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a Happy New Year

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# Parish News & Comment



WAKE UP, MISS  
AND MASTER  
PEMBURY,  
HAVE I GOT  
A SURPRISE  
FOR YOU!

## PEMBURY MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL

RUMOURS have been circulating in the village that the application for a grant from the Millennium Commission has been refused.

These rumours are not true. The

application is to be re-submitted in early January with a decision being made in the Spring.

Look out for more information in our next issue out next March.

### *Editorial Committee:*

Henry Plant (Chairman), Julia Croft, Gill Matthews and Betty Roberts

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# CHRISTMAS PRESENT OR CHRISTMAS PAST

## For Better or for Worse?

**D**O YOU remember last October when we said “Here we go again – we had better start getting stuff in for Christmas – it’s already in the shops you know, and there are only ten weeks to go? What shall we get him, what shall we get her? The kids want this ’cos its on the telly, so and so wants this ’cos their mates have got it.”

Do you remember at the end of November saying “Good grief, better start stocking up on nuts – might be a world shortage and there’s only four weeks left. Better start getting stuff for the freezer. I haven’t got a clue what to get them and how much did they spend on us last year? What about presents for the tree, the kids won’t be happy if we can’t get them.”

Now your thinking, there’s just over a week to go, Mum’s done it all so far and she’s already on her last legs. She wants to go into the Town again but Hubby doesn’t want to queue in the traffic, can’t get the car in the car park anyway. Another row looming!

Then its only two days left. Mum’s still doing it all, got to go to the supermarket, join the milling throng. Fill up the larder with twice as much as we need, just in case.

Christmas Eve – the telly again tells us about something we haven’t bought and pangs of guilt set in. The kids won’t like it if we don’t get that. We must go and . . .

Hang on, stop and think.  
Turn the clock back not  
so many years ago . . .

My mother never had a fridge or freezer. We didn’t have the supermarkets or a telly, come to that. Most of the food for Christmas came from within the village, some bought with stamps saved in the local shop. Christmas never seemed to gather momentum until

December and us boys – one of our first priorities was to eye up the best of the Christmas trees in the plantations. These would mysteriously disappear over-night and appear again indoors. Next would be the holly. Mum would be busy making sausage rolls, mince pies, cakes, all stored in a stone cold larder. Still no telly.

Our Christmas dinner was always a cockerel provided by my grandmother at Speldhurst and my brothers and sisters and I would make the journey there by bus and return in triumph with the bird. On Christmas Eve, decorations would only have gone up about two or three days before Christmas and even without telly, excitement would be building. Last minutes of excitement on Christmas Eve with the aromas of last minute cooking, then early to bed. Christmas still had its mystery about how the presents and the stocking arrived in your bedroom but who cared.

There were apples and oranges, chocolate and one, perhaps, two presents. There was always a fair degree of excitement when it was time to pull the crackers and even more when tea was on the way and it was time to play games – snakes and ladders, ludo and snap being the favourites.

Christmas past – lovely thoughts but back to reality. The telly’s on and its telling us we must get back into town again tomorrow – Boxing Day – or else we will miss out on another chance to spend more money on goods that are now 40 per cent cheaper than before Christmas.

Don’t forget amongst all this extravagance that there are people whom we all know who are lonely and less fortunate. Remember them, not only this Christmas but throughout the year.

Happy Christmas to you all!!

**Hugh Boorman**

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## GILL'S GARDEN

Winter – a time to plan ahead for the coming year.

A few seeds grown on the window-sill or in the greenhouse will give great satisfaction in the summer. Seeds of fibrous begonias and geraniums should be planted in December to flower the following June, whilst busy lizzies should be planted in February. Plug plants are offered for sale early in the Spring. These are seedlings that need to be grown on in a warm, light place until conditions are right for planting in the garden.

If you have stored last year's geraniums or fuchsias these should have the old compost teased from the roots and be replanted in fresh compost using the same pots and ensuring that they are planted at the same level. In February increase the amount of water and give a weak feed to encourage new growth. Pinch out the tips of new shoots to develop bushy, compact plants.

Bare rooted or container grown roses can be planted any time during the dormant season providing the ground is neither frozen nor waterlogged. Prune newly planted roses back to four buds from base of stem in March preferably to an outside facing bud. Do not prune climbing roses until they are well established, then remove dead wood and shorten side shoots to three inches. Tall rose bushes should be cut to half their height in winter to prevent them being wrecked by the wind and then they should be pruned in March. Ground cover roses require little maintenance and are useful for awkward areas. Bare rooted shrubs, trees or hedging can be planted now.

