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## CHAIR'S REPORT

**E**VERY YEAR when I attend the Pembury Gardeners' Show and see the wonderful exhibits, I am reminded of the seasons passing by, from the delicate creams and yellows of spring, abundance of colour for the summer, and then the golds, reds, and bronzes of autumn. We then feel nothing happens for the next few months of winter, but how wrong we are – new life is starting and it's the same for the Village; new beginnings: a new hospital part-opening in the spring and fully occupied later in the year. It's so good to look forward and welcome this state-of-the-art hospital in our Village.



This year we have lost two church leaders in Rev. Matthew Jackson and Rev. Wayne Alexander, who have both, with their families, moved to new parishes and our sincere wishes go with them. So new life will come into the Village with the interviews for the successors for Matthew and Wayne, new beginnings which we welcome, so that we, as parishioners, will continue to move and grow with whatever challenges we face, but always together as a Village.

So many good events go on during a year that I always feel Pembury is constantly on the go. Whether it's U3A, W.I., the Luncheon Club, Church events, The Pembury Society or the lovely bingo ladies at Camden Court, there's always something going on. Where would we be without the Village Market – it is always welcoming and a fantastic way of meeting and starting new friendships. We, as villagers, are always trying to be aware of neighbours who are lonely and possibly vulnerable and tactfully ensure that, if needed, we are there for them, especially if we have another hard winter.

November is a reflective month for the Village with our Remembrance service for the fallen of the two world wars. While we value so much those lives given for Pembury, we feel for those of other communities all over the country, who are still coming to terms with their losses in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We can only pray that they have communities like Pembury to support the ones left at home.

In the summer edition of the Pembury Village News, we were celebrating the news of Matthew and Emma's twins. Sadly, as many of you know, little Ed passed away. Nothing prepares you for the loss of a baby and all we can do is pray that they have the strength to cope with this. I was absolutely indebted to Barbara and Yvette, our Clerks, who attended the funeral service and carried with them our love and condolences at this sad time.

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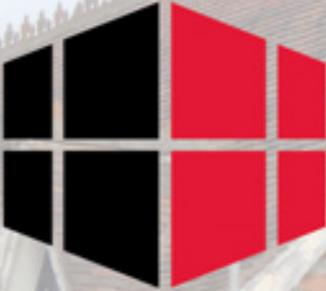
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## CHAIR'S REPORT – continued

As I have said, the Village is always moving and already events are being prepared for Christmas, and the joy that the season brings, with the carol services, Christmas bazaars, children's excitement and parents worn out with shopping, but I don't think anyone would have it any other way!!

On behalf of all my colleagues on the Parish Council, Borough Councillors and our County Councillor, I really wish you a very Happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year and grateful thanks for all your help and advice over the year.

Happy Christmas.

**June Crowhurst, Chair of Pembury Parish Council**

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## NEW COUNCILLORS

### IAN WHITBURN

I was co-opted onto Pembury Parish Council in September 2010. I have been actively involved in the community since my days as a student at the University of Kent. I have held a number of public appointments in the past including that of Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Wages Committee for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, Deputy Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority's Standards Committee and Tax Commissioner for the West Kent Division.



In my "day job" I am an Accountant and Tax Adviser based in the City of London and because of my financial background, I have been appointed to the Parish Council's Audit, Finance and Personnel Working Group. As well as finance, my areas of interest are road safety and traffic issues.

Pembury is a very friendly place and my fellow Councillors have made me most welcome. There is a real community spirit in Pembury which reminds me of the village in Cornwall in which I grew up. When I am not working or performing my Council duties, I enjoy supporting various good causes including Friends of the City Churches and Kent Wildlife Trust.



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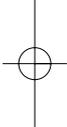
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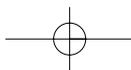
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## IT'S A KNOCKOUT

TEN TEAMS of excited youths from various organisations around the village gathered together on Saturday 25 September for the annual 'It's a Knockout' competition. There were eight challenging games including a complex ski course, a basketball game, a nearly-impossible golf game and the ever-entertaining water pipe game.



The whistle went and off they set, working together to complete each task. Excitement grew as each team paraded around Lower Green Recreation Ground finishing challenges in record time with cheers of encouragement echoing around the field. While the youngsters enjoyed the games, parents and friends played their luck on the tombola and the raffle. Prizes were kindly donated by local businesses and the Parish Council wish to thank them for their support. Grateful thanks are also given to Town and Country Housing and our doctors at Waterfield House.

As the games concluded, the competitors were treated to burgers and drinks. While the scores were added up, the raffle was drawn and people eagerly gathered around as the many prizes were won. And then the excitement reached its climax. The winners of the day were announced. In third and second place were two teams entered from Pembury Primary School. Certificates were given out to these team members and the crowd waited eagerly to hear who had won the competition. Elaine King from BarnesKingsnorth came to present the Denise Barnes Cup to the winning team and announced that it was fantastic to see so many people getting involved in this very successful day. The winning team from the Guides were presented with the cup, certificates and medals.

June Crowhurst, Chair of Pembury Parish Council, said it was the most successful 'It's a Knockout' Competition held to date and she can't wait to see what new and innovative games the groups will come up with for next year. We look forward to seeing you all again next September!

**Janet Ditchett**

## APPLE DAY AT PIPPINS

PIPPINS FRUIT Farm held a very successful Apple Day on Saturday 16 October, organised by Jill Noakes, to celebrate English, especially Kentish, apples. People visited the farm and tasted and bought apples and pears in the big shed on the top of the hill, before wandering through the orchard to the farmyard, where they could watch apples being pulped and the pulp put into cloths in the press, buy freshly squeezed apple juice and taste Pippins' cider.



Children had fun with windfall apples, aiming them at a board with holes to see whether they could get them through, or playing "apple bagatelle". People were greeted with the welcome smell of three flavours of homemade soup and cakes, apple scones, quiches and tarts, plus crumble puddings to take home and warm up. The soup went down a treat, and the scones and cakes were gobbled eagerly. The ladies who made all the food did a fantastic job.

In the barn were three competition stalls. You could try your hand at peeling the longest unbroken peel from a cooking apple, or test your apple knowledge in a quiz for a box of Pippins' apple juice, and you could buy raffle tickets for a variety of prizes. Later in the day a Spitfire made a surprise visit, the pilot demonstrating his aerobatic skills. People at the farm stopped what they were doing and watched.

I tried samples of several varieties of apple and found myself being surprised at how many different flavours of apple there are. The lady who served me said with great pride that Pippins' Cameo won a prize at the National Fruit Show held at Detling last year.

David Knight reported that a wonderful £1120 was raised for the Hospice in the Weald.

