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EDITOR'S NOTE

When I began as the Editor of the Pembury Village News in August 2008, I was surprised to learn just how big a part of our village life the magazine was. I had always known that it was popular, but I genuinely hadn't realised how much. In the last three and a half years, I have learnt how well appreciated the magazine is by everyone, not just village residents, but also by those who no longer live here.

Throughout the year, there are so many activities and events going on with all the different societies, organisations and groups. All of these in turn contribute to the life of our village and help make Pembury the wonderful place that it is.

Throughout my time as Editor, I've learnt to appreciate so many more of the various village features and I want to thank all of you who have been in touch to help me bring the reports of these events to you. The Pembury Village News is a real community publication and you are the ones who help us make it what it is.

As well as thanking all of you in the community who have helped me, I especially want to thank the rest of the members of the PVN editorial team. As people's lives are so busy, it is often hard to find time to dedicate to investigating and reporting on village life, but the team have always managed to find a way of knowing exactly what is going on and getting the reports out. I am truly grateful to all of the team members, both past and present, for all the hours they have volunteered and all the support they have given to me.

The magazine began in 1974 and it has gone from strength to strength during that time. I believe that it has turned into a wonderful community magazine that everyone should be proud of. It truly is a part of our village life and I hope that it continues that way in the future.

Pembury is a really wonderful and vibrant place to live and you all help make it that way.

Thank you once again and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Louise Fowle,

Editor

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Is Pembury losing its identity? This was a question asked by a very good friend of the village.

Having had the time to reflect on the (due to illness) my answer would be a resounding NO! At the 'Pride in Pembury' Awards Ceremony on Sunday 30 October, listening to the conversations of those who took part, it was obvious that everyone was infinitely proud of the village and other people I have spoken to say the same.

The Awards Ceremony was held at the King William IV Public House, the winners of the Large Commercial Premises category. Holding it in the winners premises was a new and delightful experience. The winners are all now focused for next year's red, white and blue theme and hopeful that the rest of the village will be the same. Thank you to all the Councillors who provided delicious cakes.

Yes, Our new hospital is named 'The Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury' but only after two years of lobbying at every possible opportunity to get the point home to the NHS trust that Pembury matters and should be in the name. Pembury has an identity as proved recently by contentious planning applications where the people power of Pembury proved to be very successful. The value of our village is that its people are working together – all of us.

When I look round I see and hear the inclusiveness of all the organisations in the village; Churches Together, U3A, WI and the Village Market. All our businesses are very approachable and want to make the best of Pembury so our village has the reputation of being the best for miles around.

Pembury Parish Council now has a vacancy for a councillor. It is very reassuring that people who are in full-time jobs feel that they want to contribute to the village in this way, as well as people who have more time on their hands. If you are interested in applying for the vacancy please contact the clerk for more information.

On behalf of Pembury Parish Council, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Sincere Regards

June Crowhurst

Chair, Pembury Parish Council



PRIDE IN PEMBURY

The 'Pride in Pembury' competition held this summer was, once again, very popular. The annual prize giving for 'Pride in Pembury' took place on Sunday 30 October at 4.30pm in the 'King William IV' pub in Pembury by kind permission of the owners.

The winners were:

Children's Category: Pembury School House Nursery.

Leader in charge: Barbara Williams

Children: Reuben Hemsley, Mia Howard and Indigo Williams

Floral Container:

First: Mr & Mrs Foord; Second: Melanie Hambleton

Front Garden:

First: Mr & Mrs Hearsey; Second: Mr & Mrs Clout

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First: Mr Tomlinson, Ms Fordham; Second: Mrs S Smout

Small Commercial Premises:

First: Pembury Chiropractors; Second: Burtons Solicitors

Large Commercial Premises:

First: King William IV; Second: Black Horse

Cups were presented to the winners with certificates and a glass plate to keep. The runners up also received a certificate and a gift. Congratulations to all the winners. The Parish Council thanks you all for making the village look so beautiful this year and hopes you will continue to take 'Pride in Pembury'.



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PEMBURY PLAYERS

Surely it couldn't be time for another village panto – but, oh yes it could!

Well it isn't quite time yet, but from 7pm on 12-14 January and from 2pm on Saturday 14 January, Pembury Players will be presenting Jim Sperinck's excellent version of Cinderella at the Village Hall. This is a traditional panto from Jasper Publishing written in the late 1990s so most of the plot is still fairly familiar and most of the jokes are fairly topical...despite being horribly corny! There will be a licensed bar for the evening performances so you won't need to rush off to recover at the pub during the interval!



The plot sees Chris Tampsett and Andrew Hawker reunited as the ugly sisters, Pansy and Hollyhock, and introduces Monica Young as their much prettier little sister, Cinders. There are no prizes for guessing that Cinders has just the right sized foot for the slipper that eventually secures her marriage to the dashing Prince Charming, played by Catriona Allan, despite a lot of inventive competition from her sisters. This panto benefits from our somewhat eccentric but always imaginative new director Lewis Dowling. We have attempted several different versions of Cinderella over the last 30 years or so and many other pantomimes too. This one isn't too scary and should appeal to all the family.

Tickets will be available soon after Christmas from Pembury Pharmacy or at the door – we have never turned anyone away yet, so don't worry if Santa doesn't leave one in your stocking; we can almost certainly find you a seat!

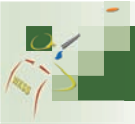
James Whitehorn

THE OLD COACH ROAD AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Work on the Old Coach Road is an on-going project with a view to keeping it permanently open for the public to walk and enjoy. With the kind co-operation of Ian Johnstone from the High Weald, we will be running hedge laying courses again, beginning on Thursday 19 January 2012, meeting at the King William IV Pub at 10am. An advance party will have left the King William at the normal time of 9.30am and tea making facilities will be provided by the High Weald. One project related to the Coach Road is to improve the depth and area of the pond to enable groups such as the Rainbows and Brownies and the School to enjoy nature projects such as pond dipping.

Our environmental group is also now involved with the Parish Council and KCC in keeping clear and maintaining access to the footpath network that surrounds the village. We are always looking for additional hands to keep these footpaths open before any of them get lost forever. If you want a few hours out in the fresh air and a bit of exercise, at no cost, please contact me on 823068 and I will let you know what is happening. All you need is stout footwear and clothing, your sandwiches and flask. We provide the tools so give me a ring or leave a message. All are welcome.

