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REGENERATING LOWER GREEN RECREATION GROUND

BY 30 OCTOBER, the 20 or so reply boxes scattered around the village had been collected up and in the presence of Richard Snow as independent observer, they were opened. Nearly 200 replies were received; 185 from Pembury residents, four from non-residents, five anonymous and five blanks!

The response was very good with a large majority of the respondents adding in extremely helpful and informative comments. As we went to press, the results

were being entered on a spreadsheet and coverage map and then analysed. The report will have gone to Pembury Parish Council's Amenities Working Group for consideration and then to the full Council to plan the next steps.

Our very best thanks to the residents of Pembury for contributing to this exercise. We will report in the Spring News on the findings in detail.

Alison Morton, Acting Chair,
Public Relations Working Group



Opening the boxes, left to right: Cllr June Crowhurst, Cllr Alison Morton, Richard Snow, Parish Clerk Barbara Russell, Parish Council Chairman David Coleman

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PEMBURY IS BEAUTIFUL IN BLOOM

GREEN-FINGERED finalists of Pembury in Bloom 2006 gathered at Notcutts Garden Centre, Tonbridge Road, Pembury on 31 August for a presentation tea and to find out who had won this year's competition – a secret much guarded by the judges until the day.

Notcutts Garden Centre manager, Aston Bull and June Crowhurst of Pembury Parish Council, awarded prizes and certificates to the winners for their floral feats, with Nancy Barden presenting the new Allotments Trophy in memory of her husband Frederick (known as Den). The winners are:

Best Front Garden

1st John Wooden, Henwood Green Road – £100 in Notcutts vouchers; *2nd* Beryl Whiddett, Stone Court Lane – £50 in Notcutts vouchers; *3rd* Lisa Gouldthorpe, Sandhurst Avenue – £25 in Notcutts vouchers.

Best Hanging Basket

1st Richard Mernagh, Woodhill Park – £70 in Notcutts vouchers; *Joint 2nd* Shirley Steel, Tonbridge Road – £30 in Notcutts vouchers; *Joint 2nd* Ernest Mackelden, Middlefield – £30 in Notcutts vouchers; *3rd* Melanie Hambleton, Woodhill Park – £15 in Notcutts vouchers.

The Notcutts Rose Bowl for The Most Attractive Commercial Frontage

Winner: Camden Arms, High Street.

The Fredrick Barden Trophy for the Best Allotment

Winner: Paula Davis, Woodside Road Allotments.

The Best Container Planted & Maintained by a Child

Joint 1st Bethany Greagsby, Hastings Road; *Joint 1st* Theresa Greagsby, Hastings Road; *2nd* Aidan Gouldthorpe, Sandhurst Avenue.

At the presentation June Crowhurst of Pembury Parish Council congratulated everybody for maintaining the high standards of Pembury in Bloom, despite the weather difficulties, and for once again putting in a great deal of effort to keep Pembury a colourful and pretty village.

“The judges always enjoy going around Pembury judging this competition and with so many beautiful displays it was a very

hard task to pick the winners,” says June Crowhurst. *“It was especially nice to welcome a very special guest this year, Mrs Barden, whose late husband won the allotments category on numerous occasions. I was delighted that Mrs Barden and her family were able to witness the very first presentation of the new Fredrick Barden Allotments Trophy in his memory.”*



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M.O.T. TESTS

CROSSING TO THE SUNHILL SIDE OF THE STREET. . .

EARLIER THIS year 40 residents of Sunhill Court signed a petition asking for a “Zebra Crossing” outside their block of flats in the High Street so that they could safely cross this increasingly busy road to reach the shop, village hall and bus stop.

Sunhill Court is run by the Saint Pancras and Humanist Housing Association, providing accommodation for around 60 people, a significant number of whom have difficulties regarding mobility. The shop clearly provides an important service for them and the varied and attractive events held in the village hall, some of which are targeted at Sunhill Court residents, form an equally important part of their social life. Most residents are now just too scared to try to cross the road outside their flats and, for many, the effort involved in reaching the other side via the crossing by the chemist, plus the return, is just too much. This has been reflected in reduced attendances at the village hall. For those who are able to travel to town by bus, the trip to the bus stop could be regarded as a journey in itself.

Kent County Council Highway engineers have carefully investigated this matter but, for a number of reasons, feel that they cannot approve a crossing outside Sunhill Court. The next step is to investigate whether a pedestrian controlled crossing, sited away from the bend in the road by Sunhill Court and further along the High Street in the direction of Woodsgate Corner, would be acceptable. Such an application might, depending on the proposed location of the crossing, include a review of the siting of the traffic island by the rear entrance to Tesco’s.

Mike Tompsett

PEMBURY U3A

FOLLOWING A WELL attended inaugural meeting of the new Pembury U3A on 16 October, an enthusiastic Management Committee has been formed and at the time of writing this article, the Pembury U3A had gained 40 members. There is an encouraging number of Interest Groups run by our volunteers to start the new U3A off. News of these will be sent to members before the end of December 2006. It is hoped that U3A activities will begin in January 2007. For further information please contact our Membership Secretaries, Andrew and Janet Richardson, 39 Romford Road, Pembury on 824012.

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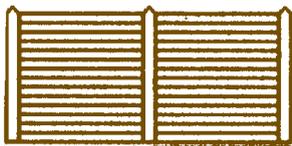
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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Local Democracy Week

Every year, Local Democracy Week provides an excellent opportunity for elected Councillors at all levels to explain the workings of their local authorities. I try to make a point of involving our young people in this, and in previous years, I've spoken at assemblies, organised "Question Time" events, and chaired mock debates at County Hall.

This year, headteacher Cath Thewlis and I arranged for a delegation of seven members of the Pembury School Council to visit us at County Hall. They joined us for the formal Cabinet meeting with press and public, and KCC's new Leader, Paul Carter, paused the formal proceedings and asked everyone around the table to introduce themselves and explain their role to our young visitors.



