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CHRISTMAS 2013

I had hoped by the time this edition of the Pembury Village News came out, we would have news for you regarding our piece of Green Belt land behind Penn's Yard. Unfortunately we have to await the Inspector's deliberations and that could take three months.

Thank you so much to our Village for all your support and commitment in fighting this application. Our friends from the Pembury Society have been terrific as have all the residents of Camden Avenue, High Street and the demoralised residents of Penn's Yard. We all had a very long day in the Town Hall making sure our points were listened to and taken on board by the Inspector. At the end of the hearing a site visit was undertaken; all we can hope for is that common

sense prevails and that the wishes of the Village are taken into account and whatever the final decision is, everyone should feel very proud of their pro-activeness and strength of feeling.

As we are nearing the festive season, could I gently remind you all that we do have families who are genuinely struggling to pay bills etc. The 'Churches Together' run a Community Larder based at the Baptist Church. They need tins, pasta and other non-perishable goods such as nappies or even donating your Tesco vouchers could help make a difference to someone's life here in the Village. I am sure the churches will give you guidance if you would like to donate.

By the time you receive the magazine we will have paid tribute to the fallen of past conflicts at the Remembrance Service and we will have honoured those brave men. Next year is the 100th anniversary of the start of the 1914/18 Great War when, as a Village, we must always remember with pride and honour the sacrifice those young men made for King, Country and Pembury. They gave us freedom. Next year will be very special and there will be events planned in Pembury to mark this emotive time. As soon as events are confirmed we will let you know.

As always thank you to all our volunteers who deliver the PVN in all weathers; Hughie and the Environmental team for keeping the Village footpaths open, Colin Harvey for maintaining the website, the legion of poppy sellers and all who do so much quietly for others, it is so appreciated.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Parish Council and fellow Borough and County Councillors, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Stop Press: Appeal has been granted. Building will go ahead to extend Penn's Yard by 27 dwellings into our hard-fought precious Green belt.

Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst

Chair, Pembury Parish Council



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DR ANDREW CAMERON

It had obviously been a busy day as he sat down wearily in the chair; breathing heavily at the effort, his lungs gasped for air. We had not met before but after he had shared his story I was moved. He had arrived in the UK a few weeks previously to enjoy a short visit but all that changed the day when he fell seriously ill. The doctors and surgeons treated him and were continuing to do so as required. But the simple fact was he was far from home and wanted to go back. It didn't matter how kind and considerate all of us were trying to be; he just needed to be home.

It got me thinking about home; what does make a house a home? Or a village or a country for that matter; what makes those places feel like home?

It brought to mind the American psychologist, Abraham Maslow (1908-1970). He was born in New York, the son of Jewish parents who themselves had fled from Czarist oppression in the early Twentieth Century. Despite growing up in a poor neighbourhood and suffering anti-Semitism at the hands of his neighbours and experiencing anti-black prejudice within his own family, he always stressed the importance of focusing on the qualities of people as a whole and not thinking of them as a bag of symptoms. Although his ideas have been superseded today, I still enjoy and find useful Maslow's best known work from 1941, "A Theory of Human Motivation". In it Maslow introduced the idea of a hierarchy of human needs; in other words what we all need to be truly satisfied and in what order we should put those needs. Maslow described our needs in the shape of a pyramid which is a very stable structure. Pyramids, when built properly, do not fall over.

The base of the pyramid is our Physiological needs; water, food and air. On top of that is built Safety; both personal safety in having a place we find secure but also financial security in knowing that we will be provided for. Above safety is Belonging. Maslow suggested we all need to belong, to have a sense of being part of something bigger; whether it is to a church, a social club, a sports team a village or even a gang. We all need to belong. When we do not belong then we can become isolated and lonely.

Built on belonging is Esteem, this is the basic human desire to be valued and accepted by others and by ourselves for who we are. That is both self-respect and to be respected.

Lastly at the top of the pyramid Maslow described Self-Actualisation; he meant this to be when we become the best person that we possibly can be; when we reach our full potential. That generally is a time when we feel in harmony with ourselves and our surroundings.

All of this led me to rethink what home is and what it means to feel at home. I realised that home for me is to be warm and dry, fed and watered. I need to be safe whether that be at my house or here at the surgery. I need to belong, whether it is to Clan Cameron or the Waterfield House team. I need the respect of others whilst also respecting myself. When those needs are met then I will be best placed to serve others to the best of my ability.

I understand that feeling at home is so much more than a front door to close or a letter box to empty and when you are far away from home you feel vulnerable. It is when you are in an alien place that you long to return to where all your needs are met. For that reason I hope that when you come to see me in the surgery you do feel at home. I hope you feel at home in my room even if it is the messiest and the smelliest in the surgery; "hey, it's home, it's my home" and you are very welcome.

Dr. Andrew Cameron



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A new scam is being carried out over the phone. The stories vary but they are all aimed at getting you to withdraw large amounts of cash from your bank and hand it over to a 'courier'.

An example:- You receive a call from your bank's fraud department stating that your card has been used in a store in London but security became suspicious and two people are in custody at Bethnal Green Police Station. However, they are not saying anything so can you dial 999 and ask to speak to PC Williams at Bethnal Green Police Station. You must give them his collar number C574. You then put the phone back on the receiver, pick it up and dial 999. You ask the operator for PC Williams at Bethnal Green Police Station; the operator asks you for his collar number which you give.



You are then put through to PC Williams who explains that the two people in custody are saying nothing but he believes they work at your bank in Tunbridge Wells. PC Williams then says that he needs you to go to the bank and withdraw £10,000 and send it to him by a courier so he can check the notes for their fingerprints. He then asks you to say nothing to the bank staff as he thinks there is a mole there.

After collecting the money, PC Williams phones and says the courier will arrive in 20 minutes and you must ask him for a code before you hand him the money. He gives you a code number and then tells you that after being checked for fingerprints the money will be put back into your account. The courier arrives, gives the correct code number and you hand the money over.

How is it done as you phoned 999? It is because although you put the phone on the receiver the scammers didn't so the line was still connected and they pretended to be the bank and the Police.

This scam is happening all across the south east and it is very clever and plausible.

If you are contacted by your bank and asked to phone the number on the back of your card, use a mobile or ask your neighbour to use theirs.