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## PRIDE IN PEMBURY

**T**HE VILLAGE has been a blaze of colour this summer, absolutely breath-taking, and everyone who entered the Pride in Pembury competition deserves a huge thank you from the Parish Council.

The businesses excelled themselves and the High Street and Hastings Road were stunning, a real effort seeing how the watering and tidying of the containers had to be part of the day job as well. I think you all made the Village very special this year, and hopefully will continue to next year, especially now you all have green fingers.

There were many new entrants this year which was heartening and also of encouragement to us that Pride really is in Pembury. I also want to give praise to our grounds staff, who do a huge amount to keep our hanging baskets fresh and watered; they do a great job, so thank you, Ryan and Darrell.

Well done to the King William public house and Henry Paul Funerals for coming first in their respective classes; excellent displays.

The other classes were keenly fought for and all such stunning exhibits. It was very tricky for the judges who had a really difficult, but enjoyable, time this year.



The awards afternoon was held in the Pavilion on Sunday 26 September and as always it's a joy to meet the people who produce such wonderful colour and displays with such good care. My colleagues on the Parish Council were so very generous again with their cake making and ensuring all those present had a lovely tea.

Prize Winners were:

**Large Commercial Premises:**

The King William IV.

**Smaller Commercial Premises:**

Henry Paul Funerals.

**Most Attractive Front Garden:**

Mr Gary Grainger.

**Best Hanging Basket:**

Mrs Melanie Hambleton.

**Woodside Road Allotments:**

*First prize:* Ms Paula Davis.

**Welcome to the Allotments:**

Mrs Aylard and Mrs Richards.

**Image of Pembury (Photograph):**

Master Samuel Bowman.

**Child's Container:** Miss Daisy Pettitt.

Really well done to all the entrants and thank you all very much for your support over the year. We all look forward to next year!

**June Crowhurst**, Chair of the Parish Council

## ARE WE FACING THE END OF THE PEMBURY SOCIETY?

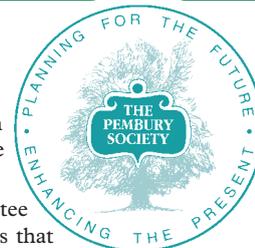
**A**T THE recent AGM of The Pembury Society held in the village hall on Thursday 21 October, a lively debate took place about the future of the Society.

By the Spring Meeting of the Pembury Society, four of the existing committee wish to retire. This includes the Chairman and the Treasurer. This means that the Pembury Society could not function without new Office Bearers and new committee members. We have already been without a Secretary for some time. Comments from the floor included – “Has the Society served its purpose and is it no longer needed”, after to “The Pembury Society is an independent pressure group and would be greatly missed in the village”.

The existence of the Society is now down to the village. We really need some new blood; perhaps some of the younger people in the village? If the Society cannot form a new committee by the Spring Meeting in April, there is a real possibility that The Pembury Society will come to an end.

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## PEMBURY PEOPLE – DR SUNIL KULKARNI AND MRS SHEELA KULKARNI

### **Where were you before you came to Pembury?**

We were in Staplehurst – in fact we still live there and commute to Pembury every day. And now I'm sure you're going to ask me what brought us here and what we did before. I'm a retired consultant anaesthetist and my wife is a fully qualified nursery nurse.

### **So where did you work?**

Well, in 1988 we left Enfield where I had been employed and went to work in Saudi Arabia. I was employed as a consultant anaesthetist by a US company there for 17 years. The reason I left is that I had to retire at 60. We came back to the UK and I did a six-month stint in Darlington – which is when Sheela started working at the local post office. She loved the job so much, I thought, why just work at the post office, why not own a post office? So that is why we bought Pembury Post Office and we've been in charge of it since 16 September 2010.

### **What are your initial impressions of Pembury?**

It's a very nice place and the people are very friendly – it has made a very good impression on us. The people are very honest and you don't see much crime or bad behaviour – unlike Staplehurst. Working in a post office is a steep learning curve for me – it's not my profession. So sometimes I make mistakes. But people don't get angry, they simply correct the mistake in the nicest possible way. And if I give too much change they say so and give back the extra.

### **Do you have any plans for the post office?**

Oh, yes. The first thing we would like to do is to install a disabled access. Of course to do

this we need the council's permission but we've already consulted an architect. Also the green and red colour scheme will have to change to white and red. We also want to make it more accessible and to offer more services. We need to take time to analyse what is needed but I would like to make it more available for retired people and to stock more items to meet their needs. My heart always goes out to these older people and I like to help them as much

as possible – like helping them get in and out of their cars and things like that.

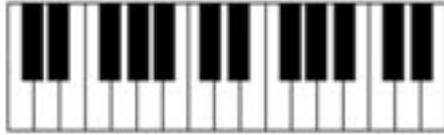
### **Will any of the government's plans for post offices make a difference to you?**

Well, I hope they won't cause the post office to close. I wouldn't be interested in just running the store and would probably employ someone to manage it. I might also try and return to the medical profession – not on a full-time basis but for two or three days a week. I have to confess I do miss it but at my age it's not so easy to get another job. However, with the new hospital opening in Pembury, you never know!

### **Would you move away from Kent?**

No, I don't think so. We got to know the county when our daughters first started boarding at Bedgebury School and then at Cranbrook. They first started boarding at the age of 12 and now our eldest is a lawyer and our other daughter is studying law and journalism. They loved boarding here. It was coming to visit them from Saudi that we first got to know Kent and I can only say we really wish we'd got to know it sooner.

**Mel Karpinski**



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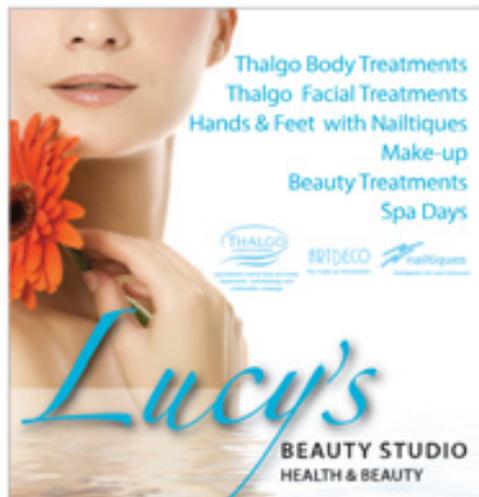
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We are based at the Pembury Baptist Church on a Monday night. If you would like to come and see if you want to join us, your trial night is free. Please call Dee on 825773 for more information.