Photos outside the County Hall sign were followed by a sandwich lunch in the KCC Cabinet Room and a chance to ask both me and my team questions about the role of a County Councillor. We then had a guided tour of KCC's Contact Centre, where we take enquiries from the public twenty four hours a day, seven days a week on our central telephone number – **08458 247 247**. A highlight of this tour was a trip to the roof terrace in the glass "wall walker" lift. Several of our visitors would have been happy to spend the afternoon just going up and down!

Finally, we took our places in the Council Chamber where these young people engaged in a wide-ranging debate ranging from school facilities to bullying. Every one of the Pembury School councillors behaved impeccably, demonstrating that they could on occasion teach grown up politicians a thing or two about etiquette! We look forward to their next visit.

Colts Hill

At the time of writing, the Regional Transport Board of the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) has met to discuss major transport schemes. For the last three years it has

consistently recommended to Government that the Colts Hill scheme be shelved as it "wasn't of a high enough priority", preferring instead to rebuild a road on the Isle of Wight which had fallen into the sea through coastal erosion!

Whilst the works to both Castle Hill and Kippings Cross have been agreed – although the timescale could be as far away as 2013 – it seems that once again SEERA have chosen to ignore the pleadings of both KCC and Colts

Hill residents. The Colts Hill Strategic Link scheme has slipped from Rank 3 to Rank 5, and SEERA have downgraded its 'deliverability score' from "good" to "medium".

Perhaps those responsible for this bureaucratic nonsense would like to explain their thinking to those affected by the recent fatality?

COMPAID Trust

As I said to the Courier some weeks ago, I think it's disgraceful that – despite the fact that the PFI isn't even signed – COMPAID have until the end of December 2006 to leave their base at Pembury Hospital. I feel, as I'm sure the whole village does, that it would be a tragedy if this organisation had to close down for want of a new home.

I've been working extensively for the last 18 months, scouring KCC's property registers, lobbying colleagues in Health, and negotiating between both COMPAID and other voluntary sector organisations to resolve this difficult problem. I was therefore delighted to hear at the end of November that COMPAID has found a temporary home for the Day Centre at the Tunbridge Wells Football Club and for the payroll bureau, at the Sevenoaks & District Association for Mental Health, while the transport operation will move to Paddock Wood. Just a few days ago I attended a meeting with Borough Council planners, and I hope we can shortly announce a longer term location for the Day Centre.



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LOCAL HERO – JOHN BRUNT VC

PEMBURY-BASED Richard Snow has written the life-story of John Brunt VC who has a pub named after him in Paddock Wood, opposite Waitrose. In addition, the Victoria Cross winner has a memorial window in the shape of the Victoria Cross in St. Andrew's Church in Paddock Wood.

Richard's booklet tells the story of Captain Brunt's deeds from his birth and schooling in Shropshire, through his school holidays in Paddock Wood, his military career in Tunisia and Italy to his death at the age of 22. He was killed in December 1944, having won the Victoria Cross, and was killed the day after his brave actions against the Germans. So he never knew he'd won it. He was a dare-devil character, and his parents lived in Paddock Wood for 30 years until 1964. The chequered history of the pub is also included in the book.

There are 144 pages and around 35 illustrations. All the profits are being donated to Compaidd Trust, at Pembury Hospital, of which Richard is a trustee. It sells at £5 per copy and is available from Bladerunners Hairdressers, or direct from Richard at 825428.



Launch of the booklet at the pub on 23 September. John Brunt's sister, Dorothy, 86, Richard, and other members of the Brunt family

PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL BIG BUILD

THE SCHOOL has embarked on a major building project. This was actually started some three years ago and is just beginning to take shape. We are pleased and hope that the community can see this as part of a thriving Primary school. Our numbers continue to go against the trend of falling rolls and we are happy to celebrate our rising numbers.

The build has brought to an end the Horsa huts which were demolished in the summer break, for some the end of an era, for some the end of damp and outdated teaching area. These buildings served the school well but we now celebrate the start of a new era. Our new build should be completed in 38 weeks and we are hopeful that this will be so. The move into the new building will be prior to the summer break. Our new accommodation will replace the four temporary classrooms and the space lost by the sale of the school house.

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WARDENS' 5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

IN THIS World Cup year football has been uppermost in the minds of a lot of people, whether they like it or not. The youths of 'The Mix' youth club in Pembury have been no exception.

On Thursday 17 August these youths took part in a tournament which, some would say, was as important, if not more so, as the England campaign this year – **The Wardens' 5-a-Side Tournament**.

The tournament was organised by the KCC Community Wardens of the Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone area team and part funded by KCC Safety Partnership and KCC Cabinet Members Grant through our own County Councillor Kevin Lynes. The tournament involved 10 teams (one from each village patrolled by a Warden) playing for the **Wardens' Shield**. It took place at the Hawkenbury all weather pitches in the afternoon, followed by an awards presentation and barbecue provided by the Camden Arms in the early evening. There to present the awards was Gary Stevens, ex-England and Tottenham player, who some may know from the coaching sessions that he does at Pembury School.

Gary was not the only one to offer his support and our many thanks go to those businesses and individuals in the community who sponsored additional trophies, provided amenities and gave their time to help this tournament succeed.

Unfortunately, the youth from 'The Mix' were narrowly beaten in the final 2-1. However, they acquitted themselves very well and Pembury can take pride in a very good effort. The 'Best Ambassador' award went to

Liam Cawfield for his work in keeping the team together and the 'Man of the Tournament' was awarded to Marcus Lawrence for the brilliant job he did in goal.

We are now looking forward and preparing for next year. Well done to the lads for all the efforts they put into this tournament.

Tom Younger, KCC Community Warden



Pembury 5-a-Side Squad Award Winners

THE NOISE 2006

ON 9/10 SEPTEMBER over a hundred volunteers from Pembury Baptist Church took part in serving the village by decorating, gardening, housework, putting up sheds and general DIY. They also had teams litter picking, car washing, graffiti removing and serving Pembury Primary School. Some would say the high point was the hog roast at the Camden Arms on the Saturday evening, kindly donated by the Camden Arms, where over a hundred people relaxed in the summer evening sun. If you would like to be involved in subsequent Noise events or community projects, please contact the PBC church office on 825590.



