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CHAIR'S REPORT

What a glorious spring we have had and the village is really looking its best. The Village Green, in particular, is really appearing at its best and the new ornamental village sign is really stunning and enhances Pembury and the Green. What an achievement for The Pembury Society and its main champions for the sign - Ken Watts, the retiring Chairman and Les Cook, the retiring secretary. These two, with The Pembury Society, have produced a beautiful sign incorporating Pembury and its past. The results of their fundraising were unveiled on a sunny morning in April and it was wonderful to see so many people attend this event, so really well done to Ken Watts and The Pembury Society and others who contributed to the village sign: Kevin Lynes, our County Councillor, the Camden Arms, Tesco and Pembury Parish Council.



The Pride in Pembury Competition is taking place again this summer. After last year's stunning gardens and containers, we are hoping for even more entrants this year. We have another category this year for Small Front Garden and hopefully all of you with a little front garden will be encouraged to enter. All your hard work is such a joy to judge. The local businesses were so supportive last year and we really appreciate all your hard work. It really enhances the village to have such wonderful displays, so please enter again this year.

For all you photographers in the village, please remember the photographic section: Image of Pembury. This can be whatever you consider to be your favourite part of the village.

We have reluctantly decided to cancel It's a Knockout for this year. As it is Olympic year next year, we would like to push for a bigger event with more participation from youth from all parts of the village and other organisations. More information about that competition will follow next year.

We are often asked about the areas we are responsible for on the Parish Council and so, over the next two issues, I will tell you who does what.

The Parish Council looks after: 3 churchyards – one of which is operational and our Clerks are the first port of call to arrange for burials and for the Garden of Remembrance plaques, the Village Green, the Recreation Ground and all its equipment and the football pitches, the allotments and Coronation Gardens and Woodside Football Pitches.

We spend a lot of time keeping the Recreation Ground litter and glass-free, which is very time-consuming, and on generally keeping an eye on all other aspects of the Village. We monitor the roads and if there is a real problem we always notify KCC as early as possible. Lately, we have

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CHAIR'S REPORT CONTINUED

been hit by a graffiti pest and a lot of time is wasted in cleaning it off. Lighting is a mixture of the Parish Council and KCC and we deal with that via the Clerks.

The Parish, though, is everyone who lives here and who we represent. If there are things you feel we are missing, please get in touch and let me know.

June Crowhurst

Chair, Pembury Parish Council

THE NEW PEMBURY VILLAGE SIGN

As you will have noticed, our village now has a new village sign proudly displayed on the Village Green. This is the culmination of several years of hard work by The Pembury Society. At the official unveiling in April, we were given an insight into the ideas discussed and decisions they took.

Forming the top half of the sign is a stage coach and horse reflecting that Pembury was an important staging post on the London to Rye route. A milestone has also been added showing the 26 mile distance between Pembury and Rye. The horse trough commemorating the martyrdom of Margery Polley is an important landmark in the centre of the village and is displayed in front of a panorama of the Village Green.

As the Old Church and the large horse chestnut tree on the Village Green (the logo of the Parish Council, The Pembury Society and other village groups) are important features in our village, they were included in the lower half of the sign.



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The Oast Houses at Pippins Farm have also been included as they are an important part of our village's history. There are some sheep depicted on the sign as they complement the BoPeep sign at the junction of Hastings Road and Henwood Green Road.

The sign has been made of two panels of solid rigid polyurethane and has been hand painted.

The Pembury Society have received a number of compliments on their work in designing and erecting the Pembury sign. It helps us to keep Pembury recognised as a village and has immortalised the history of Pembury.

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PEMBURY CELEBRATES THE ROYAL WEDDING

29 April 2011 saw the nation glued to their television sets to watch the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. To help the festivities and in keeping with one of this country's traditions, a number of streets in Pembury held street parties involving all of the residents of those streets.

Some of them have chosen to share their experiences and photographs with us to show them marking the happy occasion.

Cornford Park Everyone agreed to meet at 1pm to begin the festivities in Cornford Park, but as the time arrived, nothing happened. Everyone sat watching their TVs waiting for 'The Kiss'. Shortly after, though, the road exploded into a festival of food, fun, BBQ, drinks and more. A wedding cake was cut up and distributed and a great day was had by all who came.

Romford Road Residents of Romford Road, from Kings Toll Road to the Clockhouse, held a party in the garden of Hadley House. The organising committee of Amanda, Anne, Julia, Rachel and Samantha put on a splendid champagne reception followed by a sumptuous buffet to which all the neighbours contributed. They even had their own wedding cake, made by Joan Curd. The party was enjoyed by young and old alike with the younger residents partying on into the evening.

A life-size cut-out of the happy couple (often mistaken for the real thing!) was won by Kim and Gilly and stood proudly in their window throughout the holiday weekend!

The Meadow The Meadow celebrated the Royal Wedding in style along with some of the surrounding streets. Party games, competitions and arts and crafts all played a part in the celebration and a delicious feast with drinks for all ages was enjoyed by the crowd. It was a great opportunity to get to know all the neighbours better and to meet some new ones.

Woodhill Park A gathering of around 100 neighbours and friends meant that a good time was had by all at this celebration. The organisers arranged a children's fancy dress party and there was also a prize for the best dressed house. Over £100 was also raised for the Hospice in the Weald.

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DEMOLITION OF THE OLD PEMBURY HOSPITAL

At the beginning of April, Pembury Parish Council Chairman Cllr June Crowhurst climbed aboard an excavator to start demolition of the old Pembury Hospital.

The first building to come down was Woodlands House, used until last autumn as a library and staff accommodation. Over the coming months, the rest of the site will be levelled by contractors Laing O'Rourke, who have built the adjoining new hospital for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.



Following demolition, the old hospital site will be transformed into new car parks, a helipad to support the A&E department and an area landscaped to introduce open heathland, native to the locality.



Cllr Crowhurst said she was delighted to be invited to mark the start of the demolition and was impressed with the preliminary work already completed.

The old hospital buildings are gradually being 'soft-stripped' of recyclable materials which, together with the building structures, will be recycled to ensure maximum reuse of the materials recovered.

Particular care is being taken to ensure the wellbeing of bats and birds which nested in the buildings before demolition work commenced. A purpose designed bat house has been built as part of the scheme to preserve their habitat.

