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CHAIR'S REPORT

The New Year came and there we were looking at the 'white stuff' again. Hopefully we were better prepared than the previous time. I think everyone who battled out to do their shopping showed true determination.

I would imagine you saw our Groundsmen clearing the surgery car park, chemist frontage, churches and wherever else they could with the very limited supply of salt/grit they collected from a depot in Tonbridge. One thought that comes to mind is that at the Community Partnership the possibility was discussed of having a large supply of salt/grit for emergencies. I think with careful planning and the help of our local farmers, this could be better distributed through the village safely. We just keep learning from our experiences all the time.

By the time you read this article the new Vicar will be installed. We really welcome the Reverend Douglas Robertson and his family to our Village and know what a warm church congregation he has at St. Peter's and the Old Church. The service of Institution and Induction of the Rev'd. Robertson by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge was both joyful and a celebration of a new chapter for us all in Pembury.

At the end of April there is a Royal Wedding to celebrate and to lift our spirits and, for us ladies, our views on 'The Dress'.

We took your comments on board regarding the Musical Picnic on the Green and this year it will be very different, which I hope you will all be in favour of. We have made it later in June, as the last two years have been so cold, so pencil Saturday 25 June in your diaries. Our good friends at the Camden Arms, James and Carol Cunningham, have very kindly offered to sponsor an Abba Tribute Act for the evening with Paul Barrington-King's group being an admirable support act. There will also be a hog roast so overall a very different slant on the Picnic this year. I really hope the sun shines and everyone has a really good time. As always, your picnics are first class and I am suitably impressed with all the variety displayed on the tables. So this year we'll all be dancing to Super Trooper!!

Notcutts have also been very generous and have donated a large quantity of spring bulbs; hopefully we shall have some unexpected displays around the Village which will be very welcome to see. Some are going on the corner of the Green and others will be a surprise when they bloom, a nice surprise.

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As I have said before, new beginnings are sometimes necessary, especially with new leaders of our Churches. They play an important role in guiding the Village.

At long last the Hospital has now begun its role in caring for us and, as I write this, patients are being transferred into the new hospital - firstly women and children, then by the end of summer it will be completely up and running. What an achievement it is for all of the services involved. I am very grateful to the patience of our residents who have coped with the traffic and parking issues created by the initial building works.

Due to work commitments several of our PVN distributors are struggling with their rounds. Does anyone have two hours a quarter to help us deliver the magazine? If you have, please could you kindly ring the Clerk's office and your offer will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you, as always, for your advice, suggestions and, justly, being proud of Pembury.
Happy Easter to all.

June Crowhurst,
Chair, Pembury Parish Council

PEMBURY TENNIS ACADEMY

I am very pleased to announce that this year, thanks to Pembury Parish Council, I am launching 'Pembury Tennis Academy' in our Recreation Ground.

I am a PTR licensed tennis coach and Premier qualified personal trainer with CRB and First Aid certificates. Currently, I am a resident tennis coach at the Nevill Tennis Club in Tunbridge Wells where I have been for several years.

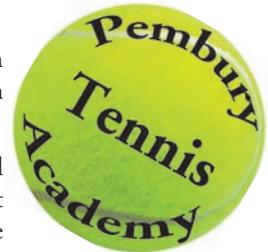
I started playing tennis at Pembury Tennis Club when I was about eight years old, when there was a thriving junior club. As a Pembury resident, living adjacent to the Recreation Ground, I feel that I could now put our currently under-used tennis courts to beneficial use for all.

I have seen how successful the football for children in Pembury has been. By promoting tennis for all, from toddlers to teenagers and adults to retirees, I would like to see the same enthusiasm for tennis.

Following an initial half-term Junior Tennis Camp during February, there will be after school and weekend squads for juniors and morning and weekend coaching sessions for adults. I would also like to establish ladies and gents 'drop-in' social tennis mornings. Private coaching sessions are also available. For more information email me at pemburytennis@hotmail.co.uk or ring me on 07876 023678.

I hope to see you all this year for 'Tennis in the Rec'.

Brad King



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THE OLD COACH ROAD

It was mentioned in the previous issues of the Pembury Village News that with the help of The Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP) four days had been set aside for the provision of training members of the public who wanted to learn the ancient craft of hedge-laying.

Two days were set aside for members of the Old Coach Road Volunteer Group plus anyone else from the Village and the other two days were for people from anywhere who were interested. Each day was its own separate course and we were able to complete four courses with a total of approximately forty people attending.

The object was to make a sound, solid hedge which will last for many years before it has to be laid again.

We started off by removing all low undergrowth, i.e. brambles etc., then removing all dead and overcrowded parts of the existing hedge which was mainly hazel and hawthorn and making a shallow angled downward cut, just above the ground into the selected remaining hedge, gently applying pressure to allow the hedge to come down and lay at approximately thirty degrees.

New growth will start to generate this year but the best effects will begin to show in the second and third years.

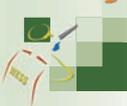
All of the materials used, the stakes and binders which are interwoven along the top of the laid hedge and between the stakes, were cut from the hedgerows.

We will carry on until the end of February, which is when the sap is rising and continue again next winter.

We are extremely grateful to Mr Bowman, the local farmer, who provided the facility and Ian Johnstone and staff from KHWP for providing the training.

Hugh Boorman





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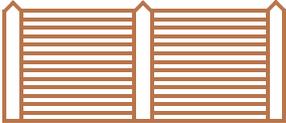
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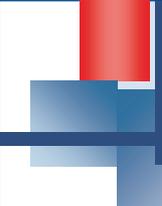
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PEMBURY ECO GROUP

Spring's finally here and we can see our native flora and fauna becoming increasingly active around the village. If you're interested in our local wildlife and want to know what's active in and around our area why not check out the Eco Group on our web page <http://pembury.org/eco> or join our on-line community at <http://pemburyecogroup.myfreeforum.org>.



Visiting Waxbills photographed at Paddock Wood Station Car Park

Rick Bayles

REVEREND DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

Before ordination I spent 30 years in City firms as a Solicitor specialising in Commercial Property. I enjoyed that work immensely, but I am enjoying my new life even more!

I married Sue in 1975 and we have two children - Iain, who works for a company operating luxury health and fitness centres in Europe, and Carolyn, who married last summer, and is now an English teacher in Yorkshire. Sue recently retired as a Health Visitor and is in training on a Spiritual Accompaniment Course run by the Dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury.