**Dee Barrington-King**

## SNIPPETS

### Calling all Pembury writers

Denise Barnes writes novels and non-fiction (when she's not selling houses!) and has a number of writers' magazines that she has finished with. They are in excellent condition as she reads them quite quickly and then recycles them. If you are interested in having some of these magazines, please call into the BarnesKingsnorth Office and speak to Denise about them.

### Dial 2 Drive

Dial 2 Drive is a community transport scheme providing vital transport to people who cannot access public transport. This can be due to age, disability or illness. Volunteers are essential to this service and we are recruiting now!

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### Pembury Village Fun Day

The fun day which was organised by Pembury Churches Together and took place on Saturday 12 July raised £400 and has donated the profits equally between the Hospice in the Weald and Peperbury.

### Fireworks

This year's fireworks, organised by Pembury Parish Council, raised an amazing amount of over £2025. This was the most successful fireworks night held to date as more people than ever turned out to enjoy the spectacular displays in Lower Green Road Recreation Ground. Many thanks go to those who helped including Pembury Football Club who provided refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

### Planning an event for 2011

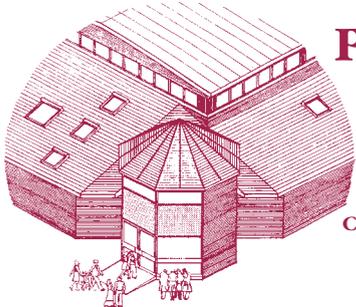
If you are organising an event for 2011, remember to check the online diary which can be found on the village website, [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org). You can send details of your event to Janet Ditchett by email on [jmditchett@pt-c.co.uk](mailto:jmditchett@pt-c.co.uk) or telephone on 822586. Checking the diary before you book your event means you can often avoid clashing with other social occasions going on in the village.

### Kent Men of the Trees

Pembury is proud to have been awarded Highly Commended by the Kent Men of the Trees society. The society aims to enhance the love of trees and protect the ones around us and we are pleased to have the love of our village trees recognised.

### Did you know?

Two-star Michelin Guide chef, Michel Roux Junior, was born in Pembury. The French-British chef, works at La Gavroche in London and is a judge on the TV show, MasterChef.



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## WATERFIELD HOUSE

“21 TODAY!” FLASHED on the computer screen in my surgery, and the realisation dawned that I have been sitting in that same consulting room for 21 years, serving the people of Pembury. It has been such a privilege working here in what is a most beautiful village; a village that is really cherished by those fortunate enough to live within its boundaries. For 18 of those years I have made my house calls around the village and surrounding countryside in my rather grubby brown Landrover. Affectionately referred to as a van and accurately referred to as a rusty heap, it is now conspicuous by its absence as it has gone away for some essential restoration and to be given a new lease of life. I expect it to return in the spring, when the daffodils are in full bloom, looking less like a wreck and more like the reliable workhorse it always has been.

Wouldn't it be nice if when our bits fail or drop off, we could book ourselves in for an MOT and a little refurbishment? Nothing in life is ever so straight-forward and usually we have to learn to cope with the



burdens that are heaped upon us as we grow older. My grand-father always said to me that growing old was a privilege denied to many, but not necessarily a pleasure; so he reserved his right to complain occasionally! I do believe prevention is better than cure in many of the health issues that can affect us. Blood pressure is one such topic. Blood pressure is in itself good; you, me and the rest of the world have it and enjoy it because without it we wouldn't be alive. But, and there is always a but, you can have too much of a good thing, and when your blood pressure creeps up there is a greater risk of a stroke or a heart attack. Checking and controlling blood pressure is a way to reduce the risk of such problems developing and anyone can come to the surgery in the afternoon to use our do-it-yourself blood pressure machine. All the results are checked by one of the doctors to make sure no one with a problem is missed. Please feel free to come and avail yourself of the machine.

This is the season of peace and goodwill to all men and I know for a short time you will all be excited about hanging up your stockings. Throughout the year the seasons come and the seasons go without fail. Likewise the seasons in our own lives will duly pass, come what may. As the writer of Ecclesiastes so succinctly put it; “a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to love and a time to hate; a time to be born and a time to die.” When our own lives go through such traumatic transitions it can be hugely upsetting and it is then so valuable to have support from those around us. Whether it is the loss of a loved-one, the end of a relationship or anything else that is precious to you, remember it is good to talk. We will always listen.

I hope that 2010 has been a special year for you all, for some it will be a year to remember and for some a year to forget; but for everyone it will pass and soon we will have the excitement of looking forward to 2011 and whatever that will bring. A bright, shiny, brown Landrover is one doctor's dream!

**Dr Andrew Cameron**

## VILLAGE BARN DANCE

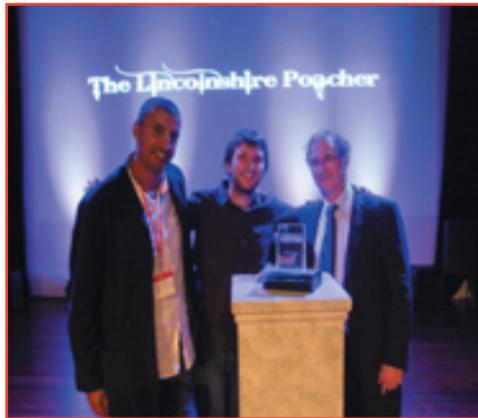
**S**OME FRIENDS and I attended the Village Barn Dance on Saturday 2 October, organised by St Peters Church and held at Downingbury Farm. I estimate around 100 attended and were treated to a hog roast with various salads, bread and delicious local apples.

It was fun to join in the dances with music by Watershed. As it was a very wet evening, the name was more than appropriate! It was so nice to have an event that was suitable for families and different age groups. Peter Jervis had given over his barn and he was there with several of his staff. Some of them were brave enough to join in with the dances. Despite the wet weather, we all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**Janet Tompsett**

## KENT COLLEGE AND PEMBURY FILM FESTIVAL 2010

**T**HE KENT College & Pembury Musical Film Festival opened on Friday 15 October to loud cheers from pupils at Kent College as they sang along to the much-loved 'Jungle Book'. In the evening, the school celebrated its birthday at the Kent College Birthday Lecture with political broadcaster and Strictly Come Dancing star, John Sergeant. He spoke of the many varied opportunities within his career from his fledgling comedic career and a CV written by Alan Bennett to the infamous incident with Margaret Thatcher and latterly, improving his dance techniques as a contestant on 'Strictly' and as a presenter on 'The One Show'.



The Festival continued over the weekend with films such as The Sound of Music, Cabaret and The Red Shoes. The Gala performance of The Red Shoes on Saturday was a feast for the eyes with a specially arranged ballet superbly performed by Sixth Form pupils Lily-Fleur Bradbury, Sophie King and Grace Spencer. On Sunday, local film fans enjoyed an afternoon workshop with Film Producer Pippa Cross and the film 'Cabaret' in the evening.