New Hospital Project Director Graham Goddard said: "This work is being carried out in a designated area of Special Scientific Interest and requires demolition to be carried out with great care. We are very mindful of our obligations to reduce the impact on the wildlife and fauna of this very special site. The contractors are making good progress and are currently some weeks ahead of schedule."

The first phase of the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital opened to patients in late January. The remainder of the building is due to be handed over to the Trust in May with patients and staff moving over from the Kent and Sussex Hospital in September.

Nick Evans

A WORD OF WARNING

Pembury's resident parrots, who have been seen all round the village, have started to become destructive. They have taken a liking to the rubber on car windscreen wipers and the trim around the windscreens and eat and tear apart these areas. Online research says that once this behaviour has been learned, it is quite hard to discourage. To protect your car, either park it in your garage or cover it with a car cover.

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PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ



The annual village quiz organised by the Scouts and Guides committee on behalf of the Parish Council was held on Friday 20 May.

20 teams from organisations around the village gathered in the Village Hall to compete for the quiz cup and the chance to donate some money to the charity of their choice.



Quiz master, Keith Merrin, challenged us with the question rounds which included children's TV, geography, film, music, sport and the ever-popular Pot Luck. A long round of anagrams of street names from around the village was played throughout with a number of entertaining quick rounds slotted into the evening.

The teams were very competitive, and it was neck-and-neck right up until the last round. The quiz was won by the Pembury Footpath Walkers.

A huge thank you goes to all those involved with preparing the quiz and making the evening run so smoothly. All of the organisations eagerly await next year's quiz.

Editor

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

Pembury's third Art and Craft Exhibition was held on the weekend of 21 May. Over 300 people visited the event held at St. Peter's Upper Church over the course of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors to the Exhibition entered comments into the visitor's book and lots of wonderful and charming remarks were left for the organisers and stall holders alike.

The fine weather certainly helped encourage people to come along and on Saturday afternoon cream teas were eaten outside.

The stall holders said that they had a more successful year than last year, in spite of the financial climate and a very enjoyable time was had by all who participated.

The photos alongside this piece are of Alan showing the Deputy Mayor the llama which he helped to make, some of the work done by the children at Pembury Primary School and some of the art and craft work on display in the church.

Plans are already underway for next year's event and we look forward to seeing you there!

Carole Wakeford






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Greg Clark MP will be in Pembury

Join Greg for a cup of tea and a chat in The Camden Arms Hotel on Friday 24 June between 2pm and 3pm. Everyone is welcome. Alternatively, come to his Pembury Advice Surgery with pre-bookable appointments. Call 0207 219 1773 to book an appointment.

Allotments

There are a couple of half plots available on the Woodside Road Allotments. If you are interested in renting one, please contact the Parish Council office on 823193.

Hospice in the Weald – Open Gardens

In aid of Hospice in the Weald there are two dates for you to view Open Gardens in our village. The scheme runs across the county and last year raised over £20,000 for the Hospice.

Saturday 25 June, 2-6pm – Tanglewood, Romford Road, Pembury, TN2 4BB. This 1 ¼ acre garden which has been created over 6 years is packed with year-round interest. It boasts around 1500 varieties of herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees and includes a wildlife pond, box garden, trellis garden and woodland style garden. Teas are available, but no dogs are allowed.

Wednesday 13 July, 3-6pm – Hospice Garden Party - Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury, TN2 4TA. Enjoy prosecco and afternoon tea with the West Kent Chamber of Commerce. This is a chance for local business people to network in the beautiful surroundings of the Hospice gardens. For tickets, contact Jo Bailey on 01732 366653.

Hospice in the Weald 10K Run

This will take place on Sunday 18 September, 10am, starting from Lower Cricket Ground in Tunbridge Wells. All proceeds go to the Hospice in the Weald. For more information call 820500.

Kent Fire and Rescue

Kent Fire and Rescue Service are asking Neighbourhood Watch members to pass on their freephone number, 0800 923 7000, and encouraging people to contact them to book a

free home safety visit to offer safety advice and fit a smoke alarm. They even have a range of fire safety devices for the visually and hearing impaired, as well as other special gadgets, for example if someone is getting forgetful about turning off the cooker. It takes about 30 minutes and the visit and any equipment they fit is free.

BBC Domesday Project

The BBC are looking to update the 1986 Domesday project after 25 years. In the original project, the schools in Pembury took part and there are also some interesting extracts from the minutes of Parish Council meetings. To learn more and to get involved in the project visit www.bbc.co.uk/history/domesday/getinvolved

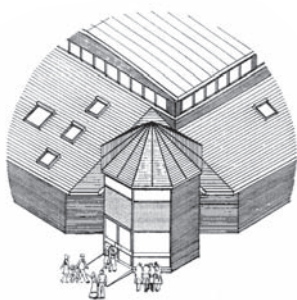
Dr. Bike workshop

Many cyclists are kept off the road because of minor problems with their bikes, which an expert can fix in a few minutes. Booking a bike in for repair at the local bike shop, and then having to get it there and collect it afterwards can seem like so much hassle that people often don't get around to it - and their bike just gathers dust instead.

Cycleworks "Dr Bike" clinic is designed to tackle many of these small repair jobs and get as many people back on their bikes as possible. Clinics are run on a first come, first served basis. Paul Barrington-King, in liaison with Pembury Parish Council, is organising a clinic on Sunday 10 July between 10am and 2pm. The location is still to be confirmed, but if you are interested please call Paul on 825144. There will be no charge for the cyclist except for the cost of any spare parts that might be required. If a bike needs more serious attention, the mechanic can advise on the likely cost and can arrange a date for the work to be carried out.

A note from Lindy Waldron

I started work at Pembury library in 2006. Following a short illness I decided to retire last April. Sadly I never returned to the library and was unable to say goodbye to all the loyal customers who had become good friends over the years. Thank you for all your kind support and good wishes. Pembury will always hold fond and happy memories for me.



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I found a copy of this book, which was published as a serious guide book on the road from London to Hastings, in Tonbridge Reference Library and turned immediately to the section on Pembury. It is reproduced here as I found it both amusing and interesting and hope you will too. Apart from the language, which seems archaic even for a hundred years ago, the factual errors in this small section are such that one wonders what research the writer had actually done and what he had to say about the rest of the route.