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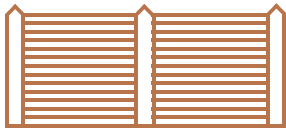
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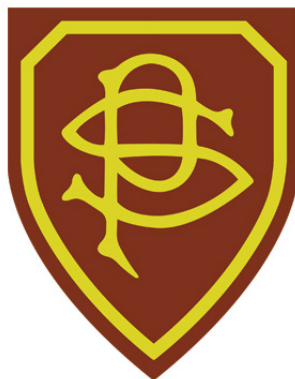
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PEMBURY SCHOOL

My name is Peter Wibroe and I am pleased to be the new headteacher at Pembury Primary School. Since joining the school, and even before, I have been enormously impressed by the enthusiasm, good manners and happiness of the children. This is testimony to a happy community and the good upbringing the children have received from their parents, as well as the good work that is done by the school.

The governors, staff team and I have given thought to the values that should form the development of the school for the future, and we have decided on six that are really important to all of us. They are: achievement, happiness and well-being, respect, inspiration and appreciation, the right to learn and being part of a community and team. All human beings are learning beings, so I believe that the right to learn is a basic human right and in many ways we are most fulfilled as human beings when we are learning. The school should be focused on learning, more than anything else. That is our core business and ensuring the maximum achievement and success of our pupils is our mission. Alongside this, however, it is vitally important that we consider the happiness and wellbeing of our pupils, so that they grow up to be people who are confident in themselves, have high self-esteem and the ability to relate to others in a well-rounded, respectful and appreciated way. We cannot simply concentrate on learning skills and knowledge without also stopping to consider what sort of people we are becoming. A primary school is an important place in which to learn about core values that are important for living a good life, such as compassion, respect and love. During the summer we experienced riots in our cities and recently we have heard about elderly patients being neglected and treated without dignity in our hospitals. Our children are going to be the society of the future, so schools and parents have a duty to help them understand that they have responsibilities towards each other and wider humanity.



As the new headteacher, a big part of my work is to evaluate the quality of what we do at Pembury School, and the governors and staff have helped me to identify priorities for the future. We have a vision of what we want our school to be, which we have worded as follows:

‘We value every child at Pembury School and work together to enable all children to excel and become inspired, confident and enthusiastic life-long learners.

We recognise that we live in a diverse community and we aim to create an environment where everyone has the right to learn and achieve their potential as part of a community that fosters respect, happiness and well-being for all. Children should leave our school with a high sense of self-worth.’

And our new motto is going to be: ‘Inspiring learning every day.’

I am privileged to be head of this school and I look forward to many years of serving this community.

Peter Wibroe

Headteacher, Pembury Primary School

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KENT COLLEGE TURNS 125

Kent College Pembury celebrated their 125th Anniversary on Thursday 22 September by re-living the school's early days of 1886 with a whole school Victorian fancy dress competition. Chimney sweeps, maids, royalty, Jack the Ripper and the Artful Dodger all made an appearance with staff and pupils making a real effort. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes and pupils enjoyed a taste of Victorian life with Victorian themed lessons and a Victorian themed lunch menu.

During the afternoon, the Headmistress, Head Girls and a selection of year 7 pupils visited the school's original home at Folkestone for a commemorative Old Girls reunion with the oldest surviving former Kent College pupils. Current pupils entertained former pupils with songs from the Magic Flute and all enjoyed a celebratory tea. Two of Kent College's youngest senior school pupils presented flowers to Kent College's oldest former pupil, Jean Bezant.

Kent College has already begun an academic year filled with celebratory events to mark the 125th year. At the birthday lunch, the school welcomed guest speaker, historian and presenter of Battlefield Britain and the One Show, Dan Snow. He spoke passionately to an audience of 900 pupils, parents, staff and friends of Kent College about his love of history and the school's rich history. Following his talk, questions were asked about his opinion on history taught in schools today, the historical event he would change if he could go back in time and the wildest thing he ever did on TV.



Emma Chandler

KING WILLIAM IV FC



Jordan Angus has been playing for a number of Sunday league football teams since moving to Kent from Essex in 2007. He decided to start his own team in the summer of 2011 and quickly won the support of Dave and Lyn at the King William IV pub on Hastings Road. The pub had a very successful team in the 70s, 80s and 90s and they were really keen to get this started again by agreeing to become club sponsor and base for the team's social activities.

After placing adverts for players in the local paper and on the West Kent Sunday League website, he quickly built a solid team of 20 men living in Pembury, Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding villages. Like himself, a few of them were also new to the area having moved from as far away as Oldham, Norfolk and Coventry. The team is really keen to keep a friendly and welcoming atmosphere towards any new players that may join in the future.

The team were entered into the West Kent Sunday League in division 6. The season started brilliantly with 2 great wins of 3-0 and 9-0!

The home pitch is at the Hilbert Recreation Ground in Tunbridge Wells. If you would like to stay up to date with how the club is doing and show your support, feel free to go along to a game or take a look at the notice board located in the King William pub. You can also visit the website www.KingWilliamIVFC.co.uk for more information. King William IV FC looks forward to seeing you soon!

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- Stock up on tinned and frozen food so you can survive for a few days without needing to leave home;
- Buy some rock salt to clear your path if you know you will need to leave home;
- Gather the telephone numbers of some of your neighbours, particularly if you are able to help them in heavy snow, or will require help during that time

On the centre pages of this magazine, you will find an SOS sign. If you find you need help during the winter, please put this in your window so that anyone passing by can come and help you. If you see this sign, please do check that the person living there is ok, and help them if you can.

Planning an event for 2012?

As we get to the end of the year and start looking forward to the new beginnings of next year, we start planning events and activities into our diaries. If you are planning an event that you want other villagers to know about and come along to, the best way to make them aware of it is through the diary page of the Pembury Village News and also through the online diary on the Pembury Village website (www.pembury.org/village-life/events-calendar). All you need to do is send an email to Janet Ditchett on jmditchett@pt-c.co.uk or telephone her on 822586. So don't forget, as you pop it in your diary, make sure you pop it in ours as well!

HOPE Pembury Churches Together

On 18 February, 2012, HOPE will be hosting a Masquerade Ball at the Village Hall at 8pm to raise money for their Sais Mandi Appeal. Sais Mandi is a village in Pakistan which has been devastated by the floods. Now that all the emergency disaster relief has finished, they really need 'second stage' help to provide training, schooling and equipment. At the ball you can enjoy canapés, cocktails, music from local live band 'Soundcheque' and much more. Tickets are on sale now from Helen on 825590.

Travelling around our local area

With the new hospital now up and running, a few of the local bus services have revised their timetables to allow for more services to and from the hospital. As we are limited on space here to print the actual timetables, we have decided to publish a few links to websites and other ways you can get hold of a copy of the revised timetables.