Also 999 is for emergencies only, the non emergency Police number is 101. You can use this number anywhere in the country. A useful link for advice is:-

www.ageuk.org.uk/money-matters/consumer-advice/scams-advice

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REMEMBERING SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS

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



Liza says "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. The annual Light up a Life services are an opportunity to remember someone and make a dedication to their memory whilst supporting Hospice in the Weald, a local charity with so much relevance to so many in this community."

There will be a dedicated service of celebration and carols held outside at Hospice in the Weald on Saturday 7th December at 6.30pm – we hope that as many people as possible will be able to join in.

For more information on Light up a Life, or Hospice in the Weald, please contact Helen Smith on 01892 820502 or helen.smith@hospiceintheweald.org.uk

PEMBURY TREFOIL GUILD

At the end of July Pembury Trefoil Guild were joined by Tunbridge Wells Trefoil Guild for a Cream Tea and Campfire at the Headquarters building in Pembury. The weather looked threatening so the traditional cream tea took place inside but then we all took our chairs out round the magnificent campfire that had been lit by 'Fidge' the Leader for 1st Pembury Guides. We all then had a great time singing the well loved traditional 'Girl Guide' campfire songs, including 'Ging gang goolie', 'Our Chaler' and had one or two rounds where we actually managed to end up together. The event closed with 'Taps' and 'Go well and safely' with a happy group of guides still singing after all these years.



Janet Ditchett

PEMBURY SCHOOL ~ HARVEST

Singing, dancing and poetry were used to celebrate our Harvest Festival this year. Our harvest celebration is always a happy time for the school and today was no exception, with the children thoroughly enjoying each other's performances, which included some very thoughtful poems and songs on the theme of sharing. The celebration finished with a unique and wonderful interpretation of the Harvest Zamba by our 4 year old children, who were somewhat overawed by their large audience, but they were magnificently led by their teachers in a joyful dance. Many thanks to Rev'd. Douglas Robertson for joining us and developing the children's thinking about sharing.



The children were very generous in their donations, which will go towards the Pembury Food Bank, which is used by many families in the village. Many thanks to our families for being so generous in your donations. Where would we be without baked beans?

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PRIDE IN PEMBURY 2013

This year's Pride in Pembury Competition launched in the spring edition of the Pembury Village News had a rocky start. Nothing was growing very well and the gardens were decidedly bedraggled. However, a few weeks of rain and everything took off and the final competition was very difficult to judge. Unfortunately in true Bank Holiday style, there was torrential rain so there were only six scarecrow entries but wow they were fantastic! Everyone huddled inside the church porch until a break in the weather allowed us to photograph them. All the winners got a 'Pembury Parish Council' medal for their efforts. These were the Gannaway sisters, Imogen, Alice McCarthy and St. Peter's produced 'Skarey Vicar' and 'Cyril' was made by the children from St. Anselm's.



The gardens were also judged at the end of August with Rosemary Ford winning the 'small garden' category and John Wooden as runner up. Mr & Mrs Pickard came first in the 'large garden' category with Betty Digby coming a close second. The hanging baskets were once again magnificent with Melanie Hambleton and Andrea Chartres both from Woodhill Park gaining awards.

The allotments entry was won by Dan Hannon with Tracy Aylard a very close second. I'm sure the produce was also well worth the effort.

The business awards were very hard to separate. In the 'large business frontage' category the 'King William' and the 'Black Horse' won first and second prizes respectively with 'Burtons Solicitors' and the 'Chiropractors' winning the 'small business frontage' category. However, the businesses were so good, that highly commended awards also went to the 'Fish Bar', 'Nat West Bank', 'Barnes Kingsnorth' and 'Hospice in the Weald'. It was felt that the sunflower garden at the top of the Village Green deserved a 'Special Mention - Highly Commended' certificate.



The Parish Council put on a winners' tea (with lots of scrummy cakes) which was kindly hosted by Lyn and Dave at the King Will pub on the afternoon

of Sunday 22 September. The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to the King Will for their generous hospitality and help given with organising this event. Everyone had a great afternoon.



There's no doubt that all these beautiful displays take a lot of effort and maintaining throughout the summer months but they certainly enhance our Village. How about you taking part next year or nominating your neighbour? It would be good to have even more entries in 2014.

Janet Ditchett



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CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Which country traditionally gives the UK a huge Christmas Tree which is displayed in Trafalgar Square, London each Christmas?
2. Which famous Christmas song is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?
3. In the Twelve Days of Christmas, how many 'gold rings' are there?
4. What fruit is used to make a traditional Christingle?
5. What colour are mistletoe berries?
6. Who wrote 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
7. In what year was Band Aid's 'Do they know it's Christmas' the UK's Christmas chart-topping record?
8. Name all of the original eight reindeer?
9. Which country does the Poinsettia come from?
10. What is traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding?
11. What is the last day of Christmas traditionally called?
12. Which country did the Gingerbread House originate from?
13. In which film does the song 'Walking in the Air' feature?
14. Who invented the Christmas cracker?
15. In Harry Potter's Philosopher's Stone, what Christmas present does Harry receive in his first term at Hogwarts?
16. What is the name given to Father Christmas in France?
17. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean is a territory of which country?
18. Traditionally eaten in Germany, what sort of food is 'stollen'?
19. How many sides does a snowflake have?
20. Who recorded 'Driving Home for Christmas'?



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WILDLIFE GARDENS

I've been thinking of writing for the Village News for a little while and Graham Barker's article in the autumn 2013 edition has inspired me to put fingers to keys at last.

Graham wrote about the trouble nature is currently in and how we all need to do our bit. I completely agree, everyone needs to work together for us to be able to save life on Earth and we can all start with our own patch. It is possible to live side by side with nature if we put the thought in; the land bridge over the A21 proves that.

I have recently worked with my Dad to start turning our backyard into a wildlife garden. We have added more plants to our border, picking those best for bees, and my poor Dad was talked into giving up a third of his lovely lawn so we could sow a wildflower meadow. We only started work on it earlier this year and it's far from perfect, but we now have a meadow and I have noticed a marked increase in the wildlife in our garden.



I have seen so many more butterflies and bees this year and there are a variety of other creepy crawlies living in the long grasses of the meadow. I feel we have started to make a difference already.