Having travelled through Tonbridge and made scathing comments about the town and its railway station in particular, he arrives at the southern end of the town...

‘At a very acute angle right and left the roads respectively to Pembury and Tunbridge Wells leave Tonbridge and proceed immediately to climb steep



hills out of the Vale of Medway. On the right goes the road to ‘the Wells’ up Quarry Hill, and to the left, up Somerhill, ascends the Hastings Road.¹ At the summit of this very considerable eminence, where a road on the right-hand leads to Tunbridge Wells, once stood the toll-house², known as (incorrectly) Woods Gate. Its real name is Woodgate, the spot where that early traveller, Mr Samuel Jeake, lost himself so effectually on the January night of long ago.³

Tunbridge Wells is not on the direct road to Hastings, but it gave so distinctive a feature to the first half of the road, and lies so near at hand, that it will simply not be disregarded.

(Here follow four chapters on Tunbridge Wells and its environs)

The main road is more quickly regained at Pembury Green⁴ where the last suburbs of Tunbridge Wells end. Pembury Green is an old hamlet reared in modern times up to the states of a separate parish, with a tall-spired church built where it has no business to be – on the green that gives the place its distinguishing name.⁵ There are plenteous evidences, in the number of inns and Cyclists’ Rests, that Pembury Green is a favourite resort in the long days of summer.

The number of refreshment places along the Hastings Road catering for cyclists is more marked than even on that very much exploited highway, the road to Brighton. Perhaps on a road so hilly as this those pushers of the reluctant pedal require more frequent halts and more sustenance.

(Here follows a discourse on ‘Cyclists’ Rests’)

It is a solitary road beyond Pembury Green varied only by a few scattered houses, all the way to Lamberhurst. Kippings Cross is the first of these intervals, and there stands the ‘Blue Boys’ inn, with an oast for only a neighbour. The Blue Boys is practically dated by its odd picture sign, showing two blue-jacketed post boys shaking hands and lifting each a convivial glass, whether

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THE HASTINGS ROAD CONTINUED

to their noble selves or to George IV, whose medallion portrait is below, cannot be said.'

¹ The Pembury Rd, Tonbridge was known as Primrose Hill at this time, not Somerhill (hence the 'Primrose' pub that is still at the top of the hill).

² I don't know where the toll gate was at Woodsgate, but there would definitely have been one somewhere in this area and north of the junction with the 'Wells' road.

³ Here Mr Harper has got things completely the wrong way round as the name of the place is Woodsgate, being the place of the gate into the woods (Southfrith Park). Samuel Jeake was an important seventeenth century diarist who came from Rye, so he is likely to have been familiar with the Pembury area as he travelled to and fro to London, but there is no evidence that he ever got lost here.

⁴ But he has just stated that the road to Tunbridge Wells leaves (and therefore joins) the main road at Woodsgate. This is not Pembury Green!

⁵ The new church, built in 1847, was never a new parish church, just a larger and more conveniently situated church to serve the growing population. We all know it is not on the Green, but was probably described as at the Green.

Kathryn Franklin

MY PLOT

At the time of writing, it is still that unbelievably dry spring when it has already become a daily chore to do the watering. However everything is still growing well and I had the best crop of asparagus for some years.

Over the winter I grew a much-boasted-about crop of 'new potatoes for Christmas' which I strongly recommend. I ate the last of my harvest at Easter and I have already ordered some more for this coming autumn. Anyway I, as usual, accidentally left some in the ground and they, as usual, are already sprouting up randomly (chopped and further spread by rotovation!) in inconvenient places. So it goes to show that the potatoes themselves were not naturally a late variety – just put 'on hold' somehow. Left to their own devices they have reverted back to normal. It makes me wonder that if I bought a bag of spuds from Tesco at any time of year, could I plant them and get a harvest six months later? Apart from snow and frost of course...

A vegetable I have been trying to grow for a while is celeriac. So far I have been unsuccessful and this year will be my third attempt. First time they didn't grow. Last year they grew nicely but never swelled up so I waited all winter and now they have gone to flower! So this year I'm hoping I'll do everything right. Any advice will be welcomed.

Lastly, I've got to resist the temptation to think this is summer! My runner beans could so easily go into the ground now – they are plenty big enough, as are the pumpkin, courgette, squash-type seedlings in my greenhouse. But I know from bitter experience that it is too early. At night it is still cold and beans seem to hate the wind, so I must be patient. In the past, I have come back from a week's holiday for half term at the end of May and found my beans frozen to death outside, which meant I had to start from scratch.

Caroline Mazzey



PEMBURY PLAYERS' SUMMER PLAYS

Undaunted by their current shortage of actors, Pembury Players have sourced three intriguing one-act plays to perform in the Village Hall at 8pm on Friday 10 June and Saturday 11 June.

Chairman Chris Tampsett says "We were determined to do some 'proper' acting in the summer to build on our well established panto reputation. It may not be the West End but it's a great local venue and these are excellent scripts, so please come along and support us!"



The first play 'The Interview' by Jane France is a charming tale about an elderly lady and an ambitious radio presenter who comes to visit her. She claims to have a rare ability but has her own special agenda.

Then another less welcome visitor appears in 'A Question of Rent' written by Stephan Dzherzhinsky. An eccentric landlord pits his wits against his devious young tenant who isn't at all keen to pay for his accommodation. The real question is who will ultimately get the upper hand.

Finally in 'How to Make Your Theatre Pay' by David Henry Wilson, an even more eccentric Council official on a money-saving mission arrives to inspect the local theatre, with an hilarious and unpredictable outcome.

Tickets for the show will be on sale from the Chemist in the High Street or at the door for those in search of more spontaneous entertainment!

Christine Snow

PEMBURY TREES – SCOTS PINE

This row of Scots Pine trees on Lower Green Road may well be an example of waymarking. Waymarking was where landmark trees were planted in prominent places – at junctions or on high ground – so that people could find their route across country. They are particularly associated with ancient droveways, used to drive animals to and from market or from winter to summer grazing. Also, these same junctions became the natural places to rest and the trees therefore suggested where places of hospitality could be found. It could be that this row, as well as the row of trees along the High Street in the gardens of Cornford Close, showed the way to the Camden Arms.