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Traveline: www.traveline.info, 0871 200 22 33.

Alternatively, you can ask the bus driver for more information on timetables, pick up a copy from the bus company information centres, or visit our local library.

Drop-in coffee stop

Every Wednesday between 10.45am and 12.15pm, you and your friends can get together at the drop-in coffee stop held at St. Peter's Church. Come along and enjoy a hot drink and some cake!

A CHANCE TO REMEMBER SOMEONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Hospice in the Weald invites everyone, not just those who have benefited from their hospice care, to celebrate the memory of loved ones by supporting this year's Light up a Life appeal.

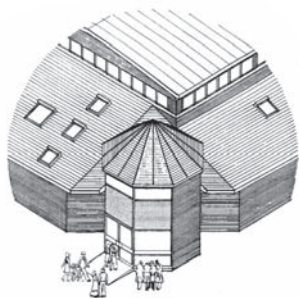
The annual Light up a Life services are an opportunity to remember someone and make a dedication to their memory whilst supporting the Hospice. This year, the main Light up a Life Service will be held on Thursday 8 December, 6.30pm, at Hospice in the Weald and Bishop John Hine will be holding the service.

Liza Waller, the new Chaplain at the Hospice comments "Christmas is a special time of celebration and also of reflection. We welcome you to join us on this very special occasion when past friends and family members will be remembered through the lights on our Christmas tree."

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‘QUESTION TIME’

There is ‘nowhere quite like Pembury’ County Councillor Kevin Lynes said at the Pembury Society ‘Question Time’ meeting in October. We live in a village which is protected from the town of Tunbridge Wells by the green belt. We may have the new County hospital but it is still a village and the residents want it to stay that way. This year’s annual meeting of The Pembury Society welcomed over eighty members from the village to ask panellists questions about the future of Pembury. The panel consisted of Kevin Lynes, Simon Wilshaw from the Police, David Coleman from Pembury Parish Council, Sally-Ann Huang from Kent College and Lee Watson the store manager from Tesco. The meeting was very ably chaired by Lea Owen, the new Chairman of The Pembury Society, who is determined to keep Pembury a ‘happy, smiling’ place for people to live.

The panellists pointed out that the low crime rate has contributed to the present calm in the village but we must be vigilant to keep it that way. Issues discussed included ‘Public Transport’, mainly the buses which seem to have been diverted from the village to the new hospital. The access to the hospital has to be important but it must not leave the village isolated. Many years ago when the bus services nationally were deregulated from a national service, the rural services were expected to pay for themselves. This can never happen and various schemes have been tried but none seem to include isolated parts of the village where the elderly and the young mums live. The long-awaited dualling of the A21 was a hot topic and it was pointed out that it should have been done years ago before the new hospital. Whatever scheme is now adopted is going to cause travel misery to many people who need to travel for work. Both the A21 and the Colts Hill roads need sorting out as efficiently as possible and soon.

Tesco, as the major store in the village, also came under scrutiny. As it was pointed out, it is ‘overused’ for the size of store, which is why there are plans to increase it to double the existing size. It is used by other villages who find getting into Tunbridge Wells difficult, but to our advantage it is not in the centre of the village.

The final question centred on the vulnerable within the village, and do we do enough to help them in times of trouble. The hard, cold snow last winter was mentioned and the need to be good neighbours. It was pointed out that the Parish Council introduced an ‘SOS’ scheme last winter and have improved the provision of salt for keeping paths clear. The ‘Churches Together’ also operate their own schemes, keeping in touch with anyone who may need help. The Pembury Community Partnership is made up of representatives of all the organisations in the village such as the Guides and Scouts, the schools, the churches, the U3A and the ‘Out and About club’, to mention just a few. We do work together as a village; let us keep it that way.

Janet Ditchett

PEMBURY BROWNIES

Over 40 girls from 1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies had a great day out at Blackberry Farm. Located near Lewes, the farm has a great mix of things to do, including a tractor ride, animal feeding, animal handling and a wonderful outdoor play area. The Brownies enjoyed the bus ride – despite the weather – and were lucky that it stopped raining just after they got off the bus.

Feeding the animals on our walk around the farm was great fun, although when the cows tried to eat a raincoat the noise made by the brownies was unbelievable. Lots of tired Brownies on the bus home.

A great day out was had by all – with thanks to those who gave their time to help.

Moira Allan

1st Pembury Brownies



PEMBURY SPECIAL CONSTABLES

This photograph was taken in either 1940 or 1941 of the Pembury Special Constables and has been kindly sent in to us by David Beeching. He has been able to provide us with some of the names, but there are a few spaces. Do you recognise any of the faces? Can you help us to fill in some of the gaps? If you have any information or stories about any of these people, please do contact the editor via the contact details on page 2.



1: Arthur Beeching

2: Spurrell (Village electrician)

3: Fred Perkins

4: Arthur Penn

5: William Beeching

6: Arthur Fenner (School headmaster)

FIREWORKS NIGHT

This year's fireworks night in the Recreation Ground was better than ever. The annual event, organised by the Parish Council, was well attended and the weather even held up throughout. Thanks go especially to the Junior Football Club for organising the refreshments.

The fireworks lit up the sky to the chorus of 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the crowd, along with some background music. The retiring collection raised an impressive amount of £2342.74 for St John Ambulance and village projects. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Editor



PIPPINS APPLE DAY

This October, at Pippins Farm Apple Day, the weather was warm, dry and sunny and the event attracted lots of families. On arrival, the first event encountered was apple and pear tasting, and there were a lot of varieties in addition to the usual Gala or Braeburn, for example Pitmaston Pineapple, which tastes, well, pineapply. All of the fruit was available for purchase. Pippins grows a lot of the well-known varieties, but also has the Old Orchard, where older varieties are grown, and later on we went on a tour with David Knight.



Next up was an opportunity to talk with the beekeeper, Sally Leech, and it was interesting to hear about the double filtering of the honey, and the effect of different amounts of heating in making it solid or runny when cool. Games were set up for children, and the child-at-heart, comprising coconut shy (using apples instead of balls), apple bagatelle, apple skittles, rolling apples towards large fizzy pop bottles part-filled with water.

The apple press was being worked, and we watched as Gala were poured into the apple mill, before being spread on the cloth. When there was enough pulp on the cloth, the sides were carefully folded over, making a 'cheese', and a board placed over the top, as this was the last in the batch, slats placed between the lower down cheeses. Juice ran out before any pressing began. Adults were able to take home a litre of apple juice, free if they took their own container, and bottles of Pippins Cider were for sale.