Planting is just the beginning, the plants will attract more and more insects, which will attract more birds and other wildlife and soon (hopefully) we'll have a thriving ecosystem just outside our back door!

You can see our progress on my blog. It's not completely up to date as I have a backlog of images to edit, but I am catching up.
<http://solariahues.wordpress.com/blog/>

If we, with no prior experience, can achieve this in a matter of months, anyone can! All the advice you need is easily available. The RSPB have recently started their 'Homes for Wildlife' campaign and advice is on their website along with a community of people, who are working on their gardens, you can talk to.
<http://www.rspb.org.uk/hfw/>

You don't have to give up a third of your garden; even a small patch of grass left a bit longer, a patch of wildflowers or a new shrub for nesting birds will make a difference. I have found the whole process very rewarding; there's the sense of achievement when you complete a project and then you get to see and enjoy all the new creatures visiting your garden.

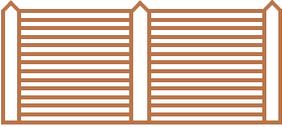


Get the family involved and make a project out of it, you'll be inspiring the next generation to look after the world around them as well as teaching them important skills such as team work.

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Sarah Pomfrett

Steffan Keily



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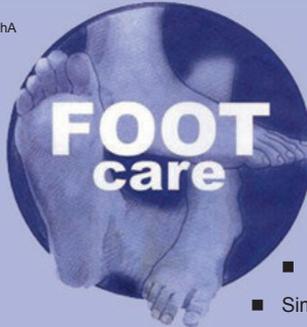
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In spite of the unusual weather conditions over the last few months the Dahlias and Chrysanthemums made a good display; the Vegetables were of a very good quality and it was unfortunate that due to illness Floral Art and Cookery entries were slightly down. Prizes and Trophies were presented by our Borough Councillor Mike Tompsett.

Trophies were presented to:

The George Sturgeon Cup for Vegetables ~ Brian Fryer
The H Bishop Cup for most points for Vegetables ~ Brian Fryer
The Kathleen Mephram Memorial Salver for Floral Art ~ Mrs A Purton
The Society Certificate for Best Floral Art exhibit ~ Miss M Pettitt
The John Baggeson Cup for Chrysanthemums ~ Reg Bloe
The Bernard Reeves Challenge Cup for most points in Chrysanthemums ~ Reg Bloe
The NCS Silver and Bronze Medals for best Vase in show ~ Reg Bloe
The Geoff Baxter Cup for Dahlias ~ Jim Lear
The Society Cup Joint Winners for most points ~ Jim Lear and Peter West
The NDS Silver Medal for Best Vase Dahlias ~ Arthur Dashwood
The NDS Bronze Medal for runner up ~ Derek Parks
The Society Cup for Cookery ~ Mrs H Wood
The Geoffery Theobald Cup for Handicraft ~ Mrs H Wood
The Arthur Bromwich Cup for Junior Exhibitors ~ Imogen Riley
The Banksian Medal for most prize money over all three shows ~ Mrs H Wood
The Dr. D Waterfield Cup for most points over all three shows ~ Brian Fryer
The Dr. D Waterfield Plaque for the runner up ~ Steve Jones



The committee would like to thank all the exhibitors and visitors to the Show and look forward to seeing them at next year's shows. The dates are as follows:

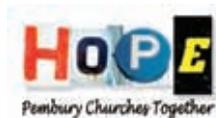
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Schedules will be available from December. If you are interested please contact the Show Secretary,

John Wood on 824877

HOPE

The weather forecast was horrendous – cold and wet and sure enough on Friday 11th October the cats and dogs hurtled out of the sky but on Saturday 12th October the sky was blue, the wind was warm and the sun shone! Just perfect for the HOPE Action Day.



Small jobs had been referred by the Primary School, neighbours, health visitors, social workers and housing association. Volunteers came from the 3 churches to weed, clear, tidy, dig, paint, mow and generally bless 20 Pembury residents. The workers and hosts were all invited to a wonderful 3 course meal in the evening.



“God was amazing for pausing the rain so that the work could be done!” said one volunteer. “They did a marvellous job” reported one of the recipients.

Smiles all around ended a very enjoyable day! Thanks to everyone who took part.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Norway; 2. White Christmas; 3. Five; 4. Orange; 5. White; 6. Dr Seuss; 7. 1984; 8. Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner & Blitzen; 9. Mexico; 10. Coin; 11. Twelfth Night; 12. Germany; 13. The Snowman; 14. Tom Smith; 15. An Invisibility Cloak; 16. Pere Noel; 17. Australia; 18. Cake; 19. Six; 20. Chris Rea.



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THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

In November 1977 a public meeting was held in the then Village Hall, Pembury to effectively “rescue” the Parish Church of St Peter, Pembury. The Old Church, as it is now affectionately known, was suffering from the blight of Death Watch beetle and furniture beetle. This was destroying the roof timbers and damaging the structure of the building.



Following the meeting, the Charity, the Friends of Pembury Parish Church was formed; the original Deed being signed on March 22 1978 to provide for the preservation and maintenance of the building; as then amended in November 1979 to cover the interior fixtures and fittings. The Charity Commission approved both deeds.

Since that date, over £100,000 has been spent to preserve in use the oldest building in Pembury. A church has been in this place since the late twelfth century with Thomas Culpepper of Bayham responsible for its enlargement after he was granted the necessary permission from Edward III in 1355.

Its condition in 1977 was so bad that the Parochial Church Council could not afford the repairs. The Friends took on the task of fund raising by coffee mornings, street collections, garden parties, summer fetes, and other local activities and by mid 1978 over £8,000 had been raised, a huge amount at that time.

Work started in 1978 and by 1980 was almost completed. Photographs record the damage to the building and the painstaking work on the replacement of the roof timbers, the Tower, the walls and the floors. The work uncovered tombs in the Chancel and in the Nave which were resealed. A Thanksgiving Service was held in November 1980.