The Scots Pine is our only native pine tree although there are several other types introduced from around the world, as they grow faster, straighter and taller than ours. It is recognisable by its bark which is a rosy colour in the top half of the tree and rugged, slightly mauve-grey lower down. It often has dead branches in the top which birds love.



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MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Following the success of the Musical Picnic on the Green over the last few years, the Parish Council have organised an event to top all the previous ones. The Musical Picnic will take place on Saturday 25 June, starting at 6pm on the Village Green.

The Parish Council listened to your feedback from last year's event and has come up with a somewhat different format, sure to entertain us all!

This year, James and Carol Cunningham from the Camden Arms have generously offered to sponsor the event and the evening's entertainment will be guaranteed to get us all on our feet, singing and dancing along!



Dr. Bones

There will be two wonderful musical acts. The headline act will be ABBA tribute band, ABBA Delicious, ably supported by Paul Barrington-King's band, "Dr. Bones".

This year, there will also be a hog roast on offer, which will make a wonderful addition to your picnics. So pop Saturday 25 June in your diary, pack a picnic, bring your friends and family and gather together for this spectacular event. Remember to arrive a bit early to grab the best spots!

In previous years we have always watched in delight as youngsters and old 'uns get up and dance to the musical treats on offer. We expect this year to be bigger and better than ever and can't wait to see you all up there swinging and swaying to the music, having a bit of a sing-a-long as well.

There will be a retiring collection in order to support our local charity, St. John Ambulance and also Parish Council events. Your generosity over the years has enabled the Parish Council to continue to run popular social events like this one.

"The name of the game" is to say "Thank you for the music", dust off your dancing shoes and become a "Dancing Queen", get together for fun, laughter and a great time, "The way old friends do". We look forward to seeing you there!

Editor

IS YOUR DOG RESPONSIBLE?

Throughout the village we have pavements that cannot be used properly if you have a child's buggy or a wheelchair as there is an abundance of dog mess.

Please take your plastic bags with you, so that you can dispose of the dog mess properly. We all love our pets, but please remember the children and the vulnerable of the village. Thank you.

June Crowhurst

Chair of Pembury Parish Council



Posters produced by pupils at Pembury School

LOCAL CHARITY EVENTS

AXA Ashes

Local charity Headway Tunbridge Wells & District supports anyone in the West Kent area living with the effects of an acquired brain injury. Brain injuries can happen to anyone at any time and are life-changing.

To help raise funds for this charity, a cricket match has been organised between Headway and AXA PPP on 7 August, 2pm, at Holmewood House School in Langton Green. For more information on the event and how to support them telephone 01892 619001 or email headwaytwellsh@hotmail.com.

Miles for Macmillan

On Sunday 12 June at 11am Macmillan are hosting their annual sponsored walk at Penshurst Place in Tonbridge. Walkers can choose from two circular routes of 2½ or 8 miles around the beautiful parkland and estate of the historic Penshurst Place.

For more information about the walk or to register please visit www.macmillan.org.uk/walking and use the keyword "Penshurst Place". If you have any questions, please call 01622 600050 or email penshurstplacewalk@macmillan.org.uk. Registration is £7 per person (no charge for under 16s) to help cover costs and you can enter as a team or individuals.

KENT COLLEGE

Kent College Pembury's continued success has seen the need for development on the school site and in May the thriving independent girls school was delighted to receive planning permission for a new 4 million pound Library & Art Centre in time for the School's 125th Anniversary.

Due to be completed in 2012, the state of the art Library and Art Centre will provide bespoke facilities for the girls in the Senior and Prep school on Kent College's pupil roll. This arrives in a year when the school has its highest pupil figures of all time and is gearing up to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on 22 September 2011 and throughout 2012. Events planned include a time capsule, birthday lecture with historian Dan Snow and a Grand Summer Ball.

The new building, situated at the heart of the school, designed by HazleMcCormackYoung LLP, will provide a large lower floor open plan library space with further ICT areas and a coffee shop for parents and visitors to use. On the higher levels, 2D and 3D art classrooms and offices will be accompanied by a top floor gallery space.

Headmistress Sally-Anne Huang said "we are all extremely thrilled to know that this project will be happening and grateful for the support we have had from our friends and neighbours in Pembury and from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council in the planning stages. Kent College goes from strength to strength. We aim to give our girls the best experience of school we can and our special year will be about pride in our heritage but also the exciting times ahead."

Emma Chandler





PRIDE IN PEMBURY

Every year we are given the opportunity by Pembury Parish Council to take pride in our village.

It is the chance for residents to show off their gardens, allotments and photographic skills, for shop owners to plant colourful displays of plants and small shrubs and for hanging baskets to adorn the lampposts throughout the village. This is the perfect occasion for us to capture some of the beauty and joy of our village life.



The beautiful scenes which we witness show us all that we take great care of and pride in our village and help to keep Pembury's village identity alive.

As part of Pride in Pembury, there is a competition with a number of categories. Village residents and shop owners alike can take part in it. Last year's competition was the most successful of all of the Pride in Pembury competitions and we hope to make this year's even better.

This year's entry categories are:

- Best front garden
- Best hanging basket or container
- Best commercial frontage
- Best allotment
- Best container planted by a child or group of children
- Best small front garden
- Photograph on "Pembury life"



So even if you don't have green fingers, you can simply take a photograph of life in our village. There are so many events going on in our busy village life just waiting to be caught on camera.

Village life was brilliantly captured recently with our new village sign. Even though this contrasts the old with the new, we see so many elements of the life of our village depicted in it. The Pride in Pembury competition will give us the chance to find so many new aspects of current life in the

village and capture them on film for people to look back on years from now.

Parish Council Chairman said of last year's event: "It is a joy to see so many people getting involved and taking pride in our village. The competition was the best we have ever had and it was really difficult to judge. It was thrilling to see so many newcomers to the categories as well."

Along with your magazine you should have received a competition entry form. If you wish to take part, this needs to be filled in and submitted according to the details published on it. If you did not receive this form and would like to participate, please contact us using the details on the inside front cover of the magazine.

We all know what a wonderful village Pembury is and how beautiful it looks when in bloom. Let us try to keep the village spirit thriving as we all take Pride in Pembury.