Born in Edinburgh, I am proud to be a Scot and a member of the Caledonian Society of London. That said, I have enormous respect for the English, especially their sense of 'fair play' and I love the breadth of the Church of England.

I used to play rugby and still enjoy watching the game. I also support Tottenham Hotspur and, having held a season ticket through many lean years, I just wish that I had one now so that I could see them live playing in the Champions League!

Sue and I have loved our time in Rochester but we are really looking forward to living in Pembury, and, as the Parish motto says, "Sharing God's Love".



Courtesy of the Diocese of Rochester

I have spent time as a volunteer Chaplain in the Hospice in the Weald and in Hospital Chaplaincy, and am delighted that the New Pembury Hospital is nearing completion.

I enjoy schools' ministry and hope to work closely with the two schools in the Parish.

I have been impressed by how much is going on in Pembury, both in its four churches and more widely, in the Village community and I am keen to play my part as Vicar.

The fact that it's a short drive to Hastings to play Crazy Golf and have fish and chips is an added bonus. God is Good!

Reverend Douglas Robertson

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MY PLOT

My most important allotment news is regarding Christmas Potatoes and I have already accosted every passer-by I could waylay to boast about them. They were planted at the end of July when the ground was like concrete and had to be thoroughly watered. They came up pretty quickly, looking no different from normal spring ones. Then they all got caught by an early frost in November and the top growth was gone, so what had grown by then, was all I was going to get.

Then of course it snowed and Christmas came and went and I couldn't have dug them up even if I could have found the rows!

Come mid-January and finally I investigated - only to discover these. They are Maris Peer and they are perfect. New potatoes like this in January are such an unbelievable treat that I can't recommend them enough.

At the time of writing, I haven't checked the other varieties – Orla, Carlingford and Vivaldi – but I will report their success or failure as soon as I know.



Caroline Mazzey

KENT COLLEGE - 'CARMEN'

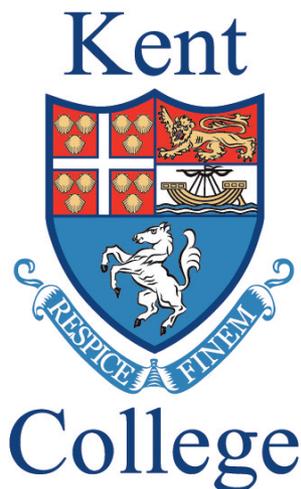
Kent College is bringing to life the much loved opera 'Carmen' over six performances (five nights and one matinée) from 22 until 26 March.

Every year the Senior School Drama, Music and Dance Departments deliver stunning productions to high, professional standards in their state-of-the-art Judi Dench Theatre. 2011 will be no exception and we are delighted to announce that our pupils will be performing Bizet's French opera.

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Auditions, casting and rehearsals have been very demanding, but the girls have really stepped up to the mark with their talent and enthusiasm and we very much look forward to this spectacular event in the school's history.

Emma Chandler





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Pride in Pembury

Start getting ready for the very successful annual 'Pride in Pembury' competition which is organised by the Parish Council and will run again this summer. Categories will include best front garden, best hanging basket or container, best commercial frontage, best allotment, best container planted by a child or group of children and a photographic competition reflecting 'Pembury life'. Competition entry forms will be available in the summer edition of the Pembury Village News.

It's a Knockout

Don't forget the It's a Knockout competition later this year. Teams of youngsters will be gathering together to compete for the coveted Denise Barnes Cup. There will be more information about this highly successful competition in the summer edition.

Kent College Snapshot Film Challenge Weekend

This will be from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 May and is open to children and young adults from year groups 5-13. Groups of no more than 8 are invited to the school to film and edit their own film on the Kent College school site. For more information and details, contact Emma on chandlere@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk.

A date for your diary: Charity Choral Concert

A Charity Choral Concert has been arranged at St. Peter's, Pembury, on 22 October to benefit local charity for adults with learning disabilities, Pepenbury. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Challenge yourself in 2011

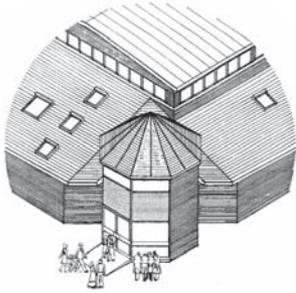
The Hospice in the Weald is giving you the opportunity to challenge yourself during 2011. They have organised a number of events: a Trekathon across the South Downs in May, a sky dive in May and September, a London to Paris bike ride in June, July and August and an around-the-clock sailing challenge in September. For more information and details on any of these events, telephone Philippa on 820527.

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PEMBURY PEOPLE — MELVYN COLE

How long have you lived in the village?

I was born here in 1942 – at No.1 The Grove to be precise, and we moved to the newly built Bulls Place in 1947. The maternal side of my family, ‘Young’, has been traced back almost 200 years in the village. My father was born in Gloucestershire and then came to Pembury, aged one month, to live with his grandparents while his father served in the Royal Flying Corps in WWI. My sons, wife, father, uncles, aunts, cousins and grandmother all attended Pembury School at some time or other before or since 1900.



What was it like growing up in Pembury?

It was a very friendly place and many of the people I grew up with are still my friends now. Gillian, my wife, who lived a few doors away from where I was born, did not meet me until she came to work at the same printers as me. Up until the late fifties there were many more shops in the village; two or three butchers, a couple of bakers, several grocers and you could even buy clothes here. There were also four or more dairies, one at Downingbury Farm, and milk was actually delivered by motorbike and sidecar.

The main employment was at Pembury Hospital with others working at the Waterworks or in the building trade. As for the rest of us, we had to cycle to Tunbridge Wells, cycling four abreast up the Pembury Road in the mornings. You could do that then as there were so few cars – unlike today.

What did you do when you left school?

My first job was at a garage but I didn't like that. When I was biking home one day, I spoke to a friend who told me he was moving to another department in his work and I could have his job, he would arrange it with the manager (better than having a CV!) and so I started at a printers in Tunbridge Wells. Printing was by letterpress in those days, a trade that had its own measuring system and strange names for different materials, quires, quoins, kerns, a metal stone and a paper size of double elephant. After my apprenticeship I moved to Tonbridge Printers in 1968 but in 1976 we had a serious fire and Tonbridge Printers burned down. After that, I retrained in modern lithographic printing, but I much preferred the slow process of letterpress. Litho is like modern life, all rush and tear. But printing gave me a good life, a roof over my head, my own transport, holidays and a wife of my dreams and two good sons, what more could you ask for?