The entrance fee and sales raised a fabulous £2,750 for Hospice in the Weald, double last year's total. Jill Noakes, who worked hard cooking much of the food in the barn and, with other volunteer help, organised and sold the refreshments, raised over £1,000 of the grand total alone.

A few days later, David Knight was delighted to win first and third prizes for his Cameo apples in the National Fruit Show at Detling Showground. Thank you and well done to David Knight and his team of staff and volunteers for a brilliant day. It is events like this that draw the village together.



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A WIND OF CHANGE FOR THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

In October, it was my pleasure to present Ken Watts with two framed pictures of the Pembury Village sign as a thank you for all the hard work, dedication and commitment that he had put into The Pembury Society over many years. Luckily, Ken accepted and was voted in as our President, so his presence will still be felt!

Also retiring from the committee earlier this year, after many years of dedicated service, were Les Cook, David Moore and Barbara Ballantine, all of whom have made enormous contributions to our society.

It was with much sadness that we also said goodbye to another long standing member, Derek Johnson. Derek had been a very successful Chairman of The Pembury Society for many years and recently, our President. Due to poor health, Derek has decided to move nearer to the coast and we wish him and Christine great happiness as they set up their new home.

So with key committee members retiring, we desperately needed new people to put themselves forward. I was one of them, along with Stephen Brooks and Hugh Boorman. I moved to Pembury from London last year. I have a young family and joined The Pembury Society as I was interested in being more involved in village life. Stephen has lived in the village for 4 years since also moving with his young family from London. His interest in the village really started with his wife, who is Pembury born and bred and remembers how different Pembury was during her childhood! Many of you will already know Hugh through his work with the Coach Road project, the Parish Council and the Church Choir. So along with Richard Snow, Kathryn Franklin and Dave Osborn, we formed a new committee and were gratefully voted in by our members at our AGM in October.

With so many changes taking place, we took the opportunity to have another look at our aims as a society, which are:

- The preservation and protection of the beauty and character of Pembury;
- To promote and protect features of architectural and historic interest within the Pembury conservation area and throughout the village;
- Through developing a community spirit, to encourage residents to take pride in Pembury as a safe and attractive place to live;
- Through the members of The Pembury Society, to ensure that an independent voice is heard in the right quarters on those issues that are close to The Pembury Society aims.

So what will you see the Pembury Society doing? We will continue to be active in protecting our village on specific issues working with the Parish and Borough Council. We want to do more for Pembury residents in promoting what Pembury has to offer such as walks featuring areas of historical interest and outstanding beauty. We also want to ensure a two-way communication with our members, particularly in gaining their views on planning and project initiatives.

We are always looking for volunteers to join our committee either on a permanent or short term basis. Or if volunteering is too timely, then can I urge you to join the society? Your support, both in numbers and membership fees, allows us to action things on your behalf. Our annual membership fee for 2011/12 is only £2 per person and our aim is to encourage many to join to allow us to represent a greater proportion of our village.

If you are interested, please email Dave on membspemburysoc@aol.com

Happy Christmas and have a safe winter.

Lea Owen

Chairman, The Pembury Society

HPF 'Swing' into the Ballroom

Henry Paul Funerals continue to take pride in working with our community, sponsoring a wide range of local charities whilst actively assisting with fundraising events throughout the year.

In September, we hosted a fabulous Golf Day at The Nevill Golf Club raising £3,300 for Hospice in the Weald!

14 teams teed off in perfect weather, achieving great scores, though sadly there was no winner of the Hole-in-One prize – a BMW, kindly provided by Coopers Tunbridge Wells.

We are already planning the 2012 Golf Day so if you'd like to enter a team and join in this great event, then please let us know.

October saw us co-host 'Rock Around My Frock' in association with Love Is Boutique to raise money for the Pickering Cancer Drop-In Centre who provide essential support to cancer sufferers and their families.

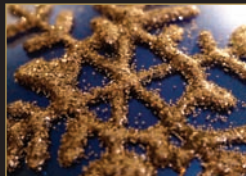
Not only was a great time had by all, but raised £4,500 for the charity!

Thanks must go to The Nevill Golf Club for an enjoyable day and excellent hospitality, David Salomons Estate for a great venue, and to the Henry Paul Funerals and Love Is Boutique staff for their hard work promoting their events.

We are always looking for new ways to help raise money for worthwhile charities, so if you have any suggestions then please let us know.

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PEMBURY IN 1965 – EDUCATION AND CHILDREN

Editor: Following the article about Houses in the Village in the autumn issue of the PVN, this article is also taken from the WI Scrapbook prepared in 1965 to depict life in Pembury. This particular entry about schooling will continue next year.

There is only one state controlled school in Pembury – a group of buildings at Lower Green about half a mile from the main Hastings Road. It is a combined Infants and Junior School for boys and girls from five to eleven years. On reaching the end of the scholastic year – August – in which they are eleven all children pass to secondary schools outside the Village.

Pembury School was first opened in 1872. The original one storey building is still used for the four upper classes of the Junior School. It consists of four classrooms, a hall, a staff room and a Headmasters room. There are somewhat limited washing and cloakroom facilities – wash basins with running cold water and one hot tap. There are no indoor lavatories for the children but one for the staff. The hall is used for assembly, indoor PE work, singing and dancing and each dinner time is set with trestles and chairs for the school midday meal.

The School is heated by a hot water system supplied by a coke fired boiler.

In 1944, because of the growing size of Pembury, a temporary building, a HORSA hut was built behind the original building from which it is separated by an asphalted playground. This hut consists of three well-lit classrooms, a small staff room and a room for stock. It now houses the lower classes of the Junior School.

In 1959 a further block was built to the north. This is now the Infants School for children from five to seven years. It comprises three light airy classrooms, good cloakroom space, a staff room, and ample cupboards for stock and separate washing and lavatory facilities for boys and girls and staff with hot and cold water; altogether a great improvement on the older buildings.

In front of the infants' block is a large asphalted playground with apparatus for climbing, swinging, etc. Behind is a large grassed field which is used for sport, cricket, and football and as a playground in fine weather. Otherwise the playground for the junior children is rather restricted.

In spite of these additions the school is still overcrowded, and in September this year, 1965, a mobile classroom was brought into use. It was erected on a concrete base near the HORSA hut. The Kent Education Committee have plans in hand for an extension to include two classrooms, a kitchen, so that meals may be cooked at Pembury instead of being brought from Paddock Wood, a dining room/assembly hall, cloakrooms with showers, an administration block, and a new playground, but so far this is still in the 'planning on paper' stage.