Editor

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WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY

With GP commissioning so much in the news, I need to say something of its history from my perspective. In 1989, when I first moved to Pembury, the government of the day introduced the “internal market” and some GP practices were allowed to manage their own budgets when purchasing services and they were called “Fund-holders”. As a practice, Waterfield House did not support Fund-holding and so, with other rural practices to the east of Tunbridge Wells, we formed a commissioning group on the understanding that the hospitals would be more likely to listen to 20 GPs speaking as



one, rather than Pembury being a lone voice crying in the wilderness. Some comedian in the group thought of the name Tunbridge Wells Eastern Rural Practices Syndicate was appropriate and it stuck! TWERPS was born and it thrived and was well known in the NHS as a very successful commissioning group. I was chairman for the last 3 years of its existence; that was until a change of government and commissioning was axed. Now the wheel is turning full circle and we have the commissioning groups again.

Before 1989 the power was with the hospitals; there was the perception they did proper medicine and so should get most money. Strained relationships between GPs and the hospitals, I believe, were caused by the latter not listening to the former. Directing the monies to primary care addresses this imbalance, but giving greater power to GPs is where I have reservations. To quote Lord Acton, “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely”, and if the scales are loaded too much in favour of one, the relationship between GPs and the hospitals will become unbalanced the other way. I hope that those making these decisions will ensure the professional relationships are preserved and, as a result; care for patients enhanced. Patients are indeed the innocent participants in all this, since they have never asked to be ill and I have never met anyone who uses the NHS for fun.

Relationships are the most important things in life; when they are good, life is great. But when they go wrong; immense pain results and the innocent suffer. I remember hearing a vicar being challenged about what the point of going to church was, he paused a moment and said simply “relationships”. Ask any child what they want and it is to be loved and to be accepted for who they are. Ask a husband and wife and they reply to be loved and affirmed.

The film *Love Actually* is a wonderful collection of different love stories. The synopsis says there are eight but I have counted at least 12! Every time I watch the film I find something different, love betrayed, love unrequited, love forbidden. It is a real menagerie of human relationships. Marriage is a very special type of relationship that needs nurturing and protection. To drive a car we have to have lessons and then take a test or two! There are even driving academies to help us improve. I have seen football and parachute academies as well. But to be married you just jump straight in and hope for the best. Perhaps we could have a marriage academy? Imagine learning all those tricks of the trade. Men, you could remember to put the toilet seat down and then buy her some flowers that don't smell of petrol. And wives, you could show a real interest in all your husbands' hobbies that you think are really a waste of time and money. Someone once said that looking at your own faults and the needs of your partner, as opposed to your partner's faults and your needs, is a recipe for success. Do this and we could discover, in the words of Hugh Grant, “love actually is all around”.

Dr Andrew Cameron



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PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW

Attendance was good at Pembury Gardeners' Society's spring show, held on Saturday 26 March at the Village Hall. Barbara Russell, Clerk to the Parish Council, presented the trophies and certificates to the winners. Doug Drury was presented with life membership for his many years of contribution to the society. Despite the earlier cold weather holding back the bulbs, there was a good display of daffodils, narcissus and hyacinths, their scent wafting across the hall. Steve Jones of Matfield won the Hextable Cup for most points in the narcissus classes, while the Daffodil Society Medal for the most points in the daffodil classes, the Kent Federation Medal for the best bloom in the daffodils, and the Kent Federation Medal for Best Exhibit (flowers and plants) went to Derek Parks.

There was some lovely floral art, and some excellent entries of sprigs from flowering trees and shrubs, potted bulbs and houseplants. Brenda Penfold won the Doris Downs Cup for most points in Floral Art, as well as the Floral Art Society Certificate. Cookery was well supported, with many super entries, especially the Easter cake with beautifully crafted daffodils, which won first prize. Jean Aust won the Society Cup for most points in cookery, while Caroline Riley won the Kent Federation Medal as Runner Up to the Cup Winner.



The Michael Pavely Memorial cup for best handicraft exhibit went to Hazel Wood for her beautifully made miniature greengrocer's barrow complete with vegetables.

Children were well represented this time. Ruth Mazzezy won the 7 to 11 years for her computer art picture of a bluebell wood, while David Wood kept the birds happy with a nicely made bird box, winning him first prize in the 12 to 16 years section. Other children

taking part were Imogen Riley who won the under 7s for a painting of spring, while Oscar Riley created a computer art picture of a windmill and sheep. Do let the Gardeners' Society have your ideas for children's entries for future years.

Thank you to Barbara Russell for presenting the awards, to The Alpine Society, Tunbridge Wells Branch, for their wonderful display of alpine plants and information stall, and to the Floral Art ladies for the lovely flower arrangements which graced the stage.

The Summer Show will take place on 9 July at 2pm in the Village Hall. Schedules are available by contacting John Wood on 824877.

Pembury Gardeners' Society

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM PART 2

Editor: In this series on the names on our War Memorial, Richard Snow continues with information of those killed during the First World War. If you have additional information or would like to speak to Richard about this series, please telephone him on 825428.

1914-1919 (Continued)

DOUST, James Arthur- G/24908 Private, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Born Paddock Wood, enlisted Maidstone, lived in Pembury. Son of James and Mary A. Doust of Pippins Farm, Pembury. (Father was Farm Bailiff until around 1930). Died 12 October 1917, age 29. Unknown grave, so remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zoonebeke, Belgium, which commemorates around 35,000 Officers and men whose graves are unknown.

ELLIS, Arthur George- 40124 Private, 8th Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment. Born Pembury, son of William and Sarah Ellis, who in 1901 lived at "Curblooms", Church Road. Arthur was a painter, and married Kate Ellis of Stanmore, Pembury. (Woodsgate Corner).

Enlisted Tunbridge Wells. Died 3 May 1917, age 32. Remembered on Arras Memorial Bay 5, Pas de Calais, France.

FIELD, Albert Fakes- M2/052937 Private, 621 M.T. Company, Royal Army Service Corps. Born Marylebone, London. Lived Pembury, enlisted London. Member of the Pembury District National Deposit Friendly Society. An A.F. Fakes is listed in 1901 as a Hairdresser in the High Street. Died 18 October 1917. Buried Tunbridge Wells Cemetery Grave C.12.311.