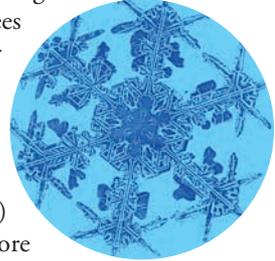
If you compare your childhood with that of children today, what comments would you make?

Well, life has changed, especially for children. They have all the material things, but they have lost so much freedom. As children, we spent much of our time in the many woods of Pembury, sometimes climbing over the fence of the Waterworks woods in the morning and not returning home until evening. In those days you could walk in the woods from Woodsgate to Fairthorn and you only had to cross one road. I was, and still am, never happier than when I'm in the woods of Pembury, which started my love of bird-watching and natural history, of photographing birds and the scenery around Pembury, a passion that remains with me even today.

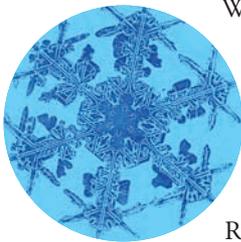
Mel Karpinski

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As a child, I used to dream of a White Christmas. I was envious of those children who lived in wintry places where snow was guaranteed and every year there was a tinge of sadness when I looked outside and the grass was green and the trees were bare. Then along came December 2010. The coldest December since records began in 1910, with an average temperature of minus 1 degree for the whole of the UK. So there it was; my wish had come true, a White Christmas after all these years. Do you know what? I was frozen, the cars were frozen, the pavements were frozen, I had to walk to work (although it was nice to meet some of you on the way) and I fell over. It was clear to me that I must put a great deal more thought into what I wish for in the future, because some wishes do seem to come true!



I remember the first time I ever saw a snowflake. I don't mean the first time I saw snow; I mean a single, solitary, snow flake. I recall the day so well; it was 9 years ago in March and I was sitting on a chair half-way up a mountain. I was next to Sue, my wife, and we were just chatting, when this beautiful snowflake settled on my arm. It was about 6mm (a quarter of an inch to you and me) in diameter and was perfect. Six little spikes; it was like fine lace. Then another landed, and another and soon my jacket was covered in these beautiful flakes; it was snowing. I had read about a snowflake's uniqueness and at school had cut up paper to make my own doily flakes, but here was the real thing. It made me think of how amazing it is that such a fragile creation, which melted away as soon as the warmth of my breath touched it, can bring a country to a standstill. It can't do it on its own, but together with others the power is immense. I often think of us in the same way. We are unique and very fragile and alone we achieve relatively little. But bringing us together, getting on with each other, working together, amazing things can happen. Important things can be achieved.



What's important? That is not always so obvious and I am reminded of a story told by Rob Parsons of his son when he was a little boy. At the time, Rob Parsons was a senior partner in a firm of solicitors and needed to make important telephone calls from home. One day, his son came and said, "Daddy!" Rob Parsons was busy on important telephone calls and told him to wait. Later his son said, "Daddy" and again was told to wait because of the important telephone calls. Finally Rob Parsons finished the important calls and turned to his son who gave him a bit of paper with a green dinosaur drawn on it and the words, "Daddy, I love you". Rob Parsons goes on to tell that his son has now grown up and left home and only sees his father when he has the time. When Rob Parsons thinks back to his very important telephone calls, he can't remember any of them, but he does remember his little green dinosaur.

So I am still learning to be careful for what I wish for, to appreciate the beauty and awesome power of creation and that there are very important things in life and there are little green dinosaurs.

Dr Andrew Cameron

PEMBURY TREFOIL GUILD

On a Saturday morning in February the members of the Pembury Trefoil Guild met at Pembury Old Church to complete their 'Centenary of Guiding' service project. They planted some snowdrops around the commemorative plaques in the church yard, paid for out of their Christmas collection. We hope they will do well and be a lasting memory of a very successful year.

Janet Ditchett



FRIENDS OF KENT COLLEGE

On Saturday 12 February, Kent College welcomed a selection of Friends for an evening of friendship, jazz, dance and dining to launch the 'Friends of Kent College' Association, held in the Judi Dench Theatre on the Kent College site.

In attendance were guests from local businesses, Parish Councillors and Trinity Theatre; as well as Kent Colleges' Governors, Parents and Old Girls Associations. All enjoyed an evening of spectacular Jazz performed by Jazz Band *Swingamajig* and were treated to a little KC magic with stunning dance sets performed by pupils at the Senior School.

A selection of Jazz inspired canapés were provided by Kent College's Head of Catering Sarah Stone and her catering team.



The Friends of Kent College is a new society, embracing all those who support the school, its pupils and their activities. Kent College looks forward to many more events like this, hoping to widen connections within the local community.

Emma Chandler

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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

It seems that whenever we turn on the television or radio, we find examples of more cutbacks. BBC Breakfast recently covered the story of a council in the UK who tripled their charges for cremation and burials, with a clearly embarrassed spokesman explaining how their services still provided good value.

As Government cuts bite and councils look to maintain their services, one way forward could be through closer joint working. Health services, police, fire and rescue – all need to make savings and efficiencies, and all could usefully look at sharing resources to achieve this. In recent weeks, plans have emerged for shared Chief Executives between District Councils in Kent. Clearly savings made by halving top salaries will go a long way to avoiding service cuts.



Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, suggested at the end of last year that councils should form Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) both with neighbouring authorities and local business leaders to take collective responsibility for growing their economies. Indeed, our own Greg Clark MP, one of Pickles' team was partially responsible for approving these bids.

Kent County Council joined forces with neighbouring Essex and East Sussex to form a 'super LEP' to look at common problems; the rural economy for instance, aviation at Manston and Southend airports or deprivation in coastal areas such as Margate, Hastings and Clacton. It will be fascinating to see how business and local government leaders work together. Will the bureaucracy be swept away or will it overpower even the keenest entrepreneur? Only time will tell.

This new public/private 'détente' exists in Pembury too. You'll be aware of the recent planning application from Tesco to expand their Pembury store, and whether you agree or not this should happen, permission has now been granted by the Borough Council's Planning Committee. But in allowing this expansion, your Councillors have exacted a considerable return. I began discussions with Tesco a couple of years ago encouraging them to dedicate space in their new store for the benefit of the Pembury Community; indeed Parish Councillor David Coleman and I met onsite with Tesco Development Executive David Bevan to lobby for this.