A thick mulch of bark or compost placed over tender plants, fuchsias or camellias should



protect the roots from frost damage. Cut back dead perennials and replant any bulbs if they have lifted. Patio tubs can be planted with evergreen shrubs, heathers, pansies and primulas. These need a good watering and plants that have spent a long time in patio pots will need a slow releasing fertiliser, ericaceous fertiliser for acid loving rhododendrons, camellias and pieris. In very hard weather it may be as well to move pots to a sheltered place and cover the pots with bubble wrap to prevent the roots freezing and pots cracking.

Lawns should be aerated providing they are not covered in frost and any leaves need to be removed from these as well as borders to prevent slugs. Plants to brighten the winter days are viburnum farreri, a medium sized shrub; hamamelis mollis (witch hazel), and mahonia, as well as the tree prunus subhirtella autumn rosea (autumn cherry).

Any bulbs that have not yet been planted can be put in pots to be used indoors or placed in gaps in the garden in Spring. Indoor plants such as cyclamen, poinsettia and azaleas, given plenty of light and kept out of draughts, would give a good show and remain from year to year.

Happy Christmas to you all!!

**Gill Matthews**

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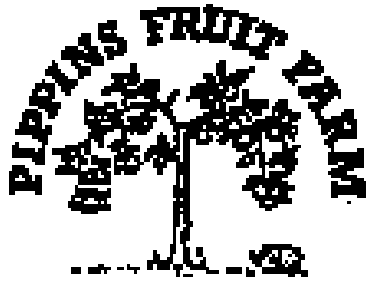
## BRITAIN IN BLOOM

ONCE again Pembury Parish Council will be actively involved in this competition, a community project with everybody taking part. All areas of the village are taken into consideration in the judging including front gardens as well as public places.

To coincide with this Notcutts will again be organising the "Pembury in Bloom" competition which focuses on front gardens as well as hanging baskets.

Look out for more details in our Spring 1998 issue.

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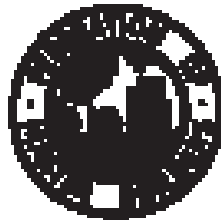
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## THE WOODGATE FAMILY

**I**N THE last issue, under the heading of “Pembury Hall Fire”, mention was made of the Woodgate family. The following was taken from the Pembury Cricket Club records. The Rev. R. S. S. Woodgate and his family were interested in most aspects of village life including sport. The Reverend himself was an Honorary Member of the then Pembury United Cricket Club and his daughters either volunteered or were pressed into helping. At a committee meeting held in the Camden Hotel on 15th January 1890 the Secretary, a Mr Weaire, reported that he held accounts to a value of £10.14s.8d but the Treasurer, Mr Peters, only had 2s.0d. in hand. To help clear off the debts it was unanimously agreed to give a concert on 29th January 1890 – just two weeks later. What timescale would be involved in the 1990’s?

On 17th January 1890, the Concert Committee, elected on the 15th met in the classroom of the Board School (this was in the Institute building now the Hop House which incorporates our present Library). The Reverend Woodgate promised to communicate with Lady Alice Morland and he also thought that he could procure the services of a Scottish bagpiper, formerly one of the Queen’s pipers. Miss Cicely Woodgate offered to write to Miss Bessie Marchants asking her to give a violin solo and Miss Kate Woodgate promised to write to Miss Tabor (assumed to be the daughter of the Rev. R. S. Tabor) asking her to sing. By 20th January it was confirmed that Rev. Woodgate had secured the services of the piper, Miss Marchants had promised to play a violin solo and Miss Tabor had promised to sing. In addition a Miss Blair and a Miss Ronald had both promised to sing.

The Concert duly took place and at a General Meeting of the Cricket Club, again held at the Camden Hotel, on the evening of 17th February 1890 the Secretary reported that the net proceeds of the Concert amounted to £5.0s.11d which had duly been handed over to the Treasurer. It was resolved that the deficit of £5.13s.9d should be carried over as a debit to the forthcoming season.