Talented film-makers came together on Monday to view their short films as part of the Big Shorts shortlist. Kino Managing Director, Matt Brecon, and Freelance broadcast editor, Kimaathi Spence, judged each of the six films along with Festival Director and Head of Film Studies, Keir Hoffmann, before announcing that Will Thomas and Ben Worsfield had won Best Film for their horror short 'The Lincolnshire Poacher'. Will and Ben were delighted to receive the Big Shorts 'Best Film' trophy and £1,500 towards their film making.

The Festival closed on the evening of Monday 18 October with a spectacular finale concert performed by 18-piece big band 'Swingamajig' who played a collection of film related pieces including Elvis, James Bond and the Rat Pack.

Festival Director, Keir Hoffmann, said that Kent College's first Festival weekend had been a great success and looked forward to bringing the local communities together again through a love of film. In May 2011, local schools will compete in film making competition 'The Snapshot Challenge' at Kent College Pembury.

**Emma Chandler**

## PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

WITH NEARLY 300 entries, Pembury Gardeners' Society autumn show, held on 11 September at the Village Hall, was a great success. There were so many entries, they spilled out into the foyer with the Inter-village competition, in which Pembury Gardeners' Society came a respectable second place, beaten by North Tonbridge. The sight of the giant blooms of dahlias and chrysanthemums was visually stunning with over 60 vases of dahlias and the smaller blooms were very attractive. Doug Drury took the Dahlia Cup.



Cookery was well supported, with over 40 entries, including two from children. Samuel Bowman won first prize with a starfish biscuit and Oscar Riley won second prize with a snake decorated with icing. There were plenty of vegetables as well, with Norman Brown taking both cups. There were some interesting exhibits in the handicraft section, with a beautiful blanket knitted from hand-spun blue-faced sheep's wool in natural colours and a lovely blue ribbed jumper in the 'soft' class. Mr Bloe made and exhibited a barometer shaped like a ship's wheel and there was a large decorated jar in the 'hard' class.

The floral art was of a high standard, with 16 entries showing much imagination, complemented by the magnificent floral pedestals decorating the stage behind.

Pembury Gardeners' Society would like to extend thanks to June Crowhurst, Chair of the Parish Council, for presenting the prizes on the stage. June spent the afternoon enjoying the show. The judges remarked that this was one of the best shows they had seen this year.

Schedules for next year's shows will be available from December by contacting John Wood on 824877. The Society looks forward to seeing you at the Spring Show on 26 March 2011.

### Members of the Society

## WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS!

PEMBURY CRICKET Club had both a very enjoyable and successful season in 2010. Following a restructure of the wider Kent league, the 1st XI achieved a highly creditable fourth place in the Championship West and will definitely be looking to improve on that placing next season. But it was our 2nd XI who dominated all before them in 2010, stealing the headlines as they deservedly won the 2B West league. Run by the indomitable Grant Peters, the team was built on a healthy blend of youth and experience. Our Sunday XI also performed well, helping the development of our up-and-coming players in a less competitive but still strongly fought atmosphere away from league cricket.



The club, with its qualified coaches, also run a thriving junior section. In fact, 2010 saw over 65 youngsters between 8 and 15 attending coaching sessions from the beginning of May through to the summer holidays. Out of these, we ran 3 sides in the Mid-Kent Youth league at under 11, under 13 and under 15 levels with some very successful results.

So, with an eye to more success in 2011, Pembury C.C. is now looking to recruit new playing members of all ages and umpires for next season. We aim to be a very welcoming club and would be absolutely delighted to hear from anyone of any age with an interest in either playing or officiating the game. With Winter Nets on the horizon, now is a great time to get involved.

Please contact Richard Bidder, Club Captain at [Richard\\_bidder@hotmail.com](mailto:Richard_bidder@hotmail.com) or call 07920 087124 for further details and an informal chat.

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## SOS SIGN, NEIGHBOURS AWARENESS

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If you see this sign in a window, even if you are not a neighbour, please knock on the door and check that the people inside are OK and help them in any way that you can. Please do not just assume that someone else has already helped them.

**June Crowhurst and David Coleman**

## HOME SECURITY

AS THE nights are drawing in, here is some helpful advice from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on keeping your home safe and your property secure. For more information on staying safe, visit [www.twellscommunitysafety.org.uk](http://www.twellscommunitysafety.org.uk).

### Shed security advice

- Position your shed as near to the house as possible and ideally where it is visible.
- Avoid storing valuable garden tools and other items such as push bikes in the shed. If you can't store them inside the house or in a secure garage, ensure your shed is adequately locked.
- An effective way to secure shed doors is to use a hasp and staple (also called a 'padbar'). Secure this with coach bolts as these cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner. Lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackled padlock.
- An additional way to protect your shed is to install 'shed bars' and to make items more secure inside, such as a push bike, a 'shed

shackle' is recommended by the Home Office.

- Shed hinges can be secured with 'clutch head' or 'coffin' screws – when fitted they can only be removed using a special tool.

### Garage security advice

- If you have an alarm system for your home, you might wish to consider extending the cover to include the garage.
- Stand-alone systems are also available, such as: a passive infra-red detector; or a door contact system – both available from local DIY stores
- "Up and over" garage doors are normally fitted with a central locking device, that is often quite vulnerable. These doors can be fitted with a hasp and staple, and padlock.
- It is good practice to fit British Standard approved locks to external doors and this includes integral garage doors.

**Lizzie Goodwin,**  
Community Engagement Officer

## CHARLES AMHERST'S ALMSHOUSES – NOTICE OF VACANCY

IN THE matter of the Charity known as Charles Amherst's Almshouses, in the Ancient Parish of Pembury, in the County of Kent (Registered Charity No. 209602).