Further conditions were imposed by the Borough Council upon Tesco to construct a long stay car park facility at the store which should ease congestion on the Pembury Road.

With little sign of improvement in the recession, partnership between public and private sectors may well be the only way to provide efficient, affordable services into the future.

Kevin Lynes

THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL AT PEMBURY

The new hospital opened its doors to patients at the end of January. The patients who were still residing in the old hospital were transferred to the new departments and the hospital began accepting new patients through its doors.

I was privileged to be given the opportunity to visit the hospital before the doors were opened. I joined a group of selected individuals to enjoy a tour around the Women's and Children's Department.



We visited a number of wards in the department including the Bluebell and Hedgehog ward (children's units), delivery suite and neonatal unit.

Each ward in the hospital is composed entirely of single en-suite bedrooms designed to maintain infection control. The majority of these rooms enjoy woodland views. Research has shown that such views will aid recuperation.

As we wandered around the hospital, it became clear to me that the hospital planners and developers had considered many different aspects while designing this new state-of-the-art hospital. For instance, the blinds on each window were actually within the two panes of glass in order to reduce dust and possible infection risks.



Every patient room has a flat-screen Freeview TV all of which were donated by the hospital's League of Friends. The televisions have remote controls which are completely waterproof. Research is also being done into disposable remote controls.



Visitors to the delivery and natal units of the Old Pembury Hospital will know that the rooms were quite cramped. When looking at the new equipment, we saw that the rooms were quite spacious and it was evident that thought had been given to the small details: the high dependency units have space for three cots and enough room for parents to stand around the cot; the children's rooms have fold-down beds for parents to stay in the same room; the resuscitation equipment in the delivery suite is hidden behind a pull-down door to make it more calming for the patients; and the walls in the older children's rooms are magnetic so posters can be attached for the teenagers staying long-term.



In late 2010, some 900 Trust staff attended orientation courses to help them become familiar with the layout of the hospital. The staff who showed my group around were very well informed about the hospital, its design, the planning and the remaining work to be done.

There is a restaurant and a Costa Coffee to provide refreshments to visitors. A dispensing pharmacy with a robot behind the scenes will enable prescriptions to be dealt with quickly and efficiently. The robot will sort the medicines automatically although there will be a human eye checking its work.

So far, during the first phase of the hospital, 5000 dispensers have been fitted to walls for soap, paper towels, toilet rolls, disposable aprons and rubber gloves. There are over 1,100 waste bins for ordinary rubbish, hazardous and non-recyclable waste.

When the hospital opens fully in September this year, there will be close to 100 babies born in the maternity unit every week.



As I was shown around, I was becoming increasingly impressed. It has been a staggering venture on a very large scale, from keeping the old hospital open and running while the new one was being built, to fine-tuning the little details within the patient rooms.



It is clear that the years of planning and consultation have paid off and the remarkable result is this state-of-the-art hospital which is right on our doorstep.

Editor



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ST. JUSTUS AND ST. ANSELM

The Catholic Church in Pembury has had a new beginning for the New Year. A matter of days into January, it was announced that Father Liam Gallagher would be moving to another church in Streatham, South London, to take up the position of Parish Priest. Father Liam had been the Parish Priest of St. Justus and St. Anselm for five years and became a familiar face around the village. The Parishioners all wish him success in his new Parish.

At the end of January, the new Parish Priest was welcomed into the Parish. Father Behruz Raf'at joins us from Sevenoaks and takes up his position as Parish Priest for the first time.

To make himself known to the Parishioners, Father Behruz wrote a few words about himself in the church newsletter and the following is part of his introduction.

"I spent the last two and a half years as an Assistant Priest in Sevenoaks. There, I was chaplain to St. Thomas' Primary School as well as having lots of Parish duties. I enjoyed my time in Sevenoaks very much.



Fr. Liam (left) and Fr. Behruz (right)

Before Sevenoaks, I was based in New Addington in the Croydon area and before that I was in Morden in South West London. I have had quite a lot of experience in different places and this October I will celebrate my fifth anniversary as a priest.

Before becoming a priest I worked as an administrator in the civil service and in various charities, so I know what it is like to commute to work every day.

I grew up in Streatham in South London and went to Bishop Thomas

Grant which was one of the largest Catholic comprehensive schools in the country. After BTG I studied philosophy and sociology at Hull University so I do enjoy discussing and debating issues. My other interests include reading, listening to music, mostly classical but some contemporary."

The Parishioners of St. Justus and St. Anselm send Father Behruz their best wishes as he begins his journey as Parish Priest. We look forward to getting to know him and hope he settles in well.

Another new beginning that the Catholic Church is facing is an influx of new parishioners. Under the allowances from the Pope, a group of up to 80 parishioners from St. Barnabas' Church in Tunbridge Wells will be joining the Catholic Parish of Paddock Wood and Pembury. They, along with their leader, Fr. Ed Tomlinson and Fr. Nicholas Levisieur will be joining the congregation from Ash Wednesday with their full reception into Catholicism on Maundy Thursday at a special ceremony in London. The parishioners of St. Justus and St. Anselm wish them well and welcome them into the Parish.

St. Anselm's Church



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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Richard Snow has been researching the people whose names are found on the War Memorial. In the first part of this series, he gives details of seven soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War. Editor

The War Memorial in Hastings Road was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday 25 September 1921 by Rev. H. Sinclair Brooke, MA (Vicar of Pembury 1898-1918). The site was given by the Marquis Camden, and the Portland Stone Memorial stands 16 feet high, and cost £365 19/4d., which apparently took quite a long time to raise. It was designed by well-known local Architects Ashley S. Kilby and the work was executed by Messrs.



Burslem and Sons of Tunbridge Wells. The Service (programme in Pembury Library) included the Last Post and Reveille and the National Anthem at the end of the Service. The Roll of Honour was read by Mr C.R. Bosanquet.

1914-1919

ARNOLD, Edward – Sapper 541121, 497th (Kent) Field Company, Royal Engineers. Served in the Dardanelles and Egypt. Wounded in action on 2 March 1917, and had his left leg amputated. Died 9 March, aged 23. Born in Tunbridge Wells, enlisted Gillingham. Lived Pembury. He is buried in Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, Somme, France. Grave 111.C.40.