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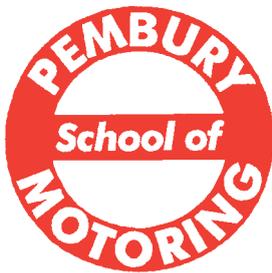
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OUT AND ABOUT CLUB

IN FEBRUARY of this year, a group from St Peter's Church met to respond to several requests from parishioners for a local opportunity to go out on trips. As a result of this meeting, the Out and About Club was formed. The aim of the club is to organise approximately five or six outings each year for residents in Pembury and their occasional guests. Our first outing in April was a Blossom Tour followed by a visit to Heaven Farm on the Ashdown Forest for a cream tea. This was well supported with 46 people coming along.

Our subsequent trips, the River Thames and Greenwich in July, Eastbourne and Beachy Head in October, A Christmas Lunch at the Brown Trout Lamberhurst followed by a visit to Battle for shopping and Christmas Lights in December, have all been completely sold out within two or

three weeks of the tickets being released. The Out and About Club is non profit making and is therefore able to price the tickets at an affordable level.

Kent County Council have given us a grant to purchase a wheelchair, so that anyone not able to walk far can also take advantage of an outing.

The committee have already planned the trips for 2007 which will include a Theatre trip, a mystery trip and pub lunch, a Thames river trip to Windsor, a steam train trip and a visit to the Royal Albert Hall for a Classical Spectacular.

Posters advertising each trip will be placed around the village approximately six to eight weeks prior to the trip

Rev Heather Hughes

THE VILLAGE MARKET

THE VILLAGE MARKET will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 16 December between 10am and 12 noon with all the usual stalls and many more including festive treats and goodies, a raffle and a Santa Claus.

The last market of the year will be on

19 December and we would like to thank all who have supported us in making our market a success and wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope you will join us again in the New Year on 16 January when we re-open.

Karol Young and Julie Potton

CREATIVE ARTS CAFE

BOOMING RHYTHMS and funky dancing poured from Pembury Baptist Church (PBC) at the recent Creative Arts Café held on 25 October.

The all-day event was a drum and dance workshop attended by a dozen young people from the village who also attend The Mix, the youth club that runs at PBC on a Tuesday evening in partnership with KCC and the Pembury Parish Council.

The Creative Arts Café is a joint initiative between KCC and PBC and aims to introduce young people to different arts as an opportunity to gain new skills, build self-esteem and develop creativity. For more details on The Mix or the Creative Arts Café, please call the PBC office on 825590



MRS WEATHER BEAR REPORTS . . .

HELLO, MRS WEATHER BEAR here from Pembury Pre-School Nursery.

I just wanted to take a few moments to let you know about some things that have been happening at the nursery. We were all very proud after our successful OFSTED inspection and we have also recently been invited to join the Leading Early Years Practitioner scheme.

This means that we will represent the Tunbridge Wells cluster, as a model of good practice. Our owner and manager, Carole, will be attending an induction meeting at the end of November so we will know more about the scheme then. This success is especially important as we are held in St. Anselm's Hall, which means we set-up the equipment every day and have to be very creative to ensure a bright, stimulating space that also has specific areas for different activities, including a quiet area.

Our ongoing partnership with the church and their support is obviously critical to our being. The plus of being in such a large space does mean that we can have some interesting play, even in winter which includes a bouncy castle, a big airflow system and cars/bike roadway play.

If you would like any more information on the nursery I would highly recommend our website www.pemburnursery.co.uk or contact Carole on 824314. Whilst you could always ask for me I'm afraid that I'm generally far too busy playing with the children, keeping track of Mr Weather Bear or advising Mrs. Travel Bear what she needs to pack when accompanying children on their travels.



THE TREE MAN COMETH . . .

IF YOU HAVE a concern about whether a tree has a preservation order, or need planning advice about trees or information about trees in conservation areas, you can contact Tree Officer Dan Docker at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (01892 526121).

If there is a real emergency concerning a tree call the TWBC 24 hour Out of Hours Emergency Number: 01892 515392 (Please use this wisely!)

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY AUTUMN MEETING AND AGM

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY held its Autumn meeting and AGM on the evening of 9 November in Pembury Village Hall; as usual it was a great success. The business meeting was held first at which committee members reported a successful year for the society, including the unveiling of the new village sign at Bo-Peep corner. Two amendments to the constitution were voted in – the first amendments since its inception, moving the financial year-end to end of July. More importantly, three new members were voted on to the committee, bringing it back up to full strength and helping to ensure that the society remains a strong and active organisation representing the interests of Pembury villagers.



Left to right, Shirley Blackwell, Peter Blackwell JP DL, Pembury Society chairman Ken Watts

After the refreshment interval the speaker, Peter Blackwell JP DL, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, gave a very entertaining talk about the Lieutenancy and his experiences in the magistracy. Although from Tunbridge Wells, he has several connections with Pembury including family in the village. Over sixty people heard how the Lieutenancy came about in Henry VIII's time, how it operates today and how Kent compares with other counties.

The Lieutenancy system has many important roles to play in modern society, including its role in supporting the monarchy. Peter was too modest to mention his meeting with the Queen during his talk but he let slip about this later. He went on to explain the structure and operation of the magistracy, which he joined in 1971 as the youngest magistrate in the country at the time. It was sobering to hear how times have changed with the ages of criminals getting lower, but Peter highlighted a lot of improvements as well and it was refreshing to hear his amusing anecdotes.

David Moore

PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL CLUB

IS YOUR CHILD (boys and girls equally welcome) interested in football and started Year 1 at school in September 2006?

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Pembury Athletic (Youth) FC has been established for nearly 25 years and currently organises football for around 200 children between the ages of 7 and 17.

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SNIPPETS

OOOH! AAAAH!

Pembury fireworks display was even better this year, accompanied by Handel's Royal Fireworks Music and Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance. I could have sworn I heard some singing along . . . !

