ages of 7 to 17 and run a selection of age related junior cricket teams throughout the season. We also field adult teams on a Sunday and Tuesday and for the last few years have also raised a Touring team that this year heads off to Torquay in August to sample the English Riviera!

We are always keen to welcome new members, be they players or spectators; we believe we can offer something for everyone. a

Why not pop along to Chalket Lane one weekend afternoon and come and see what we are all about.

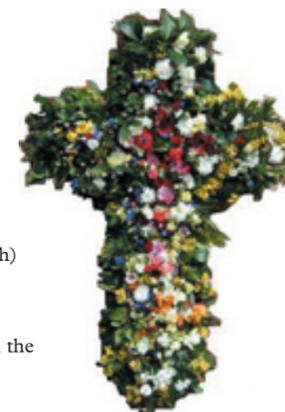
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29 March	Holy Week	8pm	Service
30 March	Holy Week	8pm	Service
31 March	Holy Week	8pm	Service
1 April	Maundy Thursday	8pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper (Upper Church)
2 April	Good Friday	10am	A Crown of Thorns (Upper Church)
		11.15am	Churches Together Act of Witness on the Village Green
		12noon	An hour at the Cross (Old Church)
4 April	Easter Sunday	6am	Easter Vigil (Upper Church)
		9.45am	Parish Eucharist (Upper Church)
		11.30am	BCP Holy Communion (Old Church)



ST JUSTUS AND ST ANSELM'S

28 March	Palm Sunday	10.30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Pembury)
31 March	Wednesday	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Pembury)
1 April	Maundy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Paddock Wood)
2 April	Good Friday	10.30am	Stations of the Cross (Paddock Wood)
		11.15am	An Act of Witness on the Village Green (Pembury)
		3pm	Solemn Liturgy (Paddock Wood)
3 April	Holy Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil (Paddock Wood)
4 April	Easter Sunday	9am	Mass of the Resurrection (Paddock Wood)
		10.30am	Mass of the Resurrection (Pembury)

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

28 March	Palm Sunday	10am	Service on 'With Jesus'
		6.30pm	Service on 'With Jesus'
2 April	Good Friday	10am	Reflective Service
		11.15am	An Act of Witness on the Village Green
4 April	Easter Sunday	10am	Morning Service on 'With Jesus'
		6.30pm	Service on 'With Jesus'

CRIME IN PEMBURY

WINTER SEEMS to have been with us for a lifetime what with the perpetual rain before December and snow from 17 December, although I have to admit I still enjoy the snow but appreciate the problems it causes to some, especially the elderly.

The good news is that the long dark evenings are behind us and lighter mornings are here.

The other good news is that reported crime figures are down again for the months of October, November and December 2009 compared with the corresponding months of 2008; from 55 down to 39. When comparing seasons, the general trend is downwards.

The worrying bit is that assaults are now tying for top spot with theft offences – not so bad if villain is bashing villain!

The one thing that does concern me is that there is no feed-back regarding any of the crimes committed and convictions, if any. I will write to the police requesting this information and will publish any reply in the next issue.

Keep reporting anything suspicious, no matter how trivial, to the police and also make more use of the Community Warden.

Let's all toughen up and make life more difficult and hard for those who wish to disrupt our lives.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Other	Burglary Other	Drugs	Fraud and Forgery	Theft Offences	Theft of Motor Vehicle	TOTAL
October 2009	1	1	6	1	2	4	1	16
November 2009	5		2		1	2	1	11
December 2009	5		1		1	5		12
TOTAL	11	1	9	1	4	11	21	39
ROAD								
Beagles Wood Road						1		1
Hastings Road			4		1	1		6
Henwood Green Road	2			1		1		4
High Street	2				3			5
Lower Green Road	2		5			1		7
Old Church Road						4	1	1
Pembury Road						1		5
Petersfield								1
Ridgeway	1							1
Romford Road	1	1						2
Sandhurst Avenue	2						1	3
Tonbridge Road	1					2		3
TOTAL	11	1	9	1	4	11	2	39

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesdays 9am-11.30am during term time.

Pembury Community Warden Surgery – Village Hall, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am.

Town & Country (High Weald Housing) – Clinic, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am.

CAB – Pembury Library, Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am.