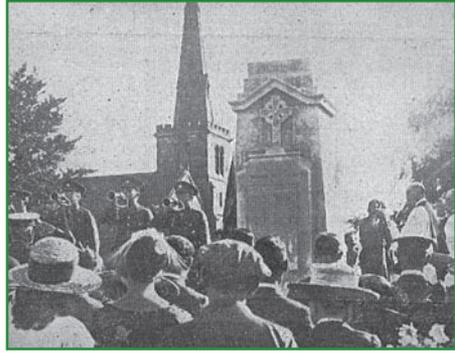
BALDOCK, Stephen Thomas – Private G5058, 2nd Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Served with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders. Severely wounded in May 1915 and invalided home. On recovery went to Mesopotamia in February 1916 and was killed in action there. Died 28 October 1918, aged 28 and unmarried. Born Lamberhurst 1891, enlisted Tonbridge. Lived Little Bayhall Farm, Pembury, where he was employed as a milkman by David Smith. 2nd Son of Charles Henry Baldock of 4 Woodland Villas, Pembury and formerly Great Bayhall. He is buried in Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery in Iraq. Grave XV111, F1/29. (Also on Lamberhurst War Memorial).

BARDEN, George – 471982 Sapper 363 Forestry Company, Royal Engineers. Died of wounds 17 April 1918. Age 32. Born Godstone, Surrey, enlisted Tunbridge Wells. Formerly a Timber feller. Son of Edward and Jane Barden of Pembury. Brother of Edward of Knights Place Lodge, Pembury. Buried Choques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave 111.C.14. Had two other brothers serving in France.

BATCHELLER, George – (*possibly*) 115212 Gunner 225th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 28 March 1917, aged 33. Born Pembury, son of Robert and Julia Batcheller of Maidstone. Husband of Minnie Highley of Chatham. Enlisted Tonbridge, lived Maidstone. Buried Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Grave 11.L.28.

CHATFIELD, Arthur Warden – G/13452 Corporal, 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Went to France in December 1916. Died 6 November 1918. Remembered on Panel 3 of the Vis-en-Artois Memorial Pas de Calais, France, which commemorates 9,000 men who have no known grave between the Somme and Loos. Born Waldron, Sussex. Enlisted Lower Green, Pembury aged 18. Lived at The Chippings, Lower Green Road, Pembury. Member of the Baptist Church, Pembury. Address at death was Lower Lodge, Blackhurst Lane, Pembury. Had a brother, Percy C. Chatfield.

CHRISTIE, Murray Inglis – Captain “A” Company 32nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Served in France, Flanders and Italy. Awarded the D.S.O. in 1917 for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and then Commanded “A” Company from December 1917. Died of wounds in Alette, France 24 March 1918, aged 29. Plaques in the Old Church and the Upper Church erected by his family. 2nd Son of George and Edith Christie of Castle Hill, Tonbridge. Husband of Kathleen Christie of Abbotsbury, Dorset. Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, Grave I A.4.



CLARKE, Harry – (possibly) G6492 Private, 2nd Battalion, Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Died 17 April 1916, age 32. Husband of Sarah Clarke, 136 Silverdale Road, Tunbridge Wells. On Basra Memorial Panel 29. **OR-** CLARK, Harry – The Courier Newspaper reports Pte. Harry Clark of Church Road, Pembury being taken prisoner in March 1918. He served in the London Regiment. He enlisted in October 1914 and went to France in September 1916 age 21.

This series will be continued in the next issue of the Pembury Village News.

Richard Snow

RALLY FOR REMEMBRANCE

The ‘Rally for Remembrance’ is a project that was first thought of by Simon Angel MBE and a group of ex-servicemen who first met at Tywhitt House, a convalescent home for ex-servicemen’s mental welfare, i.e. Combat Stress. They got together and decided to raise money for the charities that have helped them greatly in their plight to get back to normality as much as they could and came up with the “Rally of Remembrance”.

As Simon, who lives in Pembury, is physically impaired due to his former service life (MS), an idea was thought of that he would attempt to travel from John O’Groats to Lands End entirely on a mobility scooter. This was as much as he could achieve because of his ailments from his former service career and he would complete it with the help of a back-up team comprising again of ex-military friends also from Combat Stress.

The “Rally for Remembrance” is now planned to go ahead starting from 1 April 2011 aiming to cover an average of 30 miles a day. This is a journey that would roughly take 5 weeks/30-35 days until we arrive at our aim, Lands End.

The group are doing this in aid of The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes, two charities very close to their hearts. They aim to bring attention to the masses of the plight of all serving and non-serving men and women by publicising through local radio, local and national television and stopping off to conduct interviews at prominent military historical landmarks.

The disability of Simon will make this a monumental task, not only for the main participant, but also for the support and logistics and back-up team.

For more information and to follow the team on this journey, visit www.rallyforremembrance.co.uk.

Simon Angel

PEMBURY SCHOOL HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

At Pembury School we are doing many different things to be eco-friendly and teach children about the importance of looking after the environment around them. We are very lucky to have such amazing grounds and we are making the most of them. In 2009, we created a huge nature garden with funding from 'Landscape for Learning' and the manpower of Pembury volunteers. This enables children to take their work outside and explore the environment around them. Since then we have been changing our site and the way we work to make use of the environment we have and become more eco-friendly.

Raised Beds

Recently we have had extra raised flower beds put in around our school site which have been funded by the PSA. This means that every class in Pembury School now has their own raised bed. This will enable all children in school to learn about planting vegetables and flowers and about sustainable living.



Rag Bag

As some people may be aware, we have recently had a textiles recycle bin appear on the school site. This textiles bin enables Pembury School to raise money for the school at the same time as recycling. The scheme is run by the company 'Rag Bag' who send good textiles items off to charity shops and then the rest are shredded and recycled. The Environmental Club bag up the textiles and arrange for them to be collected whenever the bin is full, we then raise money for every kilogram we send to Rag Bag. Please feel free to recycle your textiles here!



Recycling

Pembury School is also a recycling centre for printer ink cartridges and toners, mobile phones, old games systems and batteries. Please bring these to the school office.

Bird Boxes

With the build of the new Pembury Hospital site, there are a lot of birds that need to find new homes. Because of this, we at Pembury School have had our site assessed for housing different birds. We now have lots of different types of bird boxes around our school site which are ready to house a variety of birds. We even have 2 boxes with cameras in which we can link up to the computers in the classrooms.