An estimated 2,500 to 3,000 people attended, confirming that this is a very popular Pembury event. Over £1,300 was raised for our charities (Headway, Compaid and St John Ambulance) from the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS WEBSITE – www.pembury.org

Just a little note to say the website has recently been updated and improved. It continues to be a mine of information about the village, including clubs, organisations and facilities, hosts a large picture gallery (please ask us before copying the photos!), the Village Events Calendar, links to other Pembury sites, including the Pembury Community Forum and of course, highlights from the past year's Pembury Village News!

CAROL SINGING

The churches of Pembury will be carol singing outside Tesco's on 20 December at 6pm. All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald. All are invited to join in! For more details call 825590.

LET THEM EAT CAKE!

On 26 November, Nottcutts opened a coffee shop with 'delicious' home baked cakes. Opening times are Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm, Sunday 10.30am to 4.40pm. Enjoy!

PEMBURY SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU!

Unfortunately, over a third of thoughtless drivers are still whizzing through the village at speeds exceeding the posted limit. Often it is more a case of not paying attention to their speedometers rather than a deliberate intention to break the law. Pembury Speedwatch is not so much about catching people but more about increasing awareness of behaviour and educating drivers to be more thoughtful. More Speedwatch team members are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Steve Morton at stevemorton@pembury.org or telephone 824938.

MONKEY MUSIC SET TO ROCK 'N' ROLL

The award-winning pre-school music group Monkey Music is delighted to announce the launch of new classes for the youngest of little monkeys aged three months – walking. Sessions are held at Pembury Village Hall on a Tuesday and central Tunbridge Wells on a Wednesday and Friday mornings. Contact Alison on 0208 314 1081.

A PEMBURY QUIZ

LAST EDITION, we had a word quiz about Pembury compiled by Simon Oakley. Here are the answers to those tantalising clues . . .

- 1 WIESBADEN
- 2 PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS
- 3 TONY BENN
- 4 NOTCUTTS
- 5 COMMUNITY WARDEN
- 6 RAMADA
- 7 PEMBURY BAPTIST

- CHAPEL OF ST ANSELM
- ST PETERS
- 8 MRS C THEWLIS
- 9 DAVID COLEMAN
- 10 THE COPPICE
THE GROVE
- 11 CANTERBURY
MAIDSTONE
- 12 KENT COLLEGE
- 13 BO PEEP
- 14 PEPINGEBERIA
- 15 KELLY HOLMES

FUN DAY IN THE REC – OPENING OF PEMBURY PI

IT WAS WITH great trepidation when the Fun Day dawned on 7 October as the weather had been totally abysmal the week leading up to this day but, joy of joys, the sun was out, the ground was fine to walk on, and the recreation ground looked an absolute picture.

There were all the junior football pitches in use, with mums and dads seemingly knowing how to play better football than their offspring – that’s just judging by their comments, but all adding to the ambience of the morning.



We weren't quite sure how many children would come to the opening so as the time approached, it was the most fantastic sight to see streams of

families arriving; the faces of the children were an absolute picture, their sheer delight and excitement was so worth all the hard work getting it right for our village. The playground was opened by Charlotte Lester who had taken part in the children's fundraising show.

The parents' comments were also of immense value and I thank them all so very much for all the support this has generated – from all the young mums who gave their time and energy to fundraise for equipment which was totally outstanding, to the older residents of Pembury who have all welcomed a resurgence of the recreation ground.

A very big thank you must go to High Weald Housing Association who laid on a colouring competition which was inundated by children all morning; we have a lot of super artists out



Parish Council Chairman looks serious as Charlotte Lester cuts the ribbon to open the playground!

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PLAY AREA

there. High Weald also generously donated lots of goodie bags as prizes as did Wicksteeds, the firm who designed this lovely play area.

Competition winners were Leanne Smart, aged 4, in the '8 and Under' category and Timothy Dashwood, 9 in the 'Over 8' group. They were presented with their prizes at a Ceremony at the High Weald office on Friday 18 November.

On a general update, we obviously need more litter bins and they will be going in very soon. The next stage of the Village Consultation is now being collated and the wishes of the village will be carefully managed by the Parish Council, and then on to the Amenities Committee for the second stage.

I really do understand the frustration of the 12-year-olds and upwards. Please have patience and faith in us that we will address your needs next year, so please encourage everyone to look after our new play area until it's your turn, otherwise it could jeopardize your chances of a fantastic area of your own.



A big thank you to all my colleagues on the Parish Council for their valuable support; also our groundsmen who have worked very hard on preparing for the big day, our clerk and assistant, Barbara and Richard, who tirelessly sorted out many problems, St John Ambulance and the police for all voluntarily giving up their valuable time for Pembury, and most importantly of all, **THANK YOU PEMBURY.**

June Crowhurst,
Chair Amenities Committee





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Storytimes: Every Thursday 2.30-3pm during term time.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme: 2nd Tuesday of the month during term time 10.30-11am.

CAB surgery: every Wednesday 9.30-12.30. This is a drop in surgery, which is completely confidential. A CAB advisor is on hand to answer all your questions.

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books for free, request books from any public library in Kent, use the internet, borrow DVD's, videos and spoken word cassettes, use the photocopier and send faxes? Membership is free and it is very easy to join. Just come into the library with some ID and we will give you a library card that you can use in any library in Kent.

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Opening hours – Monday: Closed; Tuesday: 9am-6pm; Wednesday: 9am-6pm; Thursday: 9am-6pm; Friday: 9am-6pm; Saturday: 10am-2pm; Sunday: Closed.

AVOIDING WINTER SNUFFLES

WINTER IS coming and soon most of us will be grabbing our vitamin C tablets and hoping for the best. However, there is a lot more you can do to help boost your immunity and health through the cold months ahead.

A good diet is the best natural immune booster, including plenty of fresh fruit, vegetables and lots of fluids. Being well hydrated helps the body flush out its toxins, helping it to be able to fight any infection.

Wash your hands regularly and relax – stress can weaken the immune system. A brisk walk in the fresh air can help boost your health and help you relax; central heating dries out the mucus membranes making them more vulnerable to cold and flu viruses.