The reading of the past Minutes of meetings and the roll call of the Chairmen and members of the Friends, for me, has been like passing through time. I was asked at the first meeting in November 1977, at which Peter Williamson was Chairman, to be a Trustee with 3 others including Mary Standen. Christopher Hodgson was the Vicar and Rex Turner the organist and choirmaster. The subsequent members included not only Mary but Denis Ould, the first Treasurer, Mrs Perryman, Arthur Bromwich, Ann Toler, Mr Firkin, Mr Penn, Neil Young, Biddy Willson, Betty Swaffer and Elizabeth Coxon Taylor amongst many others.

Since 1980 there have been five further Vicars including Douglas Robertson our present Vicar and at least 4 curates, all of whom supported the Friends and some of whom were active Chairmen. Many Pembury residents, whether involved or not with worship, gave generously of their time, effort and money to ensure that this beautiful building remains a historic place in this Parish. Their names are too many to mention specifically; but a member of the Woodgate Family and the Sarah d’Avigor Family Trust also made donations with generous support from many charities and local authorities. James Holland OBE provided a line drawing of the church for the Friends’ use.

Fund raising has taken place on a large scale, in 1978, in 1994 and more recently to fund the complete renovation of the Organ.

THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH *continued*

The Diocesan Quinquennial inspections every five years continue to be dreaded by the Treasurer as this old building needs continual attention and care. The Friends provide financial support and assistance to the Parochial Church Council to fund the repairs as necessary, assisted by legacies and donations. The most recent project will be the modernising and refurbishment of the Vestry.



The Friends remain committed in their task of keeping this ancient and treasured place of worship alive and open. Large numbers choose to hold their marriages at the Church, children and adults are christened and confirmed, and the loss of a “Friend” is marked by a funeral.

The Friends are proud to have preserved and maintained this unique building in our Parish.

Sarah Clarke – Chairman and Trustee
Friends of Pembury Parish Church

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR

St. Peter's next community event will be a concert given by The Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir on Saturday 1st March at 7.30 pm, and the choir is delighted to be singing at the Upper Church that evening. They have been performing for over 75 years for churches, local & national charities and businesses to help with fundraising projects and to entertain customers, performing all year round in such venues as the Albert Hall, Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, and Rochester Cathedral. The Choir has raised many tens of thousands of pounds for charities over the years, and in doing so has provided challenge, reward and comradeship for many generations of men in the Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge areas.



For two years running it won a Heart of the Community Award, and reached the finals of the 2010 Top Choir Kent competition. Their 75th Anniversary Concert at Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells in May this year was a sellout, and they will be performing there again in May 2014.

Richard Walshaw M. Music is the choir's Musical Director, and Adam Crane BA Music is Accompanist. Both talented professionals, Richard was Director of Music at The Judd School until his recent retirement, and has many years of experience of conducting, composing, arranging, and playing the organ, piano, violin & viola. Adam teaches Music at Bennett Memorial Diocesan School and has already built up considerable experience in playing the piano and clarinet, as well as conducting.

Tickets at £8 will be available late January at the Chemist and the Post Office.

APPLE DAY 2013

Despite the wet weather, Pippins Farm annual Apple Day, held on Sunday 13th October, had a good turn out. Hosted as usual by proprietors David and Veronica Knight for the community, the Apple Day has helped raise funds for Hospice in the Weald for about the past 4 years.

On the way into the farm folk could taste samples of a wide range of apples and pears, helped by Veronica, and buy those they liked by the kilo. Next door to the tasting was 'apple-art' by Pembury Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts, lovely pictures made using mainly apples within a wooden frame. Forty-five children took part in the competition.



Outside there were games for the children, all involving apples, such as a set of pipes of differing heights and diameters to throw apples into and ten pin apple bowling using fizzy pop bottles filled with water as the pins. Orchard tours were on offer, although most of them could not go ahead because of the weather. Brian Leech and wife Sally were on hand to talk about beekeeping and explain the process of extracting honey, with some jars on show (one could buy honey where apples were sold), and apple pressing was in full flow in the big barn. Adults could obtain one free litre each of apple juice by taking suitable containers, while Pippins' own delicious cider was available for tasting and purchase.

Meanwhile, down in the old barn, food and beverages were being served by Jill Noakes with volunteer help. Home-made soup was being served in five flavours including celeriac and apple, carrot, and minestrone, as well as tea and coffee. There was a multitude of scones, cupcakes and desserts including apple flans and larger cakes to buy and take home. Outside the oast a hog roast did brisk business.

Overall, with the entrance fee, food sales and a tombola, the event raised over £2,100 for Hospice in the Weald, a surprising amount given the weather, of which about £850 was from barn food sales. Special thanks to Jill and Tim Noakes who cooked most of the food being sold in the barn and to all their helpers, who I understand were all family members. The Apple Day is always a worthwhile event to support and there are usually some people attending whose loved ones were cared for in the Hospice, and want to continue to help the Hospice any way they can in the wonderful work they do.

Thank you to David, Veronica and their team of staff and volunteers for an excellent day; it was well worth all your hard work.

Kathy Wallwork

APPLE ART 2013

I never knew you could have so much fun with apples!

This was the second year that Pippins Farm had asked the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts to make pictures for the Apple weekend. Nearly 50 children came on the Saturday afternoon to make the pictures for display, but this year they got to pick some of the crab apples and plums themselves, and there was lots of fun while they did so.

Thirteen pictures were produced, and we hope that the people who braved the weather on the Sunday enjoyed looking at the pictures as much as we enjoyed making them. We hope we are invited to take part again next year.



Catriona Allan

1st Pembury Brownies.

CIRCUS FUN

It was great fun learning to juggle with scarves and spin plates, but the uni-cycles and stilts nearly caused hysteria. I have never seen the Brownies laugh so much! 24 Brownies and 6 adults enjoyed a fun weekend of circus activities, and a circus skills workshop where they worked for their Circus Performer badge.

We created a big top, clowns and trapeze mobiles as well as making clown hats and bow ties, but the highlight of the weekend was definitely the circus skills workshop.



Moira Allan

1st Pembury Brownies

PEMBURY DAY CENTRE



Pembury Day Centre has had a delightful 2013 with visits to Kent and East Sussex Steam Railway, a trip to sample ice-creams and shopping at Polhill Garden Centre, cream teas made and served by young people of Pembury and a guided tour of the Standen National Trust Arts and Crafts House. This of course does not include the weekly outrageous cheating over the quiz, the healthy exercise class, the charming or informative talks and the delicious 2-course meal. We know how to love life! Day Centre is for anyone free on a Tuesday from 10.00am til 2.00pm. If you would like to join us - to help or to relax please contact Helen on 01892 825590



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KCC- DEAR RESIDENT

We are now entering the winter period (after a very brief summer!) and I would like to take this opportunity to write to you about KCC Highways & Transportation's winter service provisions.