Join the Pod

Pembury School is taking part in 'Join the Pod'. This is a nationwide scheme to help schools become more eco-friendly. So far we have taken part in 'Switch off Fornight' where the Environmental Club and special eco monitors were in charge of making sure electrical equipment was turned off at lunchtimes and the end of the day. In doing this we have managed to cut our energy usages around school. Keep an eye on our school website for more updates of medals we have won through 'Join the Pod' when doing various eco-friendly activities.

Gemma Howard

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

Although we are not playing outdoor bowls during the winter season, we still manage to get together as a club and this year enjoyed our first Christmas party in the clubhouse: good food, good fun and good company. The next event is our Grand Dance at the Village Hall on Saturday 5 March.



Over the winter period, work has been carried out on both the bowling green and the paved area leading to the clubhouse. The blackthorn saplings planted a year ago along the edge of the fence have all taken and are beginning to grow, although it may be a few years yet before we have an impressive hedge with blossom (and sloes).



Our new bowling season will begin during April and subject to the weather conditions. Anyone over the age of fourteen is welcome to come and have a go or just come and watch. We look forward to adding some more players, so Pembury people, it isn't just a game for retired people!! Keep up to date with more information on our website: www.pemburybowlsclub.co.uk

Barbara Scholten

A CONCERT AT ST. PETER'S

On Saturday 12 February a Community Concert was given by the Billroth String Quartet – four young string players from London – at St. Peter's Upper Church. The quartet was first formed in 2009 while the four were still post-graduate students studying under Michael Bochmann of the Bochmann Quartet at Trinity College of Music.

These four young instrumentalists gave an audience of close on 100 a wonderful musical evening. The programme comprised 12 pieces – plus a deserved encore – by numerous composers including Bach, Mendelssohn, Elgar, Mahler, and even two Argentinians Piazzolla and Gardel. This was a two-hour concert, including an interval, much along the lines of a Classic FM offering – shorter pieces or single movements, but all in the classical idiom, all most musically entertaining and delightfully played.



Our thanks to the Billroth String Quartet for coming to Pembury and for giving us a most enjoyable evening of music.

The next community event organised at St. Peter's Upper Church will be the 'Pembury Art and Craft Fayre', to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20 to 22 May. The event will be on the same pattern as last year, with plenty of different craft stalls and artists' exhibits, as well as refreshments available throughout the day. Do make a date in your diary!

Derek Hollweg

GREEN GARDENING – IS IT WORTH IT?

It's been three years now since we started our wildlife garden. So what's happened since and was it worth the effort?

We started almost from scratch, leaving only a few mature trees in place. All other conventional garden shrubs and plants from the borders were uprooted and mulched. A bit drastic? Nowadays I would agree, but back then I wanted a clean slate to do everything native and wildlife friendly. In my defence, most of the shrubs and plants were ageing and not in the best of shape. If I were to do it again today, I would probably have kept a few of the established plants and woven new ones into the existing structure.

My drastic approach created the problem of establishing a new soil. I had disturbed the old one, though not through choice in some parts of the garden and discovered that nurturing a new one takes time and effort. I have tried everything organic possible including a Japanese invention EM (Effective Microorganisms culture) and Indian Neem tree mulch. What worked the best was



old horse manure in combination with thick mulch and the addition of natural chalk. Investing heavily in my professional mulcher was paying off. I could watch the painstakingly slow process of the creation of top soil. Slowly the crude mulch was turning into a fine moist velvety soil full of worms and all sorts of creepy crawlies that I had never seen before. Conventional garden practices usually drain natural soil replenishment by removing

the debris and leaf mould. Whatever the plants discard, however unsightly that might be, is crucial for the formation of healthy soil and cannot be replaced by any artificial means. Eventually I found a quick solution – wood shavings from the pet shop mixed with freshly cut grass. It keeps moisture in and creates heaven for soil makers. Having cracked the secrets of a happy soil, the rest was easy; well, comparatively. Happy soil makes plants happy.

Finding an interesting collection of native plants wasn't easy from the start. First of all, I didn't know what they were, and secondly I didn't know where to get them. Garden centres seem to avoid them like the plague! Eventually, from different sources locally and online, we built up a nice selection of native plants with conservation value. The trouble was that most of them were tiny and took a couple of years to reach any noticeable height. This was definitely testing our patience. This winter it paid off when flocks of birds have descended on our garden using every perching opportunity. Our juvenile hedging did not disappoint, providing them also with a good food resource. We don't use any chemicals in our garden - none at all. As a result, we have a healthy population of creepy crawlies including what you might call pests, although they are

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a vital food resource for wildlife. Moth eggs provide a nutritious snack for tits and other small birds in late winter and early spring when no other resources are available. Spraying the adults removes the eggs and birds could starve as a result. The same goes for many other species. In our garden we have plenty of potentially damaging insects, but they are all taken care of by their natural predators. Our plants don't seem to mind, neither do we. We love our wasps and spiders. I used to be really nervous around them, but not any more. I can sit and watch them for hours. A lot of fear is of our own making. They mean no harm to us.

Rick and I feel almost parental toward the creatures in our care. Our garden is too small and isolated to be fully maintained by its natural forces and requires some intervention, such as trimming the pond's vegetation, selective pruning and weeding, though not excessive as weeds are essential in creating a healthy soil. Working within nature's deadlines has its downside – the weather – but we learned to cope with this minor inconvenience.

What we get in return is an amazing, living garden that surprises us almost daily. Nature has a superb ability to recover, given half a chance.

Our modern lifestyle is putting nature's balance as well as our own long term survival at risk. Humans are not good at pollinating flowers, producing oxygen and making up the soil. It is all part of the natural process that we often take for granted. But we rely on a fine balance in our own environment. Once lost, this balance cannot be easily restored. This has only been part of our personal motivation in creating our garden. The bigger part is this mysterious and ever-so-rewarding feeling of belonging, of connecting to nature, to our Earth and the Universe. It's worth every effort and more.

Masha Odintsova-Bayles

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Since Christmas it has become obvious that some dog owners, and in one instance, a horse owner, do not care one iota about the effects that dog fouling has on the unfortunate person who treads in it.

From witnessing a young mother trying to wipe the mess from her two year olds shoes on her way to pick her other daughter up from school down Cemetery Lane to the same mess on the pavement at the bottom of Canterbury Road.

In another instance, a bag of excreta was left on the pavement at the bottom of Henwood Crescent and a large amount directly in the entrance to the Multi Sports Court in the Recreation Ground.

In the second week of January, someone had either led or ridden a horse up the pavement directly by the school and had fouled the pavement for ten to fifteen yards. How many parents and children walk up and down there everyday? I do not have to say any more.