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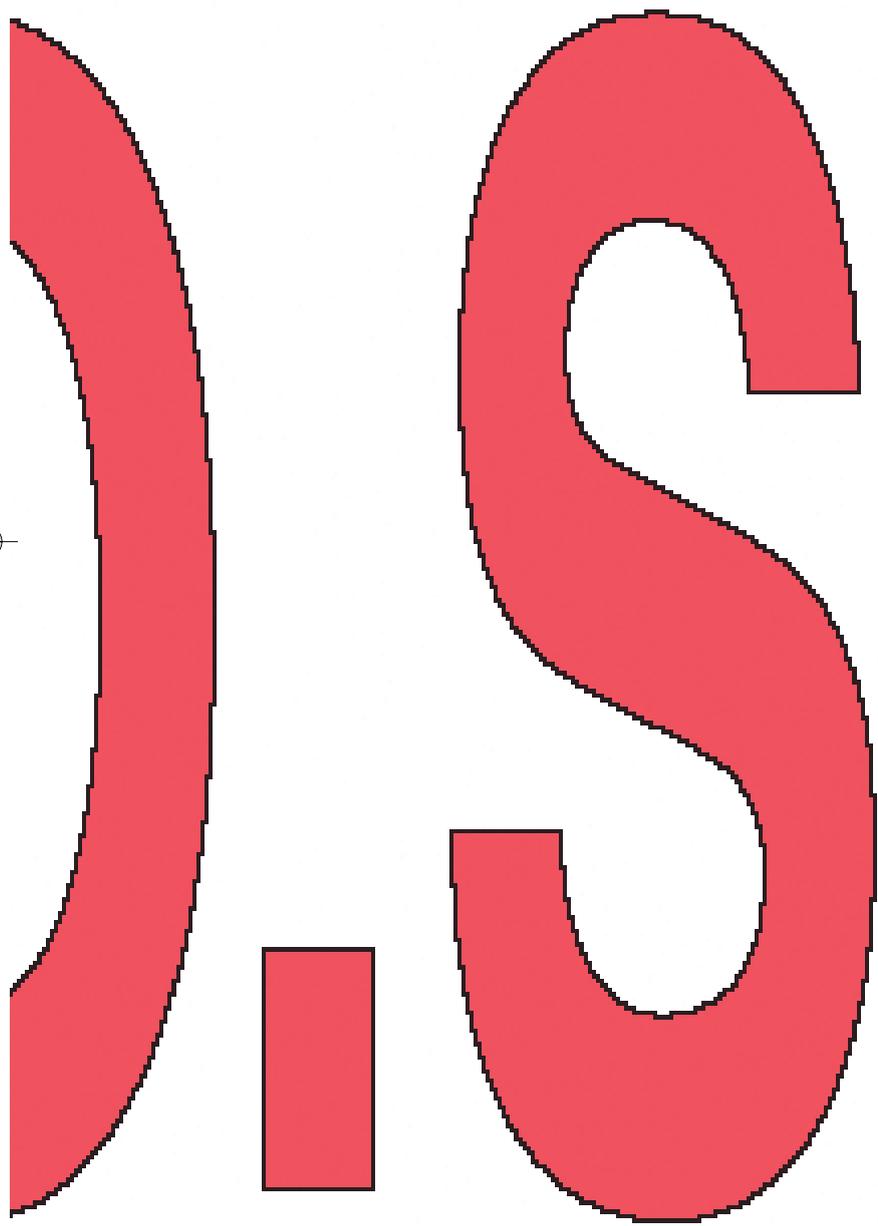
than two years are eligible for appointment.

Anyone wishing to apply for this vacancy should write for an application form to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr G H Stafford, 1 Greenleas, Pembury, Kent TN2 4NS.

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## GREEN GARDENING – FEED THE BIRDS

IT'S THAT time of year again – the days are getting colder and shorter and the threat of bad weather is always with us. Hard as it can be for us, it's so much tougher for the birds that visit our gardens. Making it through a hard winter is one of the biggest challenges our garden birds face as they try to take on enough food to sustain them through the winter months – so it helps a great deal if we're able to offer them a little help and put some food out occasionally. Our reward is to see a dazzling collection of bird life in our gardens. You will be amazed at the variety of birds that can be attracted into your garden simply by providing a regular food source at this time of year.

But it's not as simple as throwing a few slices of stale bread out on the lawn. For a start, processed bread really isn't a good food for our garden birds. There is little nutrition for them in bread and you're more likely to attract rats in this way than birds. Like all of us, birds benefit from a varied diet and different birds will be drawn to different foods. Some of our garden birds are insect eaters, some prefer seeds, many will like a little of both.

Sunflower seed hearts will appeal to a wide range of birds. These are a fatty seed that will give your birds a lot of energy and will attract a lot of interest in your garden. Another good food at this time of year is fat balls or fat cakes; these give the birds plenty of calories to get them through the winter.

Any good garden centre or specialist supplier should be able to advise you on suitable foods. It will also help if you plant trees and shrubs, preferably native species, to entice birds into your garden with the natural foods they supply – crab apple, guelder rose, sea buckthorn etc., plants that produce fruits and berries that the birds naturally eat.



And remember, not all birds perch in the same way. Birds like Robins and Thrushes, who prefer to feed on the ground, find it difficult to perch on the small rods attached to many hanging feeders. If you want to see these birds you'll have more success with a bird table or some sort of flat tray. We use a combination of different feeders to bring in the widest possible selection of birds.

Please make water available around the feeder – it's not just for drinking; keeping their feathers in good condition is important to all birds and often difficult in winter when many water sources are frozen over. If you can provide fresh, clean water around the feeding area this will definitely draw the birds in.

Some words of warning – Cats are a big problem for the birds in your garden. It's no good setting up feeding stations for the birds if all you're doing is providing targets for the neighbourhood cats! If you have a cat, make sure it wears a collar and bell when it is out and encourage your neighbours to do the same with their cats; a bell will help to give the birds some warning of a cat attack. It's also a good idea to keep cats inside at dusk and dawn as these are the hours when they actively hunt.

You cannot under-estimate the amount of damage a cat can do to bird populations – they are the single biggest threat our birds face (and I speak as a cat lover and owner) but with some careful thought you can minimise the damage. Make sure your feeders are as high as you can reasonably place them and, where possible, in open areas where cats can't easily sneak up on the birds.

It's also important to keep your feeders and feeder stations clean. There are a number of viral and parasitic illnesses that our birds can suffer from and they're easily spread if a feeding area is poorly maintained. Avian Pox and Trichomonosis are probably the worst offenders but if you keep the feeders clean you'll limit the risk of infection.

Feeding garden birds is great fun and always well appreciated by our feathered visitors. Happy Birding.

**Rick Bayles**

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## YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

AS I SIT down to write this piece, the papers are full of the Government's Spending Review – apparently George Osborne hasn't used the word "comprehensive" this time. It seems pretty comprehensive to me though, since almost every area of public spending has been hit by savage cuts. Roads, social care, health, education; all now have challenging savings targets as local councils seek to solve the age old chestnut - how to provide more for less.

Of course, it's not really possible to provide more with less, and something has to give. At Kent County Council we're not protected from the Government's efficiency drive – we're looking to save £340,000,000 over the next four years. On top of savings we've already made of around £110 million in the last three years, more cuts become even harder to find. Although we're trying hard not to impact on front line services, it's becoming increasingly difficult. Gone are the days when we could simply 'salami slice' a little off every department's budget – it's time to fundamentally review how we provide services to Kent residents.