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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

After a seemingly never-ending summer which has stretched long into the autumn, I take comfort from the fact that at least the weather has returned to some semblance of normality, even if our economy hasn't yet followed suit.

'Question Time' in Pembury

I was excited about recently being asked to sit on the panel of the Pembury Society's 'Question Time' at the Village Hall at the end of October. Although at the same time nervous about being 'put on the spot', there was some strength in numbers as I was joined on the panel by members of other associations.



My feelings of trepidation increased as I entered the hall and saw how well-attended the event was. Doubtless many were there for the Pembury Society's Annual General Meeting, but it was gratifying to see that most people remained for the Question Time which followed. The panel faced a variety of questions from members of the Society; on local bus services, how the neighbourhood cares for its vulnerable residents and the growing number of retail outlets in the area. 'Hot potatoes' were also discussed, such as the increasing congestion on the A21, gridlock on the North Farm Industrial Estate and the growing danger of speeding traffic in and around the village.

It was an excellent event, giving panellists a perfect opportunity both to hear the views and concerns of residents, and to communicate some of the work our organisations are doing to help sustain Pembury as a community in which we can all take pride.

Roads around Pembury

On a point of clarity, I've had some emails in response to our local 'In Touch' newsletter which talked about resurfacing Woodhill Park – I should have made it clear that this was done in 2004 as a result of joint lobbying by Pembury Parish Council, Borough Councillors and myself, and was featured in Issue 118 of the Pembury Village News.

I've had several meetings in recent weeks relating to Lower Green Road, both with Parish Councillors and Kent Highways officers. Residents will recall the resurfacing works undertaken in recent months which seem to have simply covered up the potholes outside our primary school. In my book, that's simply not good enough – there should have been some fundamental repairs before the new surfacing was laid. I've lobbied at County Hall for Kent Highways to revisit this problem, and am assured that the repairs will be done and the surface re-laid, along with the rest of the road from the school down to the A228 junction. I'm also bidding for the funding for a pedestrian crossing both outside the school and further up the road at Bulls Place, and I'll keep you updated on both.

In the meantime, if you need to contact me, my email is kevin.lynes@kent.gov.uk, and my mobile number is 07834 308015.

Kevin Lynes

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PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

This year at our village nursery has been a busy and exciting one, and we have lots of happy news that we want to share with you all! As we are committed to encouraging our staff to further their own professional development, we would like to congratulate our Head of Nursery, Rachael Teigen, who graduated in October with a fantastic 2:1 result in her Early Years Foundation degree. In addition, our Deputy Head of Nursery, Jude Sheppard, achieved a very well-deserved 'A' grade for her studies to become a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. All the staff have been hard at work with their studies too, resulting in the most qualified and experienced group of staff ever at the nursery.



This year, the nursery children took part in and won the children's section of the Pride in Pembury Competition with their little green fingers and funky watering cans.

The children have free-flow access to a stimulating outside environment, and in the summer, everyone had a good splash around with the hose! Overriding everything is a desire to make every child feel happy, secure and nurtured.

Our nursery is now held up as an example of 'Best Practice' by the Early Years Department at Kent County Council.

Fundraising by the Committee throughout the year, such as an Easter fun day at Downingbury Farm, and a Summer Fete with bouncy castle at the nursery, has now allowed us to kit out our new 'sensory room'.

Andrea Gibbs

PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Pembury Gardeners Society held its Autumn show on Saturday 10 September. Entries were up on last year but the 'children's' and 'cooking' were a bit disappointing.

The Dahlias and Chrysanthemums more than made up for the shortfall in the other classes. Remarks from the judges were, "the quality would not look out of place in the national shows." I can confirm this as I went to the north of England show at Harrogate and the produce at our show would have taken first prize in a lot of classes. The results for cups and trophies were as follows:

Vegetables. The George Sturgeon Cup: Brian Fryer; the H. Bishop Cup: Brian Fryer.

Floral Art. Kathleen Mepham Salver Mrs. M. Wickham; certificate for best exhibit: Miss. M. Pettitt.

Chrysanthemums. The John Baggesson Cup: Doug Drury; the Bernard Reeve Cup: Reg Bloe; NCS Silver Medal: Doug Drury; NCS Bronze: Reg Bloe.

Dahlias. Geoff Baxter Cup: Jim Lear; the Society Cup: Jim Lear; NDS Silver Medal: Ian Johnson; NDS Bronze Medal: Ian Johnson.

Handicraft. The Geoffery Thobald Cup: Miss. M. Pettitt.

Juniors. The Arthur Bromwich Cup: Imogen Riley.

Banksain Medal for most prize money over all 3 shows: Steve Jones; the Dr. D. Waterfield Cup for most points over the 3 shows: Steve Jones; the Dr. D. Waterfield Plaque runner up for most points: Brian Fryer.

The Committee would like to thank all the exhibitors and the helpers before and after the show. Show Schedules for 2012 are available from the show secretary.

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM PART 4

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, please contact him on 825428.

PENTECOST, Albert John (on war memorial as Penticost) G12357 Private, 7th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Born in Pembury and enlisted in Maidstone. The family lived at 10, Slate Row, Henwood Green. There were 4 boys and 4 girls in the family, all born in the Village. The boys were Alfred, Thomas, Albert and Frank Edward, who died young. The girls were Charlotte, Edith, Emily and Florence. Albert died on 13 July 1916 and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. His name also appears on the Leigh Memorial as his mother was living at Leigh when he died and his sister Florence lived there.

PENTECOST, Thomas (on war memorial as Penticost) 1609 Lance Corporal, 9th Battalion, Australian Contingent, Australian Infantry. Brother of Albert above. 2nd Son of Frances Pentecost of 309 Bexhill Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea and the late Charles Pentecost of Pembury. They are buried in the old cemetery behind the school. Thomas worked on the railway and worked his passage to Australia in 1908 landing at Brisbane. He was very popular in Pembury and his departure was much regretted. At the start of the war he went to Egypt. He was promoted to Lance Corporal shortly before the fighting in which he lost his life. In a letter home in 1915 he stated that he was quite prepared to die for his King and Country. Thomas died 29 May 1915 or 23 June 1915 in the Dardanelles, aged 27. Buried in Shell Green Cemetery, Turkey. His name is also on the wooden plaque at the Baptist Church.

PIPER, Frederick – G/40446 Private, 2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Son of Henry and Esther Piper of Hastings Road, Pembury. Husband of Annie Piper of 33 Canterbury Road. Enlisted in Maidstone in June 1917. He was employed on Mr Cooper's Farm in Pembury. He was killed by a shell on 27 May 1918, aged 36, and appears on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France.