Thoughtless, antisocial, inconsiderate and that is putting it politely.

Rest assured, if I witness the offenders, I will have no hesitation in giving their names to the appropriate authority.

Hugh Boorman

PEMBURY PLAYERS PANTOMIME – DICK TURPIN

If you missed this year's Pantomime by the Pembury Players you missed a great night out. It was slick, great to watch, fast moving, great acting and the best performance I have seen for many a year.

The stars of the show were the entire cast and that includes all the dancers from the Amberside School of Dancing. The Dame, played by Andrew was hilarious, the cow, wonderful, and the nasty Mr X and his henchmen, gruesome. Dick Turpin, of course, did his hero part and fell in love with the



daughter of the Baron, played by Derek. The chase scene was the most amazing sequence and the audience were in fits of laughter. Even though I must admit I don't like strobe lights, they certainly added to the excitement. It all came to a happy ending with a triple wedding and the audience went home so pleased, they are eager to see what treats are in store for the summer production.



Janet Ditchett

PEMBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the Pembury School Association's Christmas Fair back in November. Yet again, we had great support from the Village and raised in excess of £3,000 for the school, which was terrific.

As well as the Christmas Fair, we had a quiz night, a children's disco and a textile collection, which all made for a very successful term's fundraising. Plans for the next few months include another disco for the children, a family quiz night and our Summer Fair which will be held on Saturday 16 July.

Frances Armstrong



CRIME IN PEMBURY

Here we are again and a Happy New Year to you all.

You will remember that there was a great deal of confusion last year with the quality and accuracy of the information being supplied to us by the Police. This all came to light when a parishioner was diligent enough to notice that a crime for which a reference number had been given was not shown in the figures supplied to the Parish.

Following the visit to Police Headquarters by Councillor David Coleman and myself, it transpired that many of the streets and roads in Pembury had been removed from the crime reporting system, for whatever reason, but that situation has now been corrected to involve all premises within the geographical boundary of Pembury Parish.

It also came to light that one crime which involved the theft of over twenty items was in fact recorded as twenty separate crimes.

In future, theft or burglaries from premises or property will be lumped together as one and not shown against any individual property or premises. This is due to the requirements of the Data Protection Act designed to protect the offended resident against any possible identification by the criminal and any act of aggression against the resident.

We now have to accept the fact that the last quarter's figures (July, August, September 2010) were grossly inaccurate and that the figures now shown for the quarter of October, November and December are correct.

What is important is that any parishioner who has reported a crime and obtained a reference number must let me know if that crime is not shown in our figures. You can telephone me on 823068.

That may prove a little difficult if the crime relates to those now covered by the Data Protection act. Any doubts, please let me know.

There are very difficult times ahead for the Police with the threatened job cuts and they will need every bit of assistance from the public.

If there is a marked increase in crime related to the cuts, it is up to all of us to make our concerns known to our MP because the temptation will be for the authorities to de-categorise some of the crime to reduce the number of crime reference numbers issued.

Be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman

Recorded crime in Pembury												
If a road name does not appear in the table below, it is because no crimes have been reported to Kent Police in that road during the specified period.												
Crime type by reported month	Violent crime	Burglary dwelling	Burglary other	Theft from motor vehicle	Theft of motor vehicle	Vehicle interference	Criminal damage offences	Theft offences (exc. vehicle offences)	Drug offences	Fraud & forgery	Other offences	Total recorded crime
October 10	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	17
November 10	4	1	1	2				7		1		17
December 10	1			1			2	8		1	1	16
October - December 10	8	1	3	3	1	1	6	21	2	2	2	50
Crime type by road name	Violent crime	Burglary dwelling	Burglary other	Theft from motor vehicle	Theft of motor vehicle	Vehicle interference	Criminal damage offences	Theft offences (exc. vehicle offences)	Drug offences	Fraud & forgery	Other offences	Total recorded crime
AZ1 A					1							1
BEAGLESWOOD ROAD								1				1
BRICKFIELDS										1		1
BULLS PLACE	1											1
GREENLEAS	1											1
HALF MOON LANE				1				2				3
HASTINGS ROAD							2					2
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	1											1
HIGH STREET	2						1	3	1			7
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1							1				1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	1											1
OLD CHURCH ROAD				2								3
PEMBURY ROAD								7		1		8
RIDGEWAY	1											1
ROMFORD ROAD								1		1		2
THE GROVE								1				1
TONBRIDGE ROAD								4				4
WOODHILL PARK												1
WOODSIDE ROAD								1				1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME	8	1	3	3	1	1	6	21	2	2	2	50
Data extracted from the Kent Police crime recording system (Genesis) on 11 January 2011 at 15:00 hrs.												
Data based on crimes with a grid reference that is within the geographical boundary of Pembury Parish.												
Due to data protection issues, we are unable to provide Burglary dwelling and Burglary other data at street level. Since these crimes are location specific (i.e.) relate to a particular house or garage), where there is only one house in a road it can be identified. Although not shown by road name, the total number of crimes is shown within 'total recorded crime'.												

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

St. Peter's

- 17 April Palm Sunday
 8am Holy Communion with distribution of Palm Crosses (Upper Church)
 9.30am Procession from Village Hall to Upper Church,
 followed by Parish Eucharist with distribution of Palm Crosses
 11.30am Holy Communion with distribution of Palm Crosses: Old Church
- 21 April Maundy Thursday
 8am Morning Prayer: Upper Church
 8pm Holy Communion and Washing of Feet; Stripping of church furniture,
 followed by Vigil until midnight: Upper Church
- 22 April Good Friday
 9am Veneration of the Cross (Upper Church)
 11am Walk of Witness from PBC to the Village Green
 12pm Hour at the Cross (Old Church)
- 23 April Holy Saturday
 4pm Creation of Easter Garden (Upper Church)
- 24 April Easter Sunday
 5.30am Dawn Service followed by breakfast (Upper Church)
 9.45am Parish Eucharist (Upper Church)
 11.30am Holy Communion (Old Church)

St. Justus and St. Anselm

- 17 April Palm Sunday
 10.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Pembury)
- 20 April Wednesday
 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Pembury)
- 21 April Maundy Thursday
 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Paddock Wood)
- 22 April Good Friday
 10.30am Stations of the Cross (Paddock Wood)
- 22 April Good Friday
 11.15am An Act of Witness on the Village Green (Pembury)
- 22 April Good Friday
 3pm Solemn Liturgy (Paddock Wood)
- 23 April Holy Saturday
 8.30pm Easter Vigil (Paddock Wood)
- 24 April Easter Sunday
 9am Mass of the Resurrection (Paddock Wood)
- 24 April Easter Sunday
 10.30am Mass of the Resurrection (Pembury)

Pembury Baptist Church

- 17 April Palm Sunday
 10am Service - Easter from Jesus' perspective
 6.30pm Cafe Style Service
- 22 April Good Friday
 10am Reflective Service
 11.15am An Act of Witness on the Village Green
- 24 April Easter Sunday
 10am Service - Easter from Man's perspective
 6.30pm Cafe Style Service

FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up-to-date events, please see the online diary at www.pembury.org

Village Market - Village Hall, Tuesdays 9am-11.30am.