It is worth considering supplementing your diet with vitamin B complex, Zinc, Garlic or Echinacea. These support and strengthen the immune system.

If you do succumb to cold or flu symptoms a number of homeopathic medicines can help greatly in reducing symptoms and speeding recovery. In severe cases, especially the young

and elderly, consult your GP.

Aconite – When the cold or flu comes on very quickly, chills then fever with sneezing, burning throat, worse at night and frontal headache.

Belladonna – Sudden intense fever, hot red face, throbbing headache, sore throat, very thirsty.

Gelsemium – Fatigue, shivery flu, limbs aching and headache, if taken quickly enough can stop it fully developing.

Nux Vomica – Very cold, cannot get warm, nose streams during the day blocked at night, nausea, person very irritable and cross.

Pulsatilla – Thick yellow green catarrh, absence of thirst, tearful, wanting lots of sympathy; often used for children.

Homeopathy is a safe natural form of medicine and can help many disorders and conditions. Laura Bull is a qualified and registered Homeopath and Reflexologist practicing in Pembury. Phone 824477 for advice on how it can help you or your family.

Laura Bull, MARH Homeopath

MY PLOT

THERE IS AN aspect to writing My Plot which is slightly tricky. I submit it to the worthy editor of our village magazine, about two months before it gets delivered through all our doors. And what this means is that I have to write about the future as if it is in the past - and this autumn I got caught out! The signs that I read regarding my plum crop and my parsnips turned out to be wrong . . .

My Victoria Plum tree was absolutely laden with fruit at the end of July (deadline for submitting an article for the autumn edition is 1 August) and it seemed fair to predict a bumper crop.

Unfortunately, during August while I was away, there was some very damp weather and when I returned I found three quarters of the plums had mildewed. What a shame, especially since the tree had gone to all the effort of flowering and setting all that lovely fruit, but it made us appreciate the remaining ones all the more.

Better news was that the self-seeded parsnips on which I thought I'd been wasting my time, turned up trumps! After struggling (and failing) to grow parsnips all last season, I found a plant from 2005 had seeded itself all over the place. Although I was pessimistic, I looked after these seedlings and, far from being 'weedy wild types', they have grown on nicely and we are enjoying perfect parsnips – and enough to last until Christmas.

It was a good year for growing pumpkins for Halloween: four whoppers and several more of a useful size. And the never-ending supply of courgettes-bordering-on-marrows was dealt with by the discovery by a friend, of a recipe for chocolate courgette cake. Yummy!

This winter sees the repeat of a successful strategy used last year of covering all my bare ground with tarpaulin to keep the earth clear of weeds. The only sad thing was when we took them off last spring, we destroyed the homes of various creatures who had made homes underneath. I was sorry to see fieldmice scurrying away looking for new shelter but hopefully by then the worst of the cold weather was over.

Lastly, I still have a row of sprouting broccoli plants that are three years old and about to give their third harvest. Perhaps broccoli can always be treated as a perennial plant that comes every year? I always thought it was for one year only. What I can say though, is that it is absolutely grotesque and anyone wanting a tidy plot should not keep them for more than one season!

Caroline Mazzeo



PEMBURY GARDENERS

THE SOCIETY dates from the 1940s and is still going strong. When I answered a rather desperate call for a secretary in 2002, I was surprised by the sheer level of activity emanating from this, by membership numbers, somewhat small society.



This year we managed to put on a Spring Show in spite of the freezing weather which curtailed the flowers and caused neighbouring villages to cancel. Here we were indebted to the Floral Art ladies who produced 14 exhibits on a variety of themes as a beautiful backdrop to the show. Floral Art sessions are held monthly between March and December, led by our chairman Ann Purton, making a big contribution to each of our three shows during the year, (ring 824223 to join).

The Summer Flower Show in early July managed a superb display of sweet peas in spite of the heat and drought and was followed by one of the best Autumn Shows we have ever held. Twelve tables of dahlias had to be seen to be appreciated

plus all the other exhibits and stalls which make for a great afternoon. We would love to see more of you coming to the shows and maybe taking part, children as well. Then you can buy flowers at the auction for next to nothing and go home with your raffle prize and cakes, well satisfied.

A plant sale on the green in May raises funds for the Society and offers a surprisingly wide range of items; John Wood puts on two talks during the year and we end with a Halloween Party, currently Line-dancing with Janet Baker, at the end of October.

Details of our activities go out to members in the quarterly newsletters so please think of joining us. Membership is £2 per adult family, £1 for a senior citizen couple. This gives you access to our shed on the allotments, open on Sunday mornings. Here you can buy compost, fertilizers, lawn sand, canes, string, labels etc., at well-reduced prices.

Please ring me, **Shirley Smout** on 822031 for a membership form or any other information you need.

Happy gardening!



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JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

AS I WRITE this, WINTER isn't far away and I find myself thinking about successes and failures in the garden over the past year. I never let failures dim my passion for plants and gardening, as the successes more than make up for them. I just root them out and start all over again! One would think that Californian Poppies (*Eschscholzia*) would grow wonderfully in poor dry soil with full sun, as reputed, but no, they were dreadful and had to come up. Two new roses have failed miserably with their dieback and twiggy stems. However, the pink Phlox that I moved to a shadier spot love their new home and bloomed till mid-October. I grew the perennial Agastache (*Apache Sunset*) from seed for the first time and am very pleased with the results. It flowered profusely in its first year and is still blooming; with the added bonus of its aromatic scent. Keeping a gardening diary helps to keep track of what you have planted and when, with updates of their progress. You can also record reminders of future garden plans.

At this time of year when weather and soil conditions permit, dig over established beds eliminating any persistent weeds and complete preparations for new ones. Take care not to disturb the emerging tips of bulbs and early herbaceous plants. Dig in lots of mature organic matter to benefit the soil structure. Night frosts are also beneficial to soil and help to eliminate slugs and snails. Keep a look-out for these intrepid creatures as they will be hiding in their winter homes.