David Cameron's "Big Society" may hold an answer though. Defined by the Prime Minister as "small state", individual communities define the services they need, encouraged by both local and national government to provide more support for themselves. In this way, free from bureaucracy and often burdensome legislation, people take more of an active role in helping others in their locality.

In Pembury, I can't help thinking we're way ahead of this game. We have a well-organised and proactive Parish Council as well as the excellent Pembury Community Partnership with representatives from County, Borough and Parish Councils alongside Police, health, schools, Churches and local organisations such as Scouts, Guides, U3A and others. Through the Pembury Local Agreement, signed a couple of years ago and possibly the first such agreement of its kind in the country – we agreed to work together to raise activity and put more effort into providing activities for younger and older residents; to encourage more interaction between young and old to increase understanding; and to increase community capacity by raising the number of volunteers around Pembury.

KCC's Head of Emergency Planning recently came to the Community Partnership to give a briefing on how the community could do more to increase its resilience to events such as last year's heavy snowfall. Much of his advice involved things we're already doing; keeping an eye out for our neighbours, picking up a little extra shopping for a friend, keeping a list of four-wheel drive owners or tractor drivers in the village.

There's no doubt that the next few years will see difficult financial times for our public services. But there's also no doubt that places like Pembury will fare better than many others, simply because it has always had such an active pride in its own community.

**Kevin Lynes**



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## LEE CAMPBELL

**T**HE CAMPBELL family have had a long standing association with Pembury. My husband John and I are local residents in Batchelors, Pembury. We have lived here for 33 years and John has lived in Pembury all his life. We would like to share the recent success of our son, Lee, with the village.

Lee attended Pembury Primary School and then went on to Mascalls in Paddock Wood. At school, he was very good at Art and his teachers always said he would go "to the top". After Mascalls he attended the Kent Institute of Art and Design in Maidstone and then went on to get a BA in Fine Art at Winchester School of Art. After this he was then awarded an MA in Fine Art at the Slade (University College London) – one of the top three Art Colleges in the country.

We recently had a very nice letter from the Headmaster at Mascalls which said that we must be very proud of him, which of course we are. Aged 32, Lee has now been successful in obtaining a funded place (which is very difficult to get hold of) at Loughborough University and will do a PhD there for 3 years after which he will be known as Dr Campbell. When he finishes he will be able to work anywhere in the world. We have travelled extensively in the USA and he is particularly interested in lecturing there. He actually got into Loughborough by CV and word of mouth alone, without even having a formal interview. The tutors said they could learn just as much from Lee as he can learn from them – what a compliment. The research study he has chosen to do questions the relationship between contemporary British Painting and Performance/Scenography. Although Lee has relocated to Nottingham from London to be able to study for his PhD, he is also Visiting Lecturer for contextual/critical studies in performance studies at Central St Martins, London and Associate Lecturer at Wimbledon School of Art, London. Needless to say we are very proud of him for all the hard work and perseverance he has shown over the years.

**Anne and John Campbell**



## PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

**S**UMMER HAS come and gone and along with it the end of this year's bowling season. We were very pleased to welcome several new players and hope they will continue to play for many years to come. The club had a successful year with the finals of club competitions being held on 11 and 12 September. The ladies' singles was won for a second year running by Sue Hook and the men's singles by Len Birnie.

During the course of the season we welcomed a touring team, had a successful Open Triples Turnaround Tournament in early June (enjoyed by all except players who got soaked in a sudden heavy downpour). The ladies of the club organised a Ladies' Day at the end of August. Other activities included a Quiz night, BBQ and a fun day whilst partaking in friendly matches with other clubs, TW men's league, Weald league, two ladies' leagues and ladies' friendlies. A busy few months, but most enjoyable. Now it is the close season, the green will have a rest and treatment in readiness for the start of the 2011 season in April.

More information about the bowls club can be found on our website [www.pemburybowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.pemburybowlsclub.co.uk).

**Barbara Scholten**



## KENT COLLEGE

ON WEDNESDAY 15 September, Kent College commemorated Hurricane Pilot Leslie Pidd in a memorial service conducted in the school grounds 70 years after his death in WW2. A moving service was conducted by Headmistress Mrs Huang, Chaplain Harry Matthews and Historian Jules Hudson with touching tributes read by Leslie Pidd's family and beautiful musical performances from Miss Bruce and the Chamber Choir.

The service was an emotional and awe-inspiring day, following the culmination of research conducted by Year 9 pupil Vicky Vizard and her family. The ceremony was held following an excavation of the crash site carried out by Mr Vizard and Kent College students, where remains of the aircraft were uncovered. These will be on display at Kent College.

We were delighted to be joined by over 30 members of Leslie Pidd's family, who had travelled many miles to be here for the day. During the ceremony a commemorative plaque was unveiled; designed and created by Year 13 student Maisie Waters and local Mosaic Artist Oliver Budd.



At 2pm, during the service, students, staff and guests were treated to a spectacular aerobatic performance with a Hurricane and Spitfire flypast.

The service was a wonderful occasion and Kent College was proud to have the opportunity to remember a hero from the Battle of Britain. The ceremony and interviews with Vicky Vizard and relatives of Leslie Pidd were televised in the evening on both Meridian and BBC South East news, as well as BBC Radio.

**Emma Chandler**

## MY PLOT

THIS WAS the year my beans forgot how to climb! The Runners were a bit better behaved, but the climbing French Beans were useless! Week after week I re-wound them up their canes (clockwise as they should like) holding them in place to try to teach them the right idea. They stayed put for a while but by the time I came back – flop – down they had fallen. Eventually they did grow upwards, but only after all the earlier beans had to lie on the ground getting dirty and slug eaten.



I couldn't grow a lettuce this summer. Not direct from seed in the ground anyway; not one seed germinated. However I grew the smallest but most gorgeous Sweet Corn I have ever eaten.

The most incredible success was from my recently planted Vine from which I picked over 200 bunches of grapes. They were nearly all good sized bunches like in the picture and they were sweet, but with pips. I pressed them for juice which was so strong it needed diluting. The other thing I tried was to leave a bunch to dry out to make raisins and it worked! Although by the time they had dried out, the pips were virtually all that was left. I won't bother doing that again.

**Caroline Mazzey**

## PAUL DRURY – 24 September 1946 - 18 August 2010

IT WAS whilst I was on holiday this year with my wife and Michael Waterman and his wife, Maureen, that we received a text message telling us that Paul Drury had died. I can only describe the feeling as numbing, devastating.

Paul Martin Drury was born on 24 September 1946 at Boughton Monchelsea to parents Patricia and Dennis with an older brother, Nick.