March

29 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm

April

- 1 Afternoon WI: 90th Birthday – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm
- 8 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 9 Evening WI: The Calendars with Barbara Stevens – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 10 Afternoon WI: 90th Anniversary Exhibition – Village Hall – 2pm
- 12 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 12 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 19 Pembury Footpath Walkers' AGM – Village Hall Meeting Room – 8pm
- 26 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm

May

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 6 Afternoon WI: Annual Meeting and Resolutions – Village Hall – 2pm
- 7 Evening WI: Annual Meeting and Resolutions – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 8 RNLI Spring Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am to 12pm
- 10 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 10 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 13 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 13 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Pelargonium and Geraniums with Ron Homes – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 14 St Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 7pm-9pm
- 15 St Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am-4pm
- 16 St Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am-4pm
- 21 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 8pm
- 22 Pepenbury May Fair – Pepenbury – 12pm to 3pm

June

- 3 Afternoon WI: 'Coincidences and Victorian Murder' by Mrs Dorothy Cox – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 Evening WI: 'A day in the life of a Toastmaster' by Mr Cyril Baldwin – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 7 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 10 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 14 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 19 Musical Picnic – Village Green – 6pm

ROSIE'S RECIPES

FOR THIS edition of the PVN I thought some tea-time treats would go down well. The cake recipe was sent in to me by Martin Sherwood who was our temporary Community Warden, while Tom Younger was on sick leave. I thought children would enjoy decorating the rabbit biscuits, and these can be made in advance and frozen un-iced for up to three months and then defrosted at room temperature and decorated. The bread is very quick and easy to make and although the recipe says Pineapple Soda Bread you could leave out the pineapple and just add a little more buttermilk. I hope you all enjoy your Easter.

Pineapple Fruit Cake



Ingredients:
 3/4lb to 1lb mixed fruit
 Small can crushed pineapple (432g can makes 2 cakes)
 4oz margarine or butter
 8oz white sugar
 4oz plain flour
 4oz self raising flour
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 A pinch of salt
 2 level tsp mixed spice
 2 large eggs

Preparation:

Place fruit, pineapple, margarine and sugar into a saucepan. Bring slowly to the boil and then allow to cool. Sift flour, bicarbonate of soda, mixed spice and salt. Beat into the cooled fruit mixture. Lastly, add the beaten eggs. Transfer to a greased and lined 8 inch cake tin. Bake for 1 1/2 to 2 hours on gas mark 4 or equivalent.

Pineapple Soda Bread

Ingredients for 10 wedges (approx)

225g (8oz) plain flour
 2 tbsp sugar
 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 1/2 tsp powdered cinnamon
 1/4 tsp salt
 25g (1oz) butter or margarine
 432g (15oz) can crushed pineapple
 about 50ml (2froz) buttermilk

Preparation:

Heat oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, soda, cinnamon and salt into a bowl. Rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Weigh out 100g (4oz) crushed pineapple and juice and add to mixture. Add sufficient buttermilk to make a salt, but not sticky, dough. Turn out onto a floured board and knead for 2 minutes. Shape into a 15cm (6in) circle and place on a greased baking tray. Score the top into quarters. Bake for about 30 minutes, until brown and firm to touch. Cool on a wire rack, but serve just warm. Good served with cream cheese, cottage or plain, buttered. You could mix the remaining pineapple with a lime jelly and leave to set in the fridge, or if you drain it well you can add it to 225g (8oz) soft cream or curd cheese and serve with warm bread.

Gingerbread Rabbits

Ingredients for 12 Rabbits:

350g (12oz) plain flour
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 2 tsp ground ginger

ROSIE'S RECIPES – continued

100g (4oz) butter
 150g (6oz) soft light brown sugar
 4 tbsp golden syrup
 1 egg, beaten
 12 currants
 50g (2oz) icing sugar
 3 tsp hot water



Preparation:

Heat oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Grease 2 large baking sheets. Sift flour into a bowl with bicarbonate of soda and ginger. Rub butter into flour until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar. Beat syrup into egg and stir into flour. Knead to form a smooth dough. Divide mixture in half and roll out to 5mm (1/4in) thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 6 rabbits from each batch. Place on baking sheets and arrange currants for eyes.

Cook for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Sift icing sugar into a bowl and mix enough hot water to give a stiff icing.

Pipe an outline and tail on each rabbit. Leave to set.

Rosie Bass

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8am Holy Communion
 9.45am The Parish Eucharist and Jun Chch
 10am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

Old Church

11.30am Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)
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Sunday Mass 10.30am

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 Wednesday – Mass 7pm

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