PRALL, Albert William G702 Private, 1/20th Battalion, London Regiment. Youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. Prall of Friars Lodge, Matfield and Lower Green, Pembury. Born in Paddock Wood but lived in the Village and enlisted at Tonbridge, initially as Pte. 3601 Royal West Kents before transferring to the London Regiment. He was a Member of the Pembury District National Deposit Friendly Society. Sent to the Western Front on 9 March 1916 and was almost certainly involved in the third phase of the Somme battles beginning on 15 September in which British tanks were used for the first time. His regiment was in action around the infamous Mametz Wood and at High Wood near Bazentin and later involved in the assault on Eaucourt L'Abbaye and was almost certainly killed in one of the four waves of troops who attacked Eaucourt and were in the Fleurs support line. His body was never found but he is remembered on the Thiepval memorial. He was aged just 19. His name also appears on the Matfield War Memorial.

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RATCLIFFE, Percy William – 11807 Private, 8th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs John Ratcliffe of High Street, Pembury. He was a Member of the Pembury District, National Deposit Friendly Society, and a member of the 1912 Pembury Football Team. He enlisted in Tunbridge Wells in January 1916 and went out to France on 19 May, where he died, aged 20, on 14 July 1916. He is buried at Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annexe Cemetery in Belgium.

RATCLIFFE, Sydney 122293 Private, 2nd Class, R.A.F. Armament School. Born in June 1891, 2nd youngest of 9 children, all born in the Village. Son of Henry and Philly Ratcliffe (née Raynes) of Lower Green, Pembury. Henry was a plumber. Husband of Mary Campbell Ratcliffe from Dunbartonshire. Sydney is spelt Sidney on his grave and on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records. He was a member of the Pembury District, National Deposit Friendly Society. He was a member of the Pembury Football Club in 1912. He died on 28 August 1918, aged 27, and is buried in the old churchyard behind the school between the path and the east boundary.

RAYNES, John Reginald 4674 Private, 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Born in the Village, he enlisted in Tonbridge but lived in Tunbridge Wells. He was employed at Hubbles Farm. He died on 10 April 1917. He had been a Prisoner of War since 22 July and died in Germany. His parents lived in Frant Forest. He is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery.

ROBERTS, Arthur Frank – SS 9640 Ordinary Seaman, Royal Navy serving on H.M.S. Pembroke. Youngest son of James Arthur and Ann Roberts of Grovehurst Lodge, Pembury. He died on 4 November 1918, aged 18, in Gillingham Royal Naval Hospital from pneumonia following influenza. He had been in the navy just 8 weeks. He is buried in Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery.

ROBERTS, Harry – 205010 Private, 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of Mr and Mrs Roberts of Grovehurst Lodge, Pembury. He joined the army on 3 March 1917 and died of wounds on 14 July 1917, aged 28. He left a widow and a child aged three. He is buried in Adinkerke Churchyard Extension in Belgium.

PEPENBURY CYCLISTS COMPLETE LONDON TO PARIS!!

Every year, hundreds of people take part in the London to Paris Cycle ride – an epic journey of 330 miles. This year Pepenbury service users Chris and Joe together with staff member Katie Hedges and trustee Ken Thornton took part in the ride to raise funds for Pepenbury. The team completed the journey in gutsy fashion, eventually reaching the ‘City of lights’ after 3 gruelling days in the saddle.

Each member of the triumphant team had their own personal challenges to overcome, but none more so than Pepenbury service users Chris and Joe. Chris, a Pembury local, has Asperger’s syndrome and attention



hyperactivity disorder, and he only has sight in one eye. Joe lives independently with support. In addition to his learning disability, he has very limited use of the left hand side of his body and had to have his bicycle adapted to enable him to do the ride. However it was the dedication and commitment of both men in the lead up to the event that ensured that nothing would prevent them from making it all the way to the Champs-Élysées!

A huge thank you must go to all who sponsored the riders with a fantastic amount being raised. This will all go towards the building of special needs, outside fitness equipment and children’s playground at Pepenbury in Cornford Lane, for the use of Pepenbury service users and the local community. Many thanks also go to Tonbridge based Cycles UK who kindly paid the event registration for the riders and Pembury Tesco, who supplied sunscreen, energy bars and refreshments to keep the team in peak condition.

William Thomas



CALLING ALL NOVELISTS

Some of you are probably aware that in my parallel life (!) I’m a writer, both of fiction and non-fiction. My real love is writing novels and I know there are some novelists out there in the village. Do any of you fancy having a regular meeting at my house, or taking it in turns with anyone else who would like to meet up?

There is an excellent Tunbridge Wells writers’ group, but they embrace all writing including short stories, writing for children, and poetry. I’m not particularly interested in those genres and would like our proposed group to concentrate on our novels so we can push forward to publication! If, of course, that is what we aspire to.

Maybe we could meet once a fortnight to discuss any problems we’re having with our writing, read bits of our work out to one another for a (friendly) critique, and generally support one another’s aims and goals.

So, Pembury Plotters, if you are interested, please do get in touch, either by email: denisebarnesuk@gmail.com or phone: 823411. I am excited by the possibility of meeting other novelists in the village and really look forward to hearing from you. It could be a brilliant way to while away some of those dark winter evenings!

Denise Barnes

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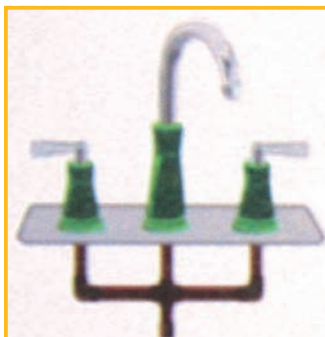
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CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

St Peter's Upper Church and Old Church



| | | |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 December | 4pm | Advent Reflection – Upper Church |
| | 6.30pm | Old Church Carol Service – Old Church |
| 18 December | 6.30pm | Nine Lessons and Carols – Upper Church |
| 24 December | 4pm | The Crib Service – Upper Church |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass – Upper Church |
| 25 December | 8am | Holy Communion – Upper Church |
| | 10am | Family Communion – Upper Church |
| | 10am | Communion from the Book of Common Prayer – Old Church |

St. Anselm's Church

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| 17 December | 6pm | Carol Service |
| 18 December | 6.30pm | Nine Lessons and Carols |
| 24 December | 3pm | Crib service with Christingles |
| | 6pm | Mass of the Vigil of Christmas |
| 24 December | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass |
| 25 December | 9.15am | Mass of the Dawn |
| 25 December | 11am | Christmas Day Mass |

Pembury Baptist Church

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|-------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 11 December | 4pm | Carols by Candlelight for the under 10s and parents |
| 11 December | 6pm | Carols by Candlelight for all ages |
| 24 December | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve reflective Service |
| 25 December | 10am | Christmas Welcome |

ADULTS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. The Christmas tree on display in Trafalgar Square is a gift from which country?