The dull days of mid-winter can be brightened with the wonderful fragrance of winter flowering shrubs. *Sarcococca*, the Christmas box, is evergreen. There are four hardy species of tiny white or pink-tinged flowers. Plant in shade with humus rich soil. A wonderful Christmas present! *Daphne bholua* (Himalayan) is also a favourite evergreen and makes a large high shrub. *Mahonia japonica* is another evergreen with glossy, spiky foliage that has fragrant lemon yellow flowers and also prefers shade in moist well-drained soil. The deciduous *Hamamelis mollis* or witch hazel,

seldom needs pruning and has gorgeous fragrance. It is happy in a sunny or semi-shade position and grows to about 13ft. The flowers appear on bare stems and have an amazing appearance of golden yellow crimped strips.



Some main jobs to be getting on with:

- Protect stored corms and tubers and keep a check throughout the winter for damp and rot.
- Re-firm plants loosened by the wind and frost, checking stakes and ties.
- Brush fallen leaves off the lawn, also worm casts, in dry weather.
- Finish tidying beds and borders and compost discarded foliage.
- Gather up fallen leaves to make your own leaf-mould.

Heavy falls of snow can damage many plants especially evergreens; gently shake it off to prevent broken branches.

In the greenhouse, give plants only enough water to prevent them wilting and ventilate when it is milder. It is usually necessary to clean the inside of the greenhouse with a suitable disinfectant (*Jeyes Fluid*, if you can get it). Insulating with bubble wrap helps to conserve a little warmth together with a few night lights left burning. Horticultural fleece draped over tender plants helps a lot too in very cold weather. However, it is quite amazing how tough plants can be, so don't be too anxious.

Enjoy making plans for next year's garden and order seeds and summer flowering bulbs from your new catalogues.

Have a wonderful Christmas.
Happy Gardening!

Jan Davies



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CHiPS

I WAS BORN on 1 November 1972, two hours in from the witching hour. Though my mother had been having a terrible Halloween, celebrating the brunt of the full day in labour, I had been having a terrible time too and, it being the season of all things ghoulie and scary, I came out with a hernia, making my dad retch and those wonderful nurses turn away in disgust. Those wonderful nurses were staff at Pembury Hospital and I can say exactly the same about them today, having used their expertise and relied on their calming, friendly manner twice in the last three years with the birth of my own children.

So I was born in Pembury, but I did not live in the village until four years after my birth when, on a wing and a prayer and another child on the way, my parents decided that our luxurious Southborough 2-bed terrace was not good enough and that Pembury was the village that offered us all the dreams that one could wish for. Pembury was our very own Zion. This was a wise move I thought, two bedrooms and four people do not go, having been joined by my sister Gemma at the time of the move. So Pembury, and more specifically, the modern suburban delight of Ridgeway was to be our home and little did I know what a fantastic place to grow up in, it would be.

My earliest memory of Ridgeway is riding my bike, notably accompanied by either Billy or Keiron or both, local lads of my age and great friends. We whiled away the hours during those balmy summer evenings between six and seven, keeping the streets safe in the style of Jon and Poncherello from the 1970's American TV series 'CHiPs'. We were our very own California Highway Patrol unit, sent on daringly secret missions deep into the Kent countryside, or at least, Pembury Woods. Our state of the art transport, a Grifter, Raleigh Solo and a Chopper permanently stuck in third gear, patrolled the street at dusk, ensuring that those little sisters or elderly neighbours could sleep soundly. Riding a bike, though, is not an easy thing to do.

Opposite my house in Ridgeway there are a block of garages, which during my childhood magically transformed into a football pitch, tennis court, Hollywood film set or a cycle speed run, depending on the activity we chose at that moment. Before gaining the ability to ride two wheels as the older lads could, I would stand in awe watching these champions speeding easily around our circuit with their tyres skidding around the sharp, dirty bends. Joining them would be my mate Billy, who was lucky enough to have got a bike that fitted his body size. As far as I was concerned I may as well have been trying to get on a penny-farthing such was the size of my bike in comparison to me. So, being a lad of little patience I would push this huge two-wheeled beast around with the others, never actually daring to get on the thing at all. But what an expert pusher I was, reaching amazing speeds and braking hard for the turns! For some reason, my brain has blocked out the response from the others on the speedway.

Eventually, I did learn to ride on two wheels as everyone does. I had persuaded my father that perhaps my current bike, that member of the penny-farthing family, might take me a while to master, being that my legs were not growing as quickly as the tomato plant in the garden. So off he went, cap in hand to beg, borrow or steal something a little more my size.

I wasn't small compared to other contemporaries, far from it, but my parents saw the bigger picture and looked for longevity in equipment. Unfortunately, I needed to ride a bike now.

My father returned weary from a hard day's busking, with the beaten remains of something of which I could just make out two wheels and a frame. It did though seem to be held together by grime, grease and gaffer tape. This rather dreary looking bike was my introduction into the Chopper family, its little brother, the Tomahawk.

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CHiPS *continued*

The name on the greying frame I could just make out, Tohak, I loved it, it reminded me of Tonka. So my Dad, being the sort of person who likes to do things instinctively, took me to the top of the hill in Ridgeway, near the water meters and alleyway which leads to the Coppice. He then pointed me down toward our house opposite the garages. The gradient at the top was steep and he assured me that he would hold on to me throughout the entire ride, he just wanted to see how the bike would control and ride. The wheels looked good, he said through gritted teeth, and I sat in my best Poncherello pose with a straight back and arms stretched out to the handlebars.

It was about halfway down the hill that my Dad let go, and a little further down before I realised. It was when I turned to him to ask how the bike was riding that I realised that he was about a hundred yards back. It was then that the bike began to wobble and my legs began to kick at air, missing the pedals on each turn. My Poncharello pose was shattered; I now resembled a flailing homo sapiens with a windswept smile on my face and tears running down my cheeks from the cold. The bike was steering itself dangerously toward the kerb.