You may be interested to know that Kent County Council salt roughly 30% of all of Kent's roads, which is nearly 1500 miles of road which need to be gritted when conditions require it, for comparison this is the equivalent of travelling from London to Gibraltar every time gritters are required! We also work with local farmers and provide them with the necessary equipment in order to clear country lanes and act as extra manpower when we are fully mobilised during a snow emergency. A full list of the winter services we provide can be found on the Kent County Council website.



Kent County Council Website

Please visit our website at www.kent.gov.uk for comprehensive information on our winter service provision. Once on our home page, click on 'Roads and Transport' located in the left hand blue side bar, and once this page is loaded click on 'Winter Service'.

This section will provide useful information on:

- [Salt Bins \(including locations\)](#)
- [Gritting Routes](#)
- [How and when we salt the roads](#)
- [Clearing snow in the community](#)
- [The latest weather updates](#)

It is also worth mentioning that our website provides a wealth of information on all aspects of highway management, from our tree policy to roadwork locations. It also allows you to report highway faults online...if you spot a problem please tell us, the sooner we know about an issue the sooner we can look to resolve it!

Please take great care on the roads this winter!

For many people Christmas and New Year is the time for celebration that involves travelling to see friends & family and going out for Christmas shopping and Christmas parties. Naturally we see more traffic on the roads during the period of darkness and the worst weather of the year. Kent Highways & Transportation will be working hard to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible; however you can also help us in the following ways:

- [Drive to the conditions of the road at all times, especially during times of rain, ice and snow](#)
- [If we do get snow on the roads, please don't make any non essential journeys](#)
- [Please regularly check your vehicle to make sure it is road worthy.](#)
- [Do not drink and drive, or drive under the influence of any substance liable to impair your judgement](#)

Finally I would like to thank you for taking time to read this article and wish you an enjoyable festive period and above all a very safe winter.

Jonathan Dean

Highway Steward

Kent County Council Highways & Transportation

ANN BARNES SPEAKS TO THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

Around 60 people attended the Autumn Meeting and AGM of the Pembury Society on 24th October, held in St. Peter's Upper Church. The guest speaker was Ann Barnes, Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner. She told the audience that she had lived in Kent for over 30 years, had been a secondary school teacher and magistrate and that she wanted to be the "local voice in policing". She was proud to be the first politically independent and first female commissioner. She said that she wanted people to put their trust in her and that she will deliver. She explained how she was appointed to the role, which was coming up for its first year.



Her job is to hold the Chief Constable to account to the people of Kent for the police service he provides. She wants to be the human face of policing in the County. She hoped that people would come to her with their problems and ask for help. Ann tries to visit communities once a week and holds regular surgeries around the County.

It was difficult to provide local policing as funding to Kent Police had been cut by £50m forcing a reduction in one-fifth of the workforce. Another £20m of cuts is needed in the next round. She recognised the need to work with what she has.

Ann listed her achievements which include increasing Council Tax to bring in nearly 100 staff, visiting rural communities who feel isolated and introducing a fleet of mobile police stations. She has boosted funds to Neighbourhood Watch, funded small teams of PCSOs to work in primary schools, and is setting up a new Sexual Assault Referral Clinic. Next year she aims to set up a Victim Support Centre.

She was about to recruit a new Chief Constable and was determined to find a Youth Commissioner so she can connect with young people. She recognised that the integrity of the system nationally had come under scrutiny with Hillsborough and "Plebgate" and pointed out that crime figures had gone down in Kent by nearly 6%.

Lea Owen, Chairman, thanked Ann for her fascinating talk. Hugh Boorman (Treasurer) and Marie Williams (Secretary) were thanked for their contributions to the Society and Sally Osborn was welcomed as the new Treasurer. Lea appealed for new Committee members to ensure the continuation of the Society, which now has 423 members.

Richard Snow

WHY? COURSE – ST. ANSELM'S CHURCH, PEMBURY

Launched in September, the WHY? Course is a brand new DVD designed for adults and young people. St. Anselm's is going to use the WHY? Course to begin a special year of films and reflection. The evenings start on 15 January followed by 5 February and 12 March. Refreshments to be available from 7.30pm with screening starting at 8pm. Everyone welcome!

MUSIC RECITALS AT KENT COLLEGE, OLD PEMBURY

The local music charity, CODA, will present the following recitals at the Organ Room, Kent College, Old Pembury. All recitals start at 7:15pm and advance booking is required. For more information, visit www.codatw.co.uk or telephone David Mills on 01892 825577 or email him at david.mills1@o2.co.uk

15 February 2014, Gina McCormack (Violin) and Nigel Clayton (Piano).

29 March 2014, Robert Max (Cello) and Zoe Solomon (Piano) play music by Schubert, Grieg and Others.

PEMBURY VILLAGE GREEN

You may remember that earlier in the year I gave a brief write-up on the Ken Watts seat on the Village Green and its installation. I mentioned that we had to shuffle the position of the holes that we dug to accommodate the seat because we came across brickwork that appeared to be the footings or foundation of a previous building.

If you read the various publications and look at the various pictures in them there are several mentions of there being Smithys and other buildings on the green but not at the bottom end.

The Village Green has been in existence for several hundred years and is shown quite clearly on the Old Maps. A picture of the Village Green on a 2013 satellite survey shows a distinct difference in colour at the bottom end of the Green; this could almost certainly be the outline of a previous building.

What we have discovered from a map dated 1629 is that the Village Green is shown as Coping Crouch Green. I have never heard that name mentioned before and have no idea what the words Coping Crouch relate to. If anyone knows how it came to be called by that name I would appreciate it if you could let me know please.

Hugh Boorman

ALPHA COURSE

Are you asking 'Is there more to life than this?' Are you seeking direction in a confused world? Maybe an Alpha Course will provide answers to these and other big questions of today.

St. Peter's is running an Alpha Course in the Upper Church in Hastings Road on Tuesday evenings from 14 January to 25 March 2014.