2. On which date is Epiphany celebrated in the Western calendar?

3. What liqueur goes into making a 'snowball'?

4. How do you say 'Happy Christmas' in German?

5. Which town is the drink 'sherry' named after?

6. What traditional red leaved plant comes from Mexico?

7. What should the first person to cross the threshold after midnight at New Year be carrying?

8. What Christmas movie did Ebenezer play in?

9. In what direction did the three Wise Men see the star?

10. Why is Christmas often shortened to Xmas?



ADULTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Norway
2. 6 January
3. Advocaat
4. Froehliche Weihnachten
5. Jerez in Spain
6. Poinsettia
7. Lump of coal
8. East
9. East
10. The 'X' in Xmas stands for 'CHRISTOS', the Greek word for Christ

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Can you name three of Father Christmas's reindeer?
2. What three gifts did the Wise Men bring?
3. What did Mary lie Baby Jesus in after he was born?
4. What did 'My True Love' send to me on 'The First Day of Christmas'?
5. What's another name for Father Christmas?
6. What shapes are the Christmas decorations on the street lights in Pembury?
7. What colour is Rudolph's nose?
8. What is the name of the pantomime taking place in Pembury Village Hall after Christmas?
9. What is put on the top of a Christmas pudding for decoration?
10. Which plant was 'Mummy kissing Santa Claus' under?



CHILDRENS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.
2. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
3. A manger
4. A partridge in a pear tree
5. Santa Claus
6. Stars, Christmas trees
7. Red
8. Cinderella
9. A sprig of holly
10. Mistletoe

CRIME IN PEMBURY

Well, here we are again, Christmas and whilst you probably get fed up with me saying it, this is our most vulnerable period. Everyone rushing about at twice the speed of sound, muttering, I haven't done this, oh, I've forgotten so and so, did I lock the car, where did I put my keys, etc. You know the scene and unfortunately it's you ladies who bear the brunt of it.

The number of crimes given reference numbers has risen by five to forty one since the last quarter, and whilst this figure is relatively low compared to what it used to be it is still higher than what we want. Unfortunately, without sounding negative, we will never get down to zero, but to get down to twenty five would be a significant improvement.

The main reason why our figures have risen this quarter is the annoying one of criminal damage and theft, excluding motor vehicle theft and again I am not certain what you can do to prevent the damage which occurs. I could understand criminal damage a little bit more if the offender were to gain something out of it but to just smash something up for the sake of it perhaps tells us something about the offender.

Please look after what is yours and your neighbours; normal message, do not leave goods or valuables in view on the back seat of your car, make sure windows and doors on car and house are locked.

If you are going away, only tell close friends and give someone you can trust the keys to your house and a contact number.

Do not forget to check on your neighbours and anyone that you know who may be on their own, disabled or elderly.

Happy Christmas.

Hugh Boorman

| Crime type by reported month | Violent Crime | Burglary | Theft From Motor Vehicle | Criminal Damage Offences | Theft Offences (exc. vehicle offences) | Drug Offences | Fraud & Forgery | Other Offences | Total recorded crime |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| July 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| August 11 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| September 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| July to September 2011 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 41 |

| Crime type by road name | Violent Crime | Burglary | Theft From Motor Vehicle | Criminal Damage Offences | Theft Offences (exc. vehicle offences) | Drug Offences | Fraud & Forgery | Other Offences | Total recorded crime |
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| A21 A | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| BEAGLES WOOD ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BELLFIELD ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| BRICKFIELDS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| CHALKET LANE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| CORNFORD PARK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUNDALE ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HALF MOON LANE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HASTINGS ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| HENWOOD GREEN ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HENWOODS MOUNT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| HIGH STREET | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| LOWER GREEN ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PEMBURY ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| SANDHURST AVENUE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| SNIPSE CLOSE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| THE GROVE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TONBRIDGE ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| WOODHILL PARK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| WOODSIDE ROAD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL RECORDED CRIME | 4 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 41 |

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, term-time only.

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

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

December 2011

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| 2 | 7.45pm | Evening WI – Olympics and the Legacy for London by Tricia Francis |
| 3 | 2-4pm | St Anselm's Christmas Bazaar |
| 3 | 2.15pm | Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stone Court Lane |
| 5 | 8pm | Pembury Parish Council Meeting - Pavilion |
| 5 | 8pm | Floral Art Workshop – Village Hall |
| 7 | 6.30pm for 7pm | St. Peter's Mothers' Union - Christmas Supper at the Camden Arms |
| 8 | 12.30pm | Afternoon WI – Christmas Meal at The Camden Arms |
| 8 | 7.30pm | Hospice in the Weald – 'Light up a Life' – Bishop John Hine |
| 11 | 4pm | Advent Reflection Services – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 11 | 4pm | Carols by Candlelight – Pembury Baptist Church |
| 11 | 7.30pm | Carol Service – St. Peter's Old Church |
| 15 | 7pm | The Henry Paul Memorial Service - St. Peter's Upper Church - Everyone welcome |
| 16 | 6.30pm | Christmas Meal for over 60s – St Anselm's Catholic Hall (ticket only) |
| 17 | 6.00pm | St. Anselm's Carol Service – Catholic Church |
| 18 | 6.30pm | Nine Lessons and Carols – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 18 | 6.30pm | Nine Lessons and Carols – St. Anselm's Catholic Church |
| 24 | 3-4pm | Crib Service with Christingles – St. Anselm's |
| | 4-5pm | St. Peter's Crib Service – Upper Church |
| | 6-7pm | Vigil of Christmas – St. Anselm's |
| | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve Reflective Service – Pembury Baptist Church |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass – St. Anselm's |
| | 11.30pm | St. Peter's Midnight Mass – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 25 | 8am | St. Peter's Holy Communion – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| | 9.15am | Mass of the Dawn – St. Anselm's Ordinariate Group |
| | 10-11am | Christmas Welcome – Pembury Baptist Church |