“Steer.” I heard a shout from far away up the road, a voice so distant that I noticed I was deep in a part of Ridgeway that I had not dared go to before in fear that I might not make it back. Well, steer I did, missing the kerb, feet finding pedals as the bike slowed and I at last took control. The spirit of Poncherello was in me and I turned, waved at the small figure of my Dad and pedalled home.

No more pushing the bike around the garage for me, the streets would be safe and Billy, Kieron and I could patrol.

Zac Thraves

HORSE CHESTNUT AND PHYTOPHTHORA

MANY OF you perhaps do not realise that one of the best-loved trees in this country, the horse chestnut is under very serious threat from a disease called phytophthora - bleeding canker.

We all love this tree for its springtime blossom and autumn conkers so we must do our best to protect it. If you have one of these trees or know of any keep watch for a black tarry ooze that appears from the bark. When the outer bark is cut away, deep, dead and discoloured patches of inner bark will be revealed. The advance stages will see a thinning and dying back of the crown.

The disease is very contagious and is spread via water or spores in the soil, with infection often starting at a wound in the bark. Older

trees have a better chance of recovery than younger trees and any tree that is felled should ideally be burnt on site. This disease can also affect sweet chestnut, alder and lime.



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The authorities estimate there are approximately 350,000 to 500,000 horse chestnut trees in this country. I don't know how many conkers that is, with between 50,000 to 70,000 showing signs of this disease. Scraping away the bark in its early stages may allow the canker to dry and heal. If not, nothing else can be done.

If you are aware of this condition on any tree seek advice in the first instance from the Borough Tree Officer at the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

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ROSIE'S RECIPES

INSTEAD OF bringing you a selection of recipes I thought you might like to read about the history of how the Christmas cake developed.

The Story of the Christmas Cake

The Christmas cake we know it today comes from two customs which became one around 1870 in Victorian England. Originally, there was a porridge, the origins of which go back to the beginning of Christianity. Then there was a fine cake made with the best milled wheat flour, this was baked only in the great houses, as not many people had ovens back in the 14th century.

Plum Porridge

Originally people used to eat a sort of porridge on Christmas Eve. It was a dish to line the stomach after a day's fasting observed for Christmas Eve, or the 'Vigil' as it was called long ago. Gradually, they began to put spices, dried fruits, honey etc. in the porridge to make it a special dish for Christmas. Much later it was turned into a pudding, because it got to be so stiff with all the fruits and things, that they would tie it in a cloth, and dunk it into a large cauldron of boiling water and boil it for many hours. This turned into Christmas pudding.

Plum-cake

Around the 16th century, it became popular to add butter, replace the oatmeal with wheat flour and add eggs to hold it together better. This became boiled plum cake. So boiled plum pudding and boiled fruitcake existed side by side depending on which ingredients the housewife used.

In castles and fine homes, whose kitchens had ovens, people would make a special cake for Easter – a rich fruitcake with a topping of what we now call marzipan or almond paste. A similar cake was baked for the Christmas festivities, but with dried fruits in season and spices. These represented the exotic spices of the East, and the gifts of the Wise Men. Such things were first brought to Europe, and Britain particularly, by the Crusaders coming back from the wars in the Holy Land in the 12th century.

Twelfth Night Cake

Twelfth night is on the eve of 5 January, and has been for centuries the traditional last day of the Christmas season. It was a time for having a great feast and the cake was an essential part of the festivities. This varied from county to county and also between different social levels.

In the great houses, a dried bean and a pea were baked into the cake; one in one half of the cake and the other in the other half. The cake was decorated with sugar, like our icing, but not so dense, and with ornamentation. As the visitors arrived, they were given a piece of the cake, ladies from the left, and gentlemen

from the right side. Whoever got the bean became King of the Revels for the night and everyone had to do as he said. The lady who had the pea was queen for the evening.

In smaller homes, the cake was a simple fruitcake, with a bean in it, which was given to guests during the twelve days of Christmas. Whoever got the bean was supposed to be a kind of guardian angel for that family for the year; it was an important task and usually it was arranged that a senior member of the family would get the bean! This was observed until recently in Poland.

In Britain, the cake was baked as part of the refreshments offered to the priest and his entourage who would visit on the feast of the Epiphany, 6 January to bless each house in the parish. This custom died out after the Reformation in the late 16th century. In Majorca they have a similar custom, which takes place at Easter.

The festive cake in Britain was revived at the end of the 17th century, and became very much part of the Twelfth Night partying again. In royal households that the cakes became extravagantly large and the guests divided into two sides could have a battle with models on the cake! One battle was a sea battle with miniature water cannon on the cake which really worked!

Twelfth Night

This is the Church festival of Epiphany – the traditional day when Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi or Three Kings at Bethlehem. It used to be the time when people exchanged their Christmas gifts. The feast was marked by a visit to the church, a service of some kind, and then a folk observance, which was tightly wrapped up as part of the Church activities. Twelve Day (the day following Twelfth Night) entailed the blessing of the home, and in some countries is still observed. But after the Reformation, customs of the Church and fell into disuse. Without its religious overtones, Twelfth Night became a time of mischief and over indulgence. By 1870, Queen Victoria announced that she felt it was inappropriate to hold such an un-Christian festival, and Twelfth Night was banned as a feast day.

The arrival of the Christmas cake

The confectioners who made the cakes were left with boxes full of figurines and models for Twelfth Cakes, and also had lost revenue by the banning of the feast. So they began to bake a fruitcake and decorate it with snowy scenes, or even flower gardens and Italian romantic ruins. These they sold not for 5 January, but for December Christmas parties. It was thus that we developed the modern Christmas cake.

Happy Christmas!