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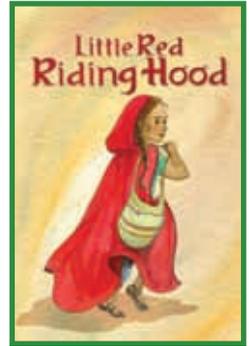
4. Light these on a special day (7)
5. Luxury Cuban burns at more than 100 degrees Celsius (6)
7. Life-saver that lives on your ceiling (5-5)
8. Ignites (6)
11. Hot 1950's hit for Jerry Lee Lewis (5-5-2-4)
12. Throw these on a flaming grill (6)
16. Deadly carbon in the air (8)
19. A busy room where most fires start (7)
20. Too many of these in one bank can cause a fire (4)
21. Burning, acidic, stinging - like fire smoke (5)
22. Fire crews use water to _____ flames (5)

Clues down

1. Take the seeds out of this to reduce the heat (6)
2. Prevent (5)
3. Chimney from across the pond (5-5)
4. 1981 film fuelled actor Nigel Havers career (8-2-4)
6. Inhale and draw into the lungs (8)
9. Fire needs heat, fuel and what else? (6)
10. He stole the fire from Zeus (10)
13. A firefighter's axe will have this effect on a door (11)
14. How you are before you wake up (6)
15. Without fire there would be none of this (5)
17. Award winning description of letter O used in emergencies (5)
18. Clogs up chimneys (4)

PEMBURY PLAYERS

**Not to worry, never fear,
Your village panto time is near.
So eat the last of the Christmas pud
and come to see 'RED RIDING HOOD'!**



Yes, there's plenty of time to have digested all the eats at Christmas and then come to see your very own Pembury Players' 'Red Riding Hood' at the Village Hall on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th, and Saturday 11th January (with both matinee and evening shows on the Saturday).

In this excellent version by Eric Fowler (from Jasper Publishing Ltd) there are all the usual characters; The Wolf (Laurence Plumb), Dame Trott (Patrick Gillan), Squire Squeezum (Derek Hollweg), Fairy Tinkerbell (Sarah Roberts), two Woodcutters (Callum McGuinness & Jordan Tampsett), Silly Billy (Charlie Dawes), Polly – principal girl (Hannah Tamblyn), Colin – principal boy (Lydia Harris)... and of course Red Riding Hood (Alice Bowen).

This is a typical family pantomime with the traditional Red Riding Hood story and inevitably lots of gags and songs. Rehearsals are in the final stages and going well, so make sure you put your chosen date in your diary.

Tickets will be on sale at the Chemist shortly after Christmas but will also be available at the door half an hour before each performance. For the evening performances at 7.30pm there will be a licensed bar. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will also be available for the Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

The Beaver Colony had an extra special visit from the Police a few weeks ago as part of their Friendship Challenge. PC Miles Booth brought one of the Police Cell Vans and the Beavers took it in turns to be locked in the cell in the back of the van. They also tried on PC Booth's helmet and handcuffs for size. I wonder if they warned the neighbours before they turned the sirens on?

It has been a busy term for the Beavers; they have 'gone fishing' with rods they made themselves, visited Pembury Library as well as getting crafty making spiders and pumpkin pompons at Hobby Craft!!

Thanks once again to all the leaders in the group for their hard work and dedication to providing Scouting to the young people of Pembury. If you are an adult who would like to join in the fun please contact me.

Michelle Usherwood Group Scout Leader
msusherwood@aol.com



ANSWERS TO 3BREATHS FIRE SAFETY CROSSWORDS

DOWN: 1. Chilli; 2. Avert; 3. Smokestack; 4. Chariots of Fire; 6. Aspirate; 9. Oxygen; 10. Prometheus; 13. Splintering; 14. Asleep; 15. Smoke; 17. Oscar; 18. Soot.

ACROSS: 4. Candles; 5. Havana; 7. Smoke Alarm; 8. Lights; 11. Great Balls of Fire; 12. Steaks; 16. Monoxide; 19. Kitchen; 20. Plug; 21. Acid; 22. Fight

RECIPES

MARZIPAN TOPPED FRUIT SQUARES

125g (4oz) butter
125g (4oz) caster sugar
3 medium eggs
175g (6oz) self raising flour
500g pack dried fruit
100g pack ground almonds
1 level tspn mixed spice
1-2 tablespoon milk
250g pack marzipan
½ 500g pack royal icing
18 x 28cm (7" x 11") lined tin

1. Set oven gas mark 4 or 180°
2. Place butter, sugar, eggs and flour in a bowl and beat until smooth
3. Stir in dried fruit, almonds, mixed spice and milk
4. Spoon into tin and bake for 40-45 mins
5. Remove from oven and grate marzipan over the top
6. Return to oven and bake for a further 10-12 minutes until marzipan is lightly browned
7. Remove from oven and leave to cool in tin
8. Remove from tin and make up royal icing following directions on packet
9. Fill icing bag with icing and pipe randomly over top of marzipan
10. Leave to set before cutting into squares



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Karol Young





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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM 1939-45 (PART 2)

MURPHY, Francis H – C/JX 154885 Able Seaman, Royal Navy. Nickname “Spud”. Son of Frank and Lily Martha Murphy of Alpine Place (off Maidstone Rd.), Pembury. He has three sisters who live in Pembury. He was killed in an explosion on board H.M.S. Juno on 30th April 1941 aged 19. Eight were killed in the explosion. He is buried in Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

PARKES, William Arthur (On War Memorial as Parks). – 1171836 Leading Aircraftman Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of William Alexander and Kathleen Ellen Parkes of Tunbridge Wells. His father William Alexander appears on the WW1 names on the War Memorial. He died on 11th October 1944 aged 28 and is remembered on the Singapore Memorial.