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

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

CAB - Pembury Library, alternate Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am.

March

- 16 Kent College Senior School Open Morning – 9.30am to 1pm
28 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm

April

- 1 Evening WI: Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective, Steven Roberts – Village Hall – 7.45pm
2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet opposite Camden Arms – 2.15pm
4 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: My journey to prison, Mrs Maureen Bunce –
Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
11 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2pm
11 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
14 Afternoon WI: Birthday Party – Village Hall – 2pm

May

- 4 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Flower Arranging, Mrs Renée Fry –
Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
6 Evening WI: Annual Meeting & Resolutions –
Introduction to Middle Eastern Dance, Ann Hall – Village Hall – 7.45pm
7 RNLI Spring Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am
7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop – 2.15pm
9 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
10 Kent College Senior School Open Morning – 9.30am to 1pm
12 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Keukenhof Gardens and Floriade, Laurie Manser –
Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
13-15 Kent College Snapshot Film Challenge Weekend
14 Plant Fair & Farmers Market – Hospice in the Weald – 10am to 2pm
20 St. Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 7pm to 9pm
20 Pembury Village Quiz Night – Village Hall – 8pm
21 St. Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am to 4pm
22 St. Peter's Art and Craft Exhibition – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am to 4pm

June

- 1 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Story of Ightham Mote, Mrs Pat Mortlock –
Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
3 Evening WI: Dressing the Stars, Rita Best – Village Hall – 7.45pm
6 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
9 Afternoon WI: Marathon Runner, Bernie Bass – Village Hall Meeting Room – 2pm
10 Pembury Players Summer Production – Village Hall – 8pm
11 Pembury Players Summer Production – Village Hall – 8pm
12 Classic Car Rally – Hospice in the Weald – Call 820508
17 Hospice Moonlight Walk – Hospice in the Weald - Call 820508
25 Musical Picnic on the Green – Village Green – 6pm

PEMBURY PLATTERS

Hopefully by March we are all thawing out from the frigid winter and starting to turn our attention to warmer matters! Longer days, the first new signs of life in the garden, and getting together with family and friends. This is our first spring in Pembury, having moved to the village last year and we look forward to getting to know our new neighbours. Two easy-to-make dishes are included here; the cake is wonderful at any time and the dip is very quick – as you never know when the doorbell might ring!



Artichoke Dip

This recipe never fails to be fully devoured at our house. If you don't like artichokes, you could substitute 2 cups of thawed frozen spinach.

Ingredients – will serve 6-8 as an appetiser

2 cans artichoke hearts
 1 cup (220g/8oz) mayonnaise
 1 cup (220g/8oz) shredded mozzarella cheese
 1 cup (100g/4oz) grated parmesan cheese
 plus 3 tbsp
 2 green onions, finely chopped
 3 tbsp red peppers, finely chopped
 1 tbsp (optional) medium red chillies, finely chopped

Preparation

Drain the artichokes and roughly chop (or use kitchen scissors to cut into bite-size pieces); in a large bowl, mix the artichokes and all other ingredients. Place into a loaf pan (no need to grease) and sprinkle remaining 3 tbsp parmesan on top. Bake at 190°C (375°F/Gas Mark 5) for 30-35 minutes until golden brown on the edges and bubbling. Tastes delicious right out of the pan or for a more elaborate presentation, a hollowed out loaf of fresh bread works well too. Serve with bread, crackers or even vegetables. Great warmed up in the microwave the next day, too.



Lemon Yoghurt Cake

This cake uses no butter, but you won't miss it. The yoghurt keeps it very moist and you don't even need an electric mixer. The lemon is bright and fresh – reminiscent of spring.

Ingredients – makes 1 cake

1 ½ cups (190g/7oz) all purpose flour
 2 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp salt
 1 cup (245g/9oz) plain yoghurt
 1 ⅓ (150g/5½oz) cups sugar, divided
 3 large eggs
 Lemon zest of 2 lemons
 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
 ½ cup (110g/4oz) vegetable oil
 ⅓ cup (2 lemons) freshly squeezed lemon juice

For the glaze: 1 cup (110g/4oz) icing sugar and 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

Preparation: Preheat the oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas Mark 5). Grease either a 20cm round tin or a loaf pan (both work well with this batter). Line the bottom with parchment; grease and flour the pan. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt into one bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the yoghurt, 1 cup (110g/4 oz) of the sugar, the eggs, lemon zest and vanilla. Slowly whisk the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients.

With a rubber spatula, fold the vegetable oil into the batter making sure it is all incorporated (persevere with this step - it seems a lot but it works!). Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for about 45-50 minutes (check at 40 depending on your oven). The cake is ready when a knife or skewer comes out clean.

Meanwhile, cook the $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (2 lemons) lemon juice and remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (40g/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) sugar in a small pan until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is clear. Set aside.

When the cake is done, allow it to cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Carefully place on a baking rack over a sheet pan. While the cake is still warm, pour the lemon sugar mixture of the cake and allow it to soak in. Cool.

For the glaze, combine the icing sugar and lemon juice to desired consistency and drizzle over the cake.

Carrie Heiss

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)

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on Church noticeboards.

Contact tel. no. 824761.
www.pemburychurch.net

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM – PEMBURY

Sunday Mass 10.30am

Holy Days – Vigil Mass
7.30pm

Weekday Service:

Wednesday – Mass 7pm

Contact tel. no. 833699

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Whether you are familiar with church or have never been to a church before, PBC is an enjoyable, caring and diverse community with activities all through the week for all ages.

Our services explore relevant life issues and are on Sundays at 10am for a family service (with children's activities) and 6.30pm for a café service.

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