Rosie Bass



CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

ST PETER'S

9 December	4pm	Carols, Candles and Coffee – Upper Church – 4pm
15 December	7.30pm	The X-ite Christmas Play – A ‘Virtual Nativity’ with plenty of laughs – tickets £2 (under 16 £1)
16 December	5pm	The X-ite Christmas Play – A ‘Virtual Nativity’ with plenty of laughs – tickets £2 (under 16 £1)
17 December	6.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols – Upper Church
20 December	2.30pm	Pepenbury Carol Service – Upper Church
24 December		Morning services as usual
	4pm	Crib Service – Upper Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass – Upper Church
25 December	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	10am	Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion - Upper Church
	10am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – Old Church
31 December	8am, 9.45am	Services as usual – Upper Church
	11.30pm	The Carol Service – Old Church
4 February	3pm	Christingle Services for Candlemas – Upper Church

ST ANSELM'S PEMBURY AND ST JUSTUS PADDOCK WOOD

24 December	6 pm	Children's Nativity
	6.30pm	First Mass of Christmas
	11.30pm	Carols (St Justus) followed by . . .
	12am	Midnight Mass (St Justus)
25 December	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

17 December	10am	Christmas Sunday and Communion
	5pm	Carols by Candlelight
	7pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 December	10am	Morning service
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion
25 December	10am	Christmas Day Family Celebration
31 December	10am	All-age Service
7 January	10am	New Year New Start
	6.30pm	New Year New Start Café Church



CAROL SINGING

The churches of Pembury will be carol singing outside Tesco's on 20 December at 6 pm. All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald. All are invited to join in! For more details call 825590.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

Pembury Community Warden surgery same days as above, 10am to 11.30am

Town & Country (High Weald Housing) Clinic same days as above , 10am to 11am

WRVS Lunch Club – every Wednesday at 11.45am in the Pembury Village Hall during the school term time.

CAB – Pembury Library – Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12.30pm

December

16 Village Market Christmas Fair – Village Hall – 10am-12 noon

January

1 New Year's Footpath Walk – Stonecourt Lane – 10am to approx 1pm (Sorry, no dogs).
Details tel. 822051

3 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Doing It Ourselves' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

4 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2pm. Details from 822267

5 Pembury Evening WI: 'Queen Elizabeth I' – Village Hall – 7.45pm

6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm

8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

8 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.15pm

11 Pembury Book Group – Library – 11am. Contact Library for details

11-14 Pembury Players Pantomime: 'Frankenstein – The Panto' – Village Hall – 8pm

February

1 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2pm. Details from 822267

2 Pembury Evening WI: 'Royal Ladies' – Village Hall – 7.45pm

3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at top of Bo-Peep corner – 2.15pm

3 WI Jumble Sale plus Cake Stall – Village Hall – 2pm

3 Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club: Disco – Village Hall – 8pm. Tickets £5.
Contact Charlie Hambleton tel: 8240225

5 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

7 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Care in the Community' Jemma Alexander – Upper Church
Meeting Room – 8pm

8 Pembury Book Group – Library – 11am. Contact Library for details

22 Pembury Gardeners' Society: AGM – Village Hall – 7.45 for 8pm

12 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.15pm

March

1 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2pm. Details from 822267

2 Pembury Evening WI: 'Salomons Family and House' – Village Hall – 7.45pm

3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm

5 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall, meeting room – 8pm

7 St Peter's Mothers' Union: AGM and Bring & Buy – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

8 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Talk 'Ways of Growing Alpines' – Catholic Hall – 7.45 for 8pm

8 Pembury Book Group – Library – 11am. Contact Library for details

12 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.15pm

12 Floral Art re-starts – Village Hall – 8pm

19 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm

31 Gardeners Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

CRIME IN PEMBURY

I CANNOT BELIEVE that it is already time again to advise you of the vulnerability of Christmas and the open opportunity that many of us provide would-be criminals; Christmas gifts left exposed on the back seats of cars or on full display in an empty house.

Handbags and purses can be left unattended on the top of shopping trolleys whilst the overworked owner, normally the lady of the house, is seeking the best bargain on the shelves, so this Christmas, a bit more assistance from the husband, partner or boyfriend, please!

If you trust your neighbours, let them know if you are going to be away over the Christmas period. If you know of any older people, those with mobility difficulties or living alone you could pop in and spend a few minutes with them. Make sure they are alright health-wise and that they are secure. Even a Christmas card would probably be most welcome. Christmas is for everybody.

The crime figures for the period of July, August and September 2006 have dropped

back down to 51 from 60 for the previous quarter. Whilst this is welcome news, the figure is still too high with criminal damage, 16, being approximately 31% of the total figure. When I looked back at previous records, the crime figure for the same period in 2004 was 50 with criminal damage recorded at 20.

We know that the majority of this damage happens under cover of darkness to people's property, sheds, cars, garden equipment etc. and to Parish property, mainly in the recreation ground. I have no problem in saying to the people responsible, and especially the parents of any youngsters involved, please realise your duty of care to your fellow parishioners and consider how this also reflects on you.

Please give the police and your community support officer every assistance and look after one another.

Happy Christmas to you all

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Drugs	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Theft Offences	TOTAL
July 2006	1	3	1	8	3		2			1	19
August 2006	1		2	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	16
September 2006	3	2	1	7			2			1	16
TOTAL	5	5	4	16	7	1	5	1	1	6	51
ROAD											
Beagles Wood Road				1							1
Bellfield Road									1		1
Church Road				1							1
Elmhurst Avenue				1							1
Hastings Road		1		2							3
Henwood Green Road	2	1	1	2			1				7
Henwoods Mount	1					1				1	3
Highfield Close					1						1
High Street		1		1	6		1				9
Kings Toll Road			1				1				2
Lower Green Road	1	1	1	4				1			8
Old Church Road		1	1	2						2	6
Romford Road				1			1				2
Tonbridge Road	1						1			3	5
Woodhill Park				1							1
TOTAL	5	5	4	16	7	1	5	1	1	6	51



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Pembury Village Hall

Thurs 11th - Sat 14th January 2007

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8am Holy Communion
9.45am The Parish
Eucharist
and Junior Church
10am Holy Communion
(Wednesdays)

Old Church

11.30am Matins (except
first Sunday, Holy
Communion)

Evening services as
advertised on Church
noticeboards

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM - PEMBURY

Sunday Mass 10.30am
Holy Days – Vigil Mass
7.30pm
Confessions:
Sunday 10.15am

Weekday Service:
Wednesday – Mass 7pm

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