PEART, Hector Philip – Sub-Lieutenant (A), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve 792 Squadron Fleet Air Arm. Only child of Hector Herbert and Hilda Mary Peart who are buried in the same grave as their son in the old churchyard by the School. They lived in 26 Bellfield Road, Pembury in the first house below the Post Office. Son Hector took a keen and lively interest in the Tunbridge Wells Air Training Corps and when he was old enough he volunteered for the Fleet Air Arm. He was a member of staff of Lloyds bank, The Pantiles. He was an enthusiastic member of the Pembury Air Raid Precaution Service in 1940 before joining up and obtained his First Aid Certificate. After training in Canada, he returned here and became a fighter pilot. He was based at H.M.S. Vulture, a Fleet Air Arm airfield and possible Combat School near St. Merryn, Cornwall. He had only just become engaged to Miss Catherine Bradbury of Manchester. He died on 2nd December 1944 in an air crash and is buried in the old churchyard behind Pembury School. His funeral service at the Upper Church was conducted by Rev. H.O. Edwards.

PILBEAM, Frederick John (on War Memorial as John Philbeam) – 6400480 Private 5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Son of George and Florence Pilbeam. The family lived in Jarvis Brook before moving to Dundle Farm, Pembury. His wife was Doris Eileen Pilbeam of Tunbridge Wells. They had a son, Rodney and a daughter, Shirley. He was known as “Fred” and was believed to be on his way to Dunkirk when he was killed on 16th June 1940 aged 28. He is buried in Esquelmes War Cemetery, Belgium.

PILGRIM, Brian Gordon - 1388935 Sergeant (Air Gunner) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Only son of Mervyn and Lily Pilgrim of Pembury. He was employed at Tonbridge E.C.D. Works and prior to joining the R.A.F. aged 17 was a keen member of the Pembury Mobile First-Aid Party. He lived in a flat over the old garage in Hastings Road, Pembury. He used to climb up the fir tree in the grounds of the Priory, knock a nail in it and climb down! His father worked for a local butcher. The 1940 Kellys Directory shows a Mrs M. Pilgrim living at 2 Harriet Villas, Hastings Road. He died, aged 19 on 8th April 1943 and he was buried in Cottesmore (St. Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, Rutland with full military honours on 13th April.

READER, Thomas Charles – 6353124 Private, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Son of Thomas and Nellie Reader of 15 Canterbury Road, Pembury (now Number 30 as numbers changed). He was a builder, and his father was a Waterworks labourer. When Thomas (son) came home on leave he brought tins of corned beef. He died aged 35 on 5th January 1944 probably at the Battle of Peccia River, Italy and is buried in Cassino War Cemetery.

COOK, Thomas George – 6341209 Lance-Corporal, 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Son of William Henry Cook and Kate Emily Selden. He was a Pembury Cub and went to Pembury School. He lived at 6, Council Cottages, Pembury (now 24 Henwood Green Road). His wife was Ivy Irene Cook of Ogbourne St George, Wilts. He died, aged 28, on 27th April 1943 and is buried in Massicault War Cemetery, Africa.

TAPP, Clifford George- 5507306 Private, Hampshire Regiment. Nickname “Jumbo”. Son of Arthur Percy and Mary Tapp of Hastings Road, Pembury. They had a grocers shop on the corner of Hastings Road and Canterbury Road and lived above the shop. Clifford worked in the shop before enlisting. He was Hon. Sec. of the Wednesday Football Club. His wife was Annie C.R. Tapp of Pembury. He had only been married 12 months when he died on 17th November 1940 aged 24. He is buried in Plot A Grave 7 of Tunbridge Wells Cemetery.

CRIME REPORT

Here we are again... by the time you read this we will be a few days away from the shortest day. I'm afraid that the recorded crime figures for the months of July, August and September are disastrous to say the least and I just hope that they are just a blip and not a continuing trend. The previous quarter was fifty four recorded crimes, which in itself is too high, but the figure for the last quarter has risen to seventy, an increase of approximately 30%.

There are two main reasons for this; an increase in violent crime of approximately 20% and an alarming increase of nearly 150% of theft, excluding vehicle offences.

During the Pembury Society Annual General meeting at St. Peter's Upper Church on 24th October the guest speaker was Ann Barnes, the newly appointed Kent Police Commissioner who stated that whilst the Kent Crime figures had shown a slow decrease there were the odd one or two crimes that had shown a sharp increase; one of which was violent crime and much of this was domestic issues. These were possibly brought about by domestic hardship and normally only occurring once in most cases. There will obviously be exceptions to this.

The issue of theft must be a very time-consuming issue for the Police with very little evidence to work on. Many instances of theft are the result of carelessness. We've all been guilty of leaving valuables or objects such as gardening equipment on display or easy to get at.

With Christmas just around the corner let's do all we can to make life hard for those waiting to pounce at the first opportunity on your hard-earned property and lock the goods away. Don't leave them on display.

Please make sure that if you have any elderly people living nearby who struggle to make ends meet with heating and fuel bills, pay them a visit to make sure they are OK and if they are suffering from cold do what you can to help, if not financially the provision of an extra blanket could go a long way to easing their problems. It is a sad reflection on our society when you read in the local paper that an affluent area like Tunbridge Wells has one of the highest winter-related death figures based on national statistics.

Have a very Happy Christmas but please look out for those who are vulnerable.

Hugh Boorman



CRIME FIGURES



Corporate Development
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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	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
July 13	8	1	0	2	2	7	1	1	22
August 13	3	2	1	1	1	14	0	0	22
September 13	5	0	3	0	10	8	0	0	26
July - September 2013	16	3	4	3	13	29	1	1	70

Crime type by road name	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
A21 A	2			0	0	0	0	0	2
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	1			1	0	1	0	0	3
BELLFIELD ROAD	0			0	2	0	0	0	2
BRICKFIELDS	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
CHALKET LANE	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
ELMHURST AVENUE	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	1			0	1	3	0	0	5
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	2			0	1	0	0	0	4
HENWOODS CRESCENT	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	1			0	1	10	0	0	13
KINGS TOLL ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	1	0	0	2
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
OLD CHURCH ROAD	0			1	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	1			0	0	6	0	0	8
PENNS YARD	0			0	0	0	0	0	1
PETERSFIELD	0			1	0	0	0	0	1
RIDGEWAY	0			0	0	1	0	0	1
ROMFORD ROAD	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
SANDHURST AVENUE	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
SNIPE CLOSE	2			0	0	0	0	0	2
STONECOURT LANE	0			0	0	0	0	0	2
THE GROVE	0			0	1	0	0	0	1
THE PADDOCK	0			0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	2			0	2	7	1	1	13
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)	16	3	4	3	13	29	1	1	70

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 1st October 2013 at 15:10 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up to date information on events see the online diary at www.pembury.org.