FRY, Charles- G/5538 Private, 1st Battalion, Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Born in Tunbridge Wells 4.1.1871. Son of Stephen and Catherine Fry. Stephen was employed at a local Brewery and lived at 15 Slate Row, now part of Henwood Green Road near the corner shop. He enlisted in Tonbridge. At 43 he was some 13 years over the upper age specified by the Army. He died on 18 April 1915, during a counter-attack on Hill 60 in the Ypres salient. He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium Panels 45 and 47. He is also remembered on the Tunbridge Wells War Memorial. He left a widow and nine children.

FRY, William- 4673 Lance Sergeant, 8th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Third Son of James and Eliza Fry of "Avondale", Romford Road, Pembury. He was born in Tunbridge Wells, enlisted in Chelsea and lived in the Village. He was a member of the Pembury District, National Deposit Friendly Society. He was wounded in July 1916 in the leg by shrapnel during the Great Advance and taken to hospital at Norwich. He was killed instantly by a shell on 25 September 1917 aged 29. He is buried in Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France. He had two other brothers in the Army and one who was discharged as medically unfit. His Captain described William as "A splendid soldier and a very fine man".

GALPIN, Alfred John- 43216 Corporal, 10th Battalion, The Essex Regiment. He was born in Bradpole, Dorset, enlisted in Shepherds Bush, and lived in the Village. He was the husband of J.F. Wood of Newman's Farm, Paddock Wood. He died on 18 October 1916 and is buried at Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery Grave Ref: Screen Wall 89. 32488.

GILES, Sidney- K/1042 Leading Stoker, Royal Navy. Baptist Church Member. Died 22 September 1914 on HMS Hogue. His name is on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

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PART 2 CONTINUED

GRAINGER, John- 1979 Sapper, 1st/3rd Kent Field Company, Royal Engineers. Son of Walter and Emma Grainger of 2 Brickfield Cottages, Pembury. His father owned a Steam Wagon. He enlisted in Gillingham. He died on 28 October 1915, age 19. He is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Turkey Panel 23-25 or 325-328.

HICKS, Charles- 6973 Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment. Born in Burwash (His name also appears on their War Memorial). Enlisted in Winchester, lived in the Village. He died on 13 May 1915 and is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

KEMP, Leslie William James- C/1196 Rifleman, 16th Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps. Only son of William and Elizabeth C. Kemp of 2 "Hill View", Pembury. He was an old King Charles' School boy and a member of the Pembury Company of the Church Lads Brigade of which he was Sergeant. Enlisted in Tunbridge Wells. Went to France in November 1915. He was wounded in January 1916 and sent down to the Base before returning to his Battalion. Killed in action on 21 July 1916, age 20. His name appears on Pier and Face 13A and 13B, Thiépval Memorial, Somme, France.

KEMP, Samuel J.- G/81139 Private 2nd/4th Battalion. The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Fifth son of Mr and Mrs Henry William Kemp of Lower Green, Pembury. He died of pneumonia in Hospital in Alexandria on 2 December 1918 aged 30 and is buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Brother of Thomas Edward below.

KEMP, Thomas Edward- 19461 Private, 12th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Brother of Samuel J above and Fourth Son of Mr and Mrs Henry William Kemp of Lower Green. They had six serving sons and a son-in-law. Lived at 5 Church Road, Pembury. Member of the Pembury District, National Friendly Deposit Society. He was a Blacksmith. Died 3 May 1917 age 34 and is remembered on Bay 4 and 5, The Arras Memorial. He had been reported missing in May 1917 but this was not confirmed until December.

Richard Snow

GARDENERS' SOCIETY TALK

35 people gathered together on Thursday 17 March to listen to a talk on fuchsias given by George Puddifoot. Due to illness, an alternative speaker, Mr Hilary Newman, stepped in to give a demonstration on plant propagation. His knowledge of the subject was very good and the talk was very interesting with Hilary happy to give advice to those present.

George Puddifoot has a national collection of fuchsias at Riverside Fuchsia in Sutton-at-Hone. If you would like to see this collection, please phone 01322 863891 or

visit their website: <http://riversidefuchsia.moonfruit.com/>

The talk scheduled for 6 October has been cancelled.

Pembury Gardeners' Society



YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

At County Hall this morning a well-dressed young man told reception staff he was reporting for “work placement”. I thought of the thousands of young people without a work placement, or indeed a job when they enter the world after years of study. Many of these young people join the burgeoning ranks of NEETs – Not in Education, Employment or Training – and become simply another statistic.

With our old-style ‘polytechnics’ closed down and reopened as ‘universities’, vocational training opportunities are scarce. Our future economic growth depends on tomorrow’s workforce; those eager, energetic and enthusiastic young people who want nothing more than to join the world of work.



Kent has a reputation as one of the last bastions of selective education; Grammar school places are fought over every year by parents both within and across our borders. But the simple fact is that all our young people – whether academically gifted or not – should have access to the best and most appropriate education we can give them. If they can flourish at University, we must do everything we can to enable that path. But there are thousands of young people whose future doesn’t lie in academia, but who can also be just as successful in a vocational career.

Modern apprenticeships are an excellent way forward for many young people, and our ‘Kent Apprentices’ initiative looks to take away the bureaucracy and form-filling for employers, whilst offering a real job and a real wage to the apprentice.

Last year’s “Kent 2020 Vision” business exhibition attracted over four thousand business people to the Detling Showground. At the evening dinner I gave a speech about young people and called one of KCC’s young apprentices, Keith Jackson, up on stage. He talked intelligently and movingly about his early work life in a fried chicken shop, and explained how all this had changed with an apprenticeship in Corporate Hospitality. I simply made the point that “every business needs a Keith”, particularly in these recessionary times.

So I was really pleased to see that this year’s Kent 2020 Vision had chosen ‘Apprenticeships’ as its theme. Throughout the day, a small army of young apprentices acted as ambassadors, helping businesses out on their stands, talking to visitors about modern apprenticeships and generally adding a shot of enthusiasm to proceedings.

And when I again gave a speech at the evening dinner, I was even more pleased to be able to announce that, during that day alone, over eighty businesses had signed up on the spot to employ a young person; nearly five hundred more had indicated their interest and asked for details of the scheme; and one company was so impressed with their young helper, they had offered a full-time job on the spot.

So the next time you turn on the radio or TV and hear endless moans and groans about young people, spare a thought for the Keiths of this world. Give them a chance and they won’t let you down.