He married his wife, Judith, and they had four children – daughter Clare and sons Christopher, Michael and Lewis.

Paul lived in Pembury for most of his life, at Albans Farm, Henwoods Crescent and Church Road and worked at the Land Registry for about 40 years.

He also had a great love for farming and country life and was also involved in a joint venture with brother Nick on a smallholding at Uckfield on which they grew, amongst other things, different types of apples.

Paul was a very keen sportsman, being particularly good at football, ardent Manchester United fan, cricket and golf.

He played for several years for Pembury FC, mainly at halfback as they were called then, and was on the score sheet on a regular basis. He was also very competitive, sometimes giving referees and opposition a hard time. He was also a very consistent batsman for Pembury Cricket Club, normally batting at number three, getting regularly amongst the runs and was a very effective bowler. It has been known evidently that if Paul was dismissed by the umpire to what he felt was an unfair decision, the dressing room was not the place to be, with the bat bouncing off the walls and the tirade of expletives.

In October 2009, Paul, along with Mick Waterman, Richard Snow, Neil and Kathryn Franklin and myself, started work on clearing the first section of the Old Coach Road and it was a task in which he revelled. We soon discovered that he was number one pyromaniac and I am certain that he could make a fire from a bit of string and a newspaper. He was very particular about how we positioned any stuff to be burnt on his fire and if it was not aesthetically pleasing, it would come off again, quickly. Our tea breaks were very much like a re-run of Last of the Summer Wine and by the time we had finished, we had solved the economy, unemployment, religious problems and reshuffled the England squad.

Paul did, however, have a wonderful witty dry sense of humour and it is very strange to be up the Old Coach Road without him; we certainly miss his: “Boorman, don’t leave that there; Michael, not like that!”

In agreement with Paul’s family, it is intended that we install a commemorative seat down by the Coach Road pond and we will keep you informed.

It was a privilege to have known Paul and I am certain that many other people share these thoughts, reflected by the number of people who supported Paul’s family at his funeral service.

**Hugh Boorman**



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## PEMBURY TREES – OAK

**T**HESE ARE the two young Oak trees on the village green. On the right is the ‘Poster Oak’ (with poster!), an English Oak and on the left a Sessile Oak. Logically, you might expect the one with the more native-sounding name to have arrived in Britain first, but no, it was the Sessile Oak.

Oaks are much loved by the English and this may be because the timber has been so crucial in house and ship building. But it is not just humans who love it. These trees are home and food to more creatures, fungi and lichens than any other native plant.

Despite Oaks being common trees and living to be several hundreds of years old, Pembury does not have any very large specimens. It would be a grand idea to plan to leave these to mature for another 500 years to become the ancient trees of the future.



**Caroline Mazzey** *Quercus petraea* (left) and *Quercus robur* (right)

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## CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

### ST PETER'S

12 December	6.30pm	Old Church Carol Service – Old Church
16 December	2pm	Pepenbury Carol Service – Upper Church
19 December	6.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols – Upper Church
24 December	4pm	The Crib Service – Upper Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass – Upper Church
25 December	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	Celebration of Christmas with Communion - Upper Church
	11.30am	Communion from the Book of Common Prayer – Old Church
26 December	10am	Holy Communion - Upper Church

### ST ANSELM'S

19 December	10.30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
24 December	6.00 pm	Carols and readings
	6.30 pm	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
25 December	10.30 am	Christmas Day Mass
26 December	10.30 am	Mass of the Holy Family

### PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

12 and 19 December		
	10am	Love, Come Down
19 December	4pm	Carols by Candlelight for the under 10's and parents
19 December	6 & 8pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 December	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion
25 December	10am	Christmas Day Service – Love Came Down
26 December		No Services

### CAROL SINGING

The churches of Pembury will be carol singing on Saturday 11 December from 3.45pm until 4.30pm at Cornford House and between 5pm and 6pm at Tesco. All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald. All are invited to join in! For more details call 825590.

## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**WE** HAVE had a major issue with the crime figures in recent quarters. This first came to light when two separate crimes committed in Maidstone Road, one the theft of a motorcycle in February, the other, the theft of a trailer in March, did not appear in the reported figures. Our agreement with the police is that any road in the Parish which is not subject to a crime will not be included in the listing and this appears to be part of the problem.

In the instances above, a crime reference number was given but when I questioned the police, they said that the number appeared to relate to the Medway Towns. When I asked why Maidstone Road was not shown, they admitted to having erroneously removed it from their list along with a number of other roads including Heskett Park, Petersfield and The Gill – for which road the figures then showed only one theft committed in the June quarter but rather ludicrously, 26 burglaries in the previous quarter!

Their revised crime list for the first quarter now includes thirty roads, although some still appear to be missing, as against their initial list of thirteen and the crime figure now reads 166 against their earlier report of 51.

All this told me something was wrong with the figures and work needed to be done to assure the public that crime is under control and we can rely on robust information.

The Parish Council shared my concern and Councillor David Coleman and I have just had discussions at a high level with Kent Police who have treated the matter extremely seriously. There will be amendments made to the system for the next PVN (Spring 2011) with a full explanation.

A recent report suggests that over 80% of households that had been victims of burglary did not have any alarm system.

We are now approaching the worst time of the year for crime – especially theft. Ladies, hang on to your handbags, don't have all your credit cards and cash in one place. Don't leave goods on display on the back seat of your car. Make sure your house is secure.

If you have anyone living near you, invalid, elderly or on their own, visit them over the winter months and make sure that they are OK.

Have a very Happy Christmas and I will update you in the New Year. Be careful out there.

**Hugh Boorman**

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud and Forgery	Other Offences	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	TOTAL
<b>July 2010</b>	11	4	29	13		2			25	1		<b>85</b>
<b>August 2010</b>	4	1	1	5	7	4	1	6	13		1	<b>43</b>
<b>September 2010</b>	3	17	6	4		4		8	9			<b>51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>ROAD</b>												
A21	1											<b>1</b>
Batchelors	1											<b>1</b>
Beagles Wood Road			1									<b>1</b>
Bellfield Road						1			1			<b>2</b>
Brickfields				1					3			<b>4</b>
Chalket Lane									10			<b>10</b>
Elmhurst Avenue			27				1					<b>28</b>
Half Moon Lane										1		<b>1</b>
Hastings Road				4								<b>6</b>
Henwood Green Road	5			4	3			2				<b>12</b>
Henwoods Crescent	1											<b>1</b>
Henwoods Mount						1						<b>1</b>
Herons Way		10										<b>10</b>
Highfield Close		6										<b>6</b>
High Street	2	4		3	1	2			6			<b>18</b>
Kings Toll Road									2			<b>2</b>
Lower Green Road				2							1	<b>3</b>
Old Church Road	3		2						12			<b>17</b>
Pembury Road	1			1	3	4		4	2			<b>15</b>
Penns Yard	2			2								<b>4</b>
Ridgeway	1							4				<b>5</b>
Romford Road				2								<b>2</b>
Sandhurst Avenue						2						<b>2</b>
Stonecourt Lane				2								<b>2</b>
The Coppice		1		1								<b>2</b>
The Gill									1			<b>1</b>
The Grove			2									<b>2</b>
Tonbridge Road	1								10			<b>11</b>
Woodhill Park		1						4				<b>5</b>
Woodside Close			4									<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>179</b>

## FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up-to-date events, please see the online diary at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)

**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.

### January 2011

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop – 2.15pm
- 5 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – "Doing it ourselves" – Upper Church – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Players – Pantomime – Village Hall – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI – A talk about Pepenbury – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Players – Pantomime – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Pembury Players – Pantomime – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 13 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 13 Pembury Afternoon WI – New Year Party – Village Hall Meeting Room – 2pm

### February

- 2 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – Downingbury Farm with Mr Peter Barnes – Upper Church – 8pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI – Quiz – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury WI – Annual Jumble Sale – Village Hall – 2pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at BoPeep Corner – 2.15pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 10 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 10 Pembury Afternoon WI – 'How women have been portrayed in adverts' – Village Hall Meeting Room – 2pm
- 12 Concert at St. Peter's – Billroth String Quartet – St. Peter's Upper Church – 7.30pm
- 14 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 24 Pembury Gardeners' Society – AGM – Catholic Hall – 7pm

### March

- 2 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – AGM and Bring and Buy – Upper Church – 8pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI – I am a tulip, what are you? – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop – 2.15pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 7 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Pembury Afternoon WI – 'Hospice in the Weald' by Richard Snow – Village Hall Meeting Room – 2pm
- 14 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 17 Pembury Gardeners' Society – Fuchsias with George Puddlefoot – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 26 Pembury Gardeners' Society Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 28 Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

## ROSIE'S RECIPES

THESE WILL be the last recipes I write for the Pembury Village News. Bernie (my husband) and I are planning to move to Eastbourne, hopefully in the New Year. If anyone would like to take on this column, I have an archive of recipes that can be referred to. Please contact Louise Fowlie (Editor), details at the front of this edition if you are interested. I have thoroughly enjoyed bringing to you a variety of recipes which I hope that many of you have tried and enjoyed. As Christmas is coming up, I thought these two recipes would be suitable.



### Short-Cut Christmas Cake

#### For 8 servings

2 tbsp brandy  
 450g (1lb) white marzipan  
 18cm (7in) round rich fruit cake  
 4 tbsp apricot glaze  
 450g (1lb) packet fondant icing  
 icing sugar, for dusting  
 beaten egg white  
 ribbon, candle, crystallised or ready-made flower decorations, to decorate

#### Preparation

Make small holes in bottom of cake with skewer or knitting needle. Spoon over brandy. Divide marzipan into three. Brush cake with apricot glaze and cover with marzipan, using half for the top and half for the sides. Leave to dry for 48 hours, if time allows. Measure sides and top of cake with a piece of string. On a surface dusted with icing sugar, roll out fondant into a circle slightly larger than the length of the string. Brush marzipan with egg white and drape icing over, using a rolling pin to assist you. Trim off excess. Mould icing into sides of cake with hands until smooth. Leave for 24 hours to dry, then decorate.



### Sausage Crackers

#### Ingredients for 8 servings

700g (1½lb) pork sausagemeat  
 2 tbsp cranberry sauce  
 salt and pepper, to taste  
 400g (14oz) packet frozen fillo pastry, just thawed  
 75g (3oz) butter, melted  
 5-6 drops Tabasco sauce

#### Preparation:

Heat oven to 200°C (400°F/Gas 6). Combine sausagemeat and cranberry sauce with seasoning. Roll out on a floured surface into a long sausage and cut into 18. Unroll two sheets of pastry, covering remainder with a damp tea towel to prevent drying out. Mix butter and Tabasco together. Brush one sheet of fillo with butter and top with second sheet. Brush with butter. Cut pastry in half lengthways and into three widthways. Place a piece of sausagemeat in the centre and roll up. Pinch ends to form a cracker. Repeat with remaining pastry and sausagemeat. Brush each cracker with butter. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until golden. Serve tied with thin ribbon, if liked. Note: Fillo pastry is available from major supermarkets and frozen food centres. Use pork and herb sausagemeat if preferred.

#### I would just like to leave you with a 'Favourite Recipe'.

Take a cup of KINDNESS, mix it well with LOVE, add a lot of PATIENCE and FAITH in GOD ABOVE, SPRINKLE VERY GENEROUSLY with JOY and THANKS and CHEER – and you'll have lots of "ANGEL FOOD" to feast on all the year.

Many thanks for reading and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rosie Bass

## CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARY

**I**N SEPTEMBER 1909 Robert Baden Powell held a rally at Crystal Palace for the Scout movement. It was gate-crashed by a group of girls, demanding "something for the girls". From then on Girl Guides started and now has over half a million girls in the UK.



Our celebrations marking the Centenary year began in September 2009, with a birthday party in Bayham Recreation Ground for over 150 people. In January, 45 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders went from Pembury to Disneyland Paris. February saw the commemoration of Robert and Olave Baden Powell's birthdays with a service at St James' Church in Tunbridge Wells, followed by a parade to Dunorlan Park. There we held a short service to dedicate our Guiding Centenary bench, which is near the café.

In March over 70 girls attended an Easter Fun Day at the Guide Hall. In May, over 80 people went to Crystal Palace Park, where Guiding could be said to have started. On a sunny Saturday in June over 70 of us walked from Pembury to Dunorlan Park, playing games and eating ice cream when we arrived.

Over 80 of us met in September for a BBQ and Campfire, enjoying food and singing. October saw the Finale Event – over 2,000 people at Detling Showground for a renewal of Promises and some spectacular fireworks.

Guiding has changed over the past 100 years, but it still provides fun, laughter and challenges for girls – and leaders – aged five and over. We hope all the girls who took part in our Centenary events enjoyed themselves and have some happy memories from them. I won't be at the next Centenary – but I hope the girls who are have just as much fun.

As District Commissioner I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Guiders in Pembury who volunteer to run weekly units, camps and other events for the girls. They give so much time, frequently for very little thanks, and without them none of these events would have happened.

**Moira Allan**

## CHURCH TIMES

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

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