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesdays 9am – 11.30am, term time only.

Town & Country Housing Group – Clinic – last Tuesday in the month.

CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

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

DECEMBER 2013

4th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Christmas Event' - Village Hall
7th	St. Peter's Christmas Fair	10.00am	St. Peter's Upper Church
7th	Dad & Me	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
7th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
7th	Light Up a Life Service	6.30pm	Hospice in the Weald (outside)
12th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Christmas Gathering
14th	Quintus Concert	7.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
14th	Children's Messy Church	11.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
15th	St. Peter's Carol Service	6.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
16th	Pembury U3A - Christmas Lunch		Tickets only - Village Hall
21st	Carols on the Green	5.00pm	Churches Together
22nd/24th/ 25th	Services at all three Village Churches		See page 37 for details

JANUARY 2014

1st	Footpath Walkers – NYD Walk	10.30am	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
3rd	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Palestine' - Village Hall
4th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Bo-Peep Corner
7th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	'RSPB' - Village Hall
9th	Afternoon WI	12.30pm	Meal at King William Pub
11th	Dad & Me	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
13th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office – Recreation Ground

FEBRUARY 2014

1st	Dad & Me	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
1st	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
4th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	'Court in the Act' – Village Hall
5th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
7th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Barnardos' - Village Hall
8th	Evening WI	TBC	Annual Jumble Sale
10th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office – Recreation Ground
13th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	'Barnardos' - Village Hall

MARCH 2014

1st	Dad & Me	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
1st	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet opposite the Camden Arms
3rd	Flower Workshop	7.00pm	Pembury Baptist Church
4th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	'Red Cross' - Village Hall
7th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Royal Visits' - Village Hall
10th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office – Recreation Ground
13th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	'Homeopathy' - Village Hall

TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DISTRICT CAB

My relationship with my partner has broken down and we have two small children. I'm really worried that if this goes to court the judge will favour the children's mother over me as their father for residence decisions, and that I won't be able to afford a lawyer who can make sure that I keep my children living with me. What should I do?

Relationship break-ups can be incredibly stressful for any couple, but dealing with the situation sensitively is all the more important when children are involved.

It is not always possible, but the best option is for you to come to an agreement with your partner about the care of your children. Where this doesn't resolve the issue, the next step is to get the help of a local family mediation service. Decisions made with this service are not automatically legally binding but it can be very helpful if you can use the opportunity to avoid the costly and sometimes acrimonious court system. It is also necessary to attempt mediation before taking the dispute to court.

As an unmarried father, you won't automatically have a right to a say in your child's future, even though you may be financially supporting them. This will depend on whether you have parental responsibility for your child. If you were named on your child's birth certificate since 2003, you'll automatically have parental responsibility. But don't worry if you haven't got it this way – there are other ways you can get it, including asking the court for an order.

If you still can't agree about arrangements for your children, you may have to consider going to court as a last resort. But remember, this will cost you a lot of money and may take a long time. If you want the children to live with you, you'll need to apply for a residence order. If the children will be living with their mother, you'll need to apply for a contact order. This will set out the kind of contact you'll have with your children, for example how often you can see them or take them away on holiday. It can be a good idea to apply to the court for both a contact order and a parental responsibility order at the same time, if you haven't already got parental responsibility.

Legal aid is not available for the court proceedings of private family law cases. However you may be able to get legal aid to pay for help solving your dispute out of court, through a family mediation service, so this can be the ideal way to make arrangements for your children. Family mediation is an alternative to solicitors negotiating for you but not a substitute for legal advice. You will be encouraged to consult a solicitor during the mediation process to advise you on the personal consequences of your decisions. At the end of mediation, the decisions you have reached can be used as the basis for a divorce settlement, or a legal separation agreement. You can find out more about the availability of legal aid for family mediation at www.familymediationhelpline.co.uk, or on the National Family Mediation website at www.nfm.org.uk.

If you are thinking of going to court to deal with arrangements for your children, you should consult an experienced adviser, which you can do for free at a Citizens Advice Bureau, or read [Adviceguide to find out more](#).

Advice line 01892 533880 or 01580 714936

advice@twcab.cabnet.org.uk



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CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD 2013

ST. PETER'S UPPER CHURCH AND OLD CHURCH

14th December	6.30pm	Quintus Concert (Tickets from Louise 07775624048)	Upper Church
15th December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Upper Church
22nd December	6.30pm	Nine lessons and Carols	Old Church
24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service	Upper Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Upper Church
25th December	8.00am	Holy Communion	Upper Church
	10.30am	Family Communion	Upper Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Old Church

ST. ANSELM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st December	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service Followed by wine & nibbles	
22nd December	6.30pm	Service of nine lessons and Carols Followed by Mince pies and mulled wine	
24th December	3.00pm	Christingle and crib service for Children	
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas with Carols	
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	
25th December	8.00am	Mass of the Dawn of Christmas	
	10.00am	Mass of Christmas Morning	

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

14th December	10.30am	Christmas messy Church (5 to 11s)	
22nd December	10.00am	Christmas themed morning service	
	4.30pm	Children's Carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine	
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight preceded by mince pies and mulled wine	
24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	
25th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Service.	

HOPE CHURCHES TOGETHER

14th December	4.00pm	Carols at Tesco	
21st December	5.00pm	Carols on the Village Green with the Salvation Army Band	

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

PARISH COUNCIL



Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst
44 Elmhurst Avenue, TN2 4DA
Tel: 824873
Chair of Parish Council
Chair of Amenities, Christmas Lights and Pride in Pembury (inc. Public Relations) Working Group



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34 Canterbury Road, TN2 4JT
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Cllr Sean Cawley
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10 High Street, TN2 4NY
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Chair of Environment/Environmental Issues (inc. Allotments & Burials) Working Group



Cllr David Coleman
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Cllr Mrs Janet Ditchett
7 Cornford Park, TN2 4PW
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HENRY PAUL FUNERALS

Service of Remembrance

at St. Peter's Upper Church, Hastings Road,
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on Thursday 12th December 2013 at 7.00pm

The service will be conducted by
Reverend Douglas Robertson

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