Kevin Lynes



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THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Editor: In the spring issue, we mentioned an exciting change happening at St. Anselm's Church. Here, Fr. Ed Tomlinson writes about the Ordinariate and joining the Catholic Church.



In October 2009, Pope Benedict XVI responded to disaffected members of the Church of England who felt alienated by the recent decisions and divisions within the wider Anglican Church. In an historic offer, he provided a way for groups of Anglicans to convert together while retaining their own customs and patrimony, such as married priests. The new branch of the Catholic Church, which works within the existing structure, is to be known as the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Few probably imagined that such changes in the ecclesiastical landscape would impact on Pembury! But on Ash Wednesday this year, 72 members of St. Barnabas Church in Tunbridge Wells gave up everything they had in order to join the good people of St. Anselm's as pioneer members of this new Ordinariate. They did so believing it might come to be a way of uniting the Christians of this world.

They are led by former Anglican vicar, Revd. Ed Tomlinson, who will be ordained a Catholic priest on 4 June. He is married to Hayley, a part-time painting restorer at the National Gallery in London and they have two children, Jemima and Benedict. The family will be moving to Pembury in the next few weeks and very much look forward to village life.

He writes: 'I am delighted to be moving to Pembury with many members of my previous congregation after five years at St. Barnabas. During that time we were an outward-looking community, having opened a pre-school for local children, built a playground and run a lunch club for pensioners. I also served as Chair of Governors for St. Barnabas School, was a member of the Town Forum and wrote for a number of theological journals and magazines.

Regarding the Ordinariate, I can imagine how such a new initiative might seem controversial to the uninitiated! Let me assure you that this move is not intended to cause further schism within the Christian world but to sow the seeds of something that might bring Christians closer together. By allowing us to enter into the wider Catholic Church while retaining our own patrimony, the Pope is hoping to build a new model for ecumenism, a bridge allowing for difference of expression while uniting people in belief.

It is very important that this new ecumenical experiment must not damage existing relationships and I am looking forward to working fully with all the other wonderful churches locally. You might be interested to know that I was at Norwich School with the previous Anglican vicar of Pembury, Revd. Matthew Jackson, and still keep up with him on Facebook!

The other Ordinariate priest is Fr. Nicholas Levisieur, a barrister in the City and one of the first ever worker priests within the Catholic Church. The congregation is also served by director of music Antony Pitts, an internationally-acclaimed composer who has produced for the BBC.

The first Ordinariate Mass takes place at 6.30pm on Sunday 12 June at St. Anselm and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Fr. Ed Tomlinson

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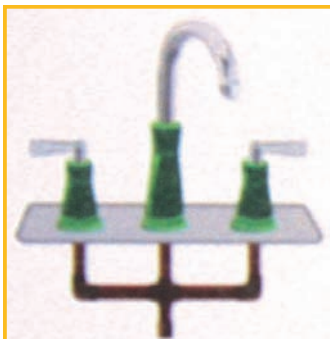
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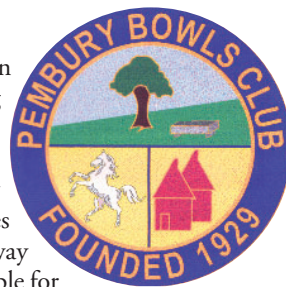
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PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

The new season of outdoor bowling has begun and as this is written the first of this year's bowls games is taking place in glorious spring sunshine - today's match is against Bayham and Lamberhurst, tomorrow Cranbrook. These are friendly matches played at weekends against other local clubs and are always great fun to play and watch. They are sometimes held at Pembury and at other times at the opposing team's bowling club. We always have a tea halfway through the matches and it makes the afternoons even more enjoyable for players and guests alike. By the time this is published we will have held our Open afternoon for new and interested players to have a roll up but anyone is welcome to have a go most times when there is someone at the bowling green. If you are interested, coaching is given on a Wednesday evening.

For more information, contact Len Birnie on 01892 681222.

Barbara Scholten



WHERE IS THE CRICKET CLUB?

Pembury's Cricket Club is tucked away behind St. Peter's Church in Chalket Lane, a very picturesque ground that has seen cricket played here for over 100 years.

The club field two successful sides in the Kent regional league on a Saturday and also run a busy Sunday XI with many games played against long-term friendly sides from around the county and beyond. With the help of our many supporters, we also have a packed social calendar each year including BBQs, quizzes, party nights and our annual Family Fun Day.



To continue our success this year, we are looking to recruit new playing members of all ages and abilities. 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.

Why not come along to our 'Club Night' on Friday 1 July from 6pm. Many of our players and club members will be around and the club bar will be open.

With our qualified coaches, we also run a thriving junior section, and youngsters can be found attending our coaching sessions on a Saturday morning and other evenings during the week. If you have a younger member of your family who would like to come and have a go, we would love to see you on a Saturday morning from 10-11:30am. All equipment is provided, just bring yourselves.

For more information, please contact Sandy Crouch, Club Secretary, by email at s.crouch1@btinternet.com or call 07967 493697.

Sandy Crouch

CRIME IN PEMBURY

What a wonderful start to the year – what with the weather and the best crime figures we have seen for a long time, down from 50 for the previous quarter to 37 for January, February and March 2011.

You will notice the effect of the Data Protection Act on the recording of burglary dwelling and burglary other, where there were a total of three incidents but the road in which they happened is not disclosed in the interest of the victim's safety.

It would appear that violent crime is still a problem but we don't know if the offender is a Pembury resident or not. Thankfully criminal damage is at an all-time low but theft of any items other than car is still a problem. Lock your gear away when you have finished with it. Don't leave it on display on your front lawn.

I need to know immediately after you have read this article if you have reported a crime and received a reference number from the police but it is not shown in these figures. Please report anything which is suspicious, no matter how trivial and please let me know, either way, of any police negative attitude or when they have gone out of their way to help.