January 2012

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| 1 | 9.45-10.45pm | Parish Eucharist – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 3 | 2-4pm | Pembury U3A – Pembury Village Hall |
| 4 | 8-9.30pm | St. Peter's Mothers' Union – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 6 | 7.45 – 9.45pm | Pembury Evening WI – Pembury Village Hall |
| 9 | 8pm | Pembury Parish Council Meeting - Pavilion |
| 12 | 2-4.30pm | Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall Meeting Room |
| 12 | 7-8.30pm | Pembury Players' Pantomime – Cinderella Pembury Village Hall |
| 13 | 7-8.30pm | Pembury Players' Pantomime – Cinderella Pembury Village Hall |
| 14 | 2-3.30pm | Pembury Players' Pantomime – Cinderella Pembury Village Hall |
| | 7-8.30pm | Pembury Players' Pantomime – Cinderella Pembury Village Hall |

February 2012

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| 1 | 8-9.30pm | St. Peter's Mothers' Union – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 3 | 7.45-9.45pm | Pembury Evening WI – Pembury Village Hall |
| 4 | 7.30-9.30pm | St. Peter's Rock Choir Concert – St. Peter's Upper Church |
| 6 | 8pm | Pembury Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion |
| 7 | 2-4pm | Pembury U3A – Pembury Village Hall |
| 9 | 2-4.30pm | Pembury Afternoon WI – Pembury Village Hall Meeting Room |

March 2012

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| 2 | 7.45-9.45pm | Pembury Evening WI – Pembury Village Hall |
| 5 | 8pm | Pembury Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion |
| 6 | 2-4pm | Pembury U3A – Pembury Village Hall |
| 8 | 2-4.30pm | Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall Meeting Room |

PEMBURY PLATTERS

As the year end approaches, I thought it would be appropriate and festive to include two recipes that are fit for a place at your holiday table. The first is a distinctly American side dish. Most families will have some version of this dish at their Thanksgiving table in November. This recipe puts the 'sweet' in sweet potatoes and I have served them for all of the 11 years I have lived in this country. They sit very happily alongside a steaming turkey, with mashed potatoes, stuffing and lots of gravy (yes Americans are renowned for having more than one potato dish in a single meal). Happy holidays and thank you for reading my recipes this year. It has been a real pleasure bringing them to you and in doing so, meeting some lovely people from the Village.

Stovetop Sweet Potatoes from Michigan (serves 4-6)



Ingredients

1 kg (2lb 2oz) small/medium sweet potatoes
100g (3.5oz) salted butter ($\frac{3}{4}$ to start and reserve $\frac{1}{4}$ for taste later)
60-100g (2oz-3.5oz) dark brown soft sugar
(start with 60g/2oz and adjust for taste)

Preparation

Prepare potatoes by trimming the ends, peeling the skin and cutting into round(ish) medallions (or whatever the natural shape is by just slicing the potatoes end to end). They should be at least 1cm (0.4in) thick and 1kg (2lb 2oz) should yield around 40 medallions. Place the potatoes in a large skillet with the butter at the same time and set the hob to medium. As the butter melts, coat the potatoes well with a wooden spoon and after a few minutes turn the heat to low. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the potatoes and stir to coat. It should bubble and brown nicely. Cover with a vented lid or loosely with aluminium foil. Simmer until tender, turning occasionally, approx. 30 mins in total. They are done when very tender, still retaining their shape but almost falling apart. Pour any remaining syrup over the top and place in a serving dish. Enjoy!

Gingerbread Fingers with Orange Crème Filling (Makes 10 fingers)



Ingredients

Cake Fingers:

185g (6.5oz) all-purpose flour
100g (3.5oz) sugar
1tsp baking soda
1tsp ground ginger
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon
120ml (4.2fl oz) water
60g (2oz) dark molasses

50g (1.75oz) butter, melted
1 large egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla extract

Filling:

1 85g (3oz) pack cream cheese, softened
57g (2oz) butter, softened
1tsp orange zest
125g (4.4oz) icing sugar

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and flour a square pan (22 cm).
Gingerbread Fingers: In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, ginger and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, beat water, molasses, butter, egg, and vanilla extract at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Combine flour mixture and water mixture. Continue beating at medium speed, scraping down sides of bowl several times. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool completely on a wire rack. With a serrated knife, trim 2.5cm (1 inch) from each side of the gingerbread; cut into approximately 10cm x 4cm (4 inches x 1.6 inches) fingers. Cut each finger in half horizontally, and evenly spread orange crème filling on bottom half of fingers, replacing tops of fingers to form 'sandwiches'. Garnish by piping additional orange crème on gingerbread and top with orange zest if desired.
Orange crème filling: In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese, butter and orange zest; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Add icing sugar and continue to beat until smooth.

Carrie Heiss

PEMBURY GUIDES CELEBRATE

1st Pembury Guides recently celebrated their 90th Birthday with a camp and 'drop in weekend'. Using current contacts, facebook and parents, as many former Guides as could be found were contacted and told about the weekend. The Guide Hall was decorated with pictures from previous camps and events. Fifteen Guides and leaders camped for the weekend, with dozens of former leaders and members of the unit popping in for cake and a chat. Everyone agreed that it was a great event, with several friendships re-kindled and future coffee dates arranged.



At the celebration, Angela Baker, Guide leader for many years, was presented with Girlguiding UK's Laurel Award. This award is given to members of the organisation in recognition of service to Guiding and the local community. Over 30 invited guests came, and were reminded of all the fun Angela has had with the Guides over the 30 years she has been involved with the unit. These included camping in Germany, cycling around the Isle of Wight and fundraising to help refurbish schools in The Gambia. With so many family and friends present, it must be one of the few occasions when we managed to render Angie speechless!

A well deserved award.

Moira Allan

Pembury District Commissioner

CHURCH TIMES

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| <p>Pembury Baptist Church <i>Romford Road</i></p> <p>Sunday 10am and Café style 6.15pm</p> <p>Contact 825590 pemburybaptistchurch.org</p> | <p>St. Anselm's Catholic Church <i>Lower Green Road</i></p> <p>Sunday 11am Wednesday 7pm</p> <p>Contact 833699 stjustusandanselm.org.uk</p> |
| <p>The Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham <i>At St. Anselm's Church</i></p> <p>Sunday 9.15am Tuesday 12pm Thursday 10am Friday 10am Saturday 9am</p> <p>Contact 825009 tunbridgewells-ordinariate.com</p> | <p>St. Peter's Church <i>Hastings Road and Old Church Road</i></p> <p>Upper Church Sunday 8am and 9.45am with junior Church Wednesday 10am</p> <p>Old Church Sunday 11.30am</p> <p>Contact 824761 pemburychurch.net</p> |

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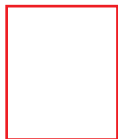
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