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	Criminal damage offences	Theft offences (exc. vehicle offences)	Drug offences	Fraud & forgery	Total recorded crime
January 11	1	0	0	3	1	0	3	1	2	11
February 11	3	2	0	0	1	3	3	1	1	14
March 11	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	2	0	12
January -March 2011	5	2	1	4	3	4	11	4	3	37

Crime type by road name	Violent crime	Burglary dwelling	Burglary other	Theft from motor vehicle	Theft of motor vehicle	Criminal damage offences	Theft offences (exc. vehicle offences)	Drug offences	Fraud & forgery	Total recorded crime
A21 A								1		1
BELLFIELD ROAD					1				1	2
BRICKFIELDS							1			1
DISLINGBURY ROAD								1		1
GREENLEAS	1									1
HALF MOON LANE	1					1				2
HASTINGS ROAD							1			1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	1				1					2
HENWOODS CRESCENT								2		2
HERONS WAY				1						1
HESKETT PARK				1						1
HIGH STREET	1				1	1	2		2	7
LOWER GREEN ROAD							1			1
PEMBURY ROAD							3			3
STONECOURT LANE				2		1	1			4
TONBRIDGE ROAD	1					1	2			4
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME	5	2	1	4	3	4	11	4	3	37

Data extracted from the Kent Police crime recording system (Genesis) on 1 April 2011 at 10:08 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'.

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.

June

- 10 Pembury Players Summer Production – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Pembury Players Summer Production – Village Hall – 8pm
- 13 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 25 Musical Picnic on the Green – Village Green – 6pm

July

- 1 Evening WI: Journalism after the menopause – Mrs Barbara Stevens – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – meet at Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 4 Floral Art Workshop – Village Hall – 8pm
- 6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Outing to Knole House and Park
- 9 Pembury Gardeners' Society Summer Show – Village Hall – 2pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 14 Afternoon WI: The last voyage of RMS Queen Mary by David Clark – Village Hall – 2pm
- 16 Pembury School Summer Fair – Pembury School – 12pm
- 29 Pride in Pembury competition entry deadline

August

- 1 Floral Art Workshop – Village Hall – 8pm
- 3 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – Garden Party – 3pm
- 5 Evening WI: Annual social evening – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop – 2.15pm
- 11 Afternoon WI: Members' day – Village Hall – 2pm

September

- 2 Evening WI: Workshop on making a hand-tied bouquet – Samantha Thomas – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – meet opposite Camden Arms – 2.15pm
- 5 Floral Art Workshop – Village Hall – 8pm
- 7 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Publicity and marketing – Upper Church Room – 8pm
- 8 Afternoon WI: Gardening for wildlife by Brian Nobbs – Village Hall – 2pm
- 10 Pembury Gardeners' Society Autumn Show – Village Hall – 2pm
- 12 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 24 St. Peter's Fashion Show – St. Peter's Upper Church – 7.30pm



PEMBURY PLATTERS ALL ABOUT THE SIDES

With the delightful weather we enjoyed over the Easter holiday and the first May Bank Holiday, I hope we can all safely assume that BBQ season is upon us! I don't know about you, but I always feel that the food being grilled gets all the glory, while the side dishes are relegated to obligatory supporting cast members. With this in mind and a strong desire to bring the sides to proper "co-star status", here are two dishes that are sure to sizzle at your next gathering. I hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy your outdoor eating, whether it be BBQs, picnics, or an outdoor table at one of the Pembury pubs!

Blue Potato Salad

This is a rich and very creamy potato salad best served at room temperature or chilled. Tastes delicious the next day. To make it easier, use small salad potatoes (like Charlottes) which don't have to be peeled; just cut into halves and quarters before boiling. For a less rustic salad, peel your potato of choice and dice into cubes.

Ingredients (Serves 10-12)

2.3kg (5lb) potatoes
360g (13oz) smoked lardons
1 cup (240g/8½oz) chopped spring onions (include the green stems)
1 cup (220g/8oz) regular mayonnaise (or more to taste)
¼ cup (60g/2oz) fresh chopped flat parsley
500g (1lb 2oz) gorgonzola cheese (rind trimmed and crumbled)
Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

Cook potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until just tender (usually 5-10 mins). While potatoes are cooking, fry the lardons in a skillet over medium heat until crisp. Transfer to kitchen towel to drain. When finished, drain potatoes and return to the same pot. Place over low heat just until excess moisture evaporates, about 1 minute. Transfer hot potatoes to a large bowl. Cool for 10 minutes. Gently fold in 1 cup (240g/8oz) of mayonnaise. Fold in half the cooked bacon, all the cheese, spring onions and parsley - stirring carefully to keep the potatoes whole. At this stage you can also add a bit more mayonnaise to taste if desired. The warmth of the potatoes



will melt the gorgonzola and a rich creamy texture will result. Season salad with salt and pepper to taste and garnish with the remaining half of bacon on the top. Can be made 3 hours ahead and set aside to stand at room temperature. Refrigerate any leftovers and enjoy.

Mixed Bean Salad

There is no cooking required for this, so it couldn't be simpler and it takes about 10 minutes to prepare. You can experiment with different beans, whatever combinations of textures and flavours you enjoy. I find soya beans to be wonderfully soft and creamy and a great companion to the other two but use whatever you like. The more colourful the better. This salad also keeps well in the refrigerator for a couple of days.

Ingredients (serves 6)

2 cans (820g/1lb 13oz; drained weight 470g/1lb 1oz) cannellini beans
2 cans (820g/1lb 13oz; drained weight 470g/1lb 1oz) red kidney beans



PEMBURY PLATTERS CONTINUED

1 can/box (approx.. 480g/1lb 1oz) soya beans
 1 medium red onion, finely diced
 3 tbsp capers, drained
 2 tbsps fresh chopped flat parsley
 Salt and pepper to taste

For the vinaigrette:

160 ml olive oil (Extra virgin)
 100 ml red wine vinegar
 2 tbsps Dijon mustard (optional)

Preparation:

Open all the beans and rinse/drain well in colander. Place into a large serving bowl. In a separate small bowl, combine the diced onion, capers and parsley. Fold the onion and caper mix into the beans taking care to keep the beans whole. Whisk the vinaigrette separately and coat the entire bean mixture, stirring gently. Finish with salt and pepper to taste.



Best when let to stand for at least 1 hour before serving to allow the flavours to combine. Stir again before serving and garnish with some additional parsley if desired. Amount of vinegar in this recipe is strictly to taste but I find a good amount is necessary to really flavour the beans.

Carrie Heiss

CHURCH TIMES

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 9.45am The Parish Eucharist
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 10am Holy Communion
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