**Dick Crouch**

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## PAUSE TO REFLECT

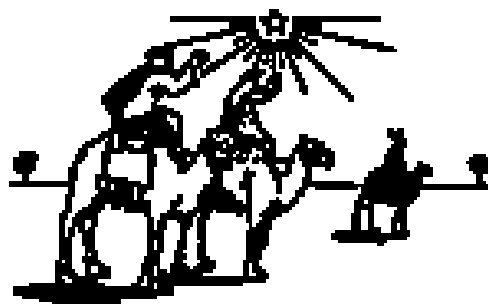
### CHRISTINGLE

Christmas carols are being sung  
Around the church decorations hung  
Prickly holly and ribbons of gold  
And the story of Jesus was being told  
A nativity scene with cattle and crib  
Little lambs, a donkey and a baby kid.

Then a child said “Is it nearly time?  
When do we all go and stand in a line?”  
The vicar beckons and off they go  
Then the lights go off for this lovely show  
Holding Christingles with candles alight  
All around baby Jesus, this wondrous sight.

Away in a manger they sang with joy  
These words are known by every girl and boy  
They bow their heads and pray to God  
Remembering the path that Jesus trod  
Strangers outside, but in church they mingle  
Brought together for the service of Christingle.

*The poem is taken from a book of poems recently published by Mrs Celia Law, a local resident.*





## ROB'S PLOT

I WOULD like to introduce myself as Robert. I'm somewhere in my thirties and have had an interest in gardening since I was about thirteen years old. This stemmed from my days at school in the greenhouse and the back garden which then progressed to the allotment. I've had an allotment at Woodside Road for ten years now which has brought me great enjoyment through growing my own vegetables. For each issue of the Village News I shall be relaying the jobs, thus giving an insight into the joys and frustrations of managing a plot.

Having been born and bred in Pembury I was aware of their existence since I was a mere young boy. The first mission was to find Henry, who was then over-seeing the plots. He allocated me a 10 rod plot and I remember saying to myself that there will be a heck of a lot of hard work ahead. Looking at the plot all I saw was a carpet of thick, long grass. Time to get my head down and get on with it, first by cleaning it up. The initial job was not too strenuous, just watering the grass with Weedo and leaving it for roughly a week. Bingo, dead grass! The tough task of digging was made much easier by my friend Mick, who came along to rotovate it for me. Next what I needed was a shed for the tools. My third visit was to Mills who conveniently had a shed next to my plot which he no longer wanted. Having agreed a price then came the job of dismantling of it, only to reassemble it 10 yards further over. Not too far to carry if only I was strong enough

to move it altogether! Then the plot was ready for planting so next came the planning and purchasing of the seeds from the local garden centre. I was then ready to start.

Ten years on I have settled into a pattern of work. This has been developed by hard work, listening to and learning from other plot holders. They're a very friendly bunch of people. Each person seems to have different ways of doing things, which I find of great interest. This gave me some good ideas for my plot, for example growing carrots three feet off the ground instead of in the ground to stop carrot root fly, which was a success. Another idea I picked up was growing lettuces under cloches as it makes them grow quicker.



Each season has its own specific jobs but yet no two seasons are the same, even the repeated ones. The weather plays a big part in it, as does the amount of time I have to work on it. When the next edition of the Village News is available, in March, I will endeavour to explain some of the ways of growing things also using cold frames or cloches. It is one of the busiest times of the year so there will be lots to report. Until this time it is merely a matter of clearing up the plot and getting ready for next year, for example by liming the ground (but not where the

potatoes will be as it makes them go earthy!).

So until then, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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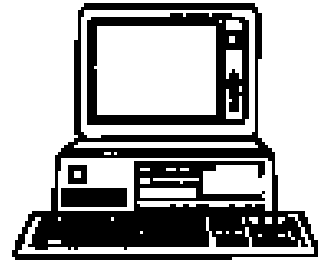
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## SALT GRIT BINS

**T**UNBRIDGE WELLS Borough Council have agreed to fill the village salt grit bins this winter as Kent County Council have no funds available for this service. However, your help is needed in reporting when the bins are empty.

Please ring me on Pembury 823193, leaving a message on the answerphone if the office is not manned and I will pass on the information.

Please remember that the contents of the bins are for use on roads and pavements and not on private property.

**Barbara Russell**

Clerk to the Council

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## PEMBURY SOCIETY

**T**HE Pembury Society seems to be going from strength to strength and this was underlined by the excellent attendance at the recent Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall. I am pleased to tell our members who could not get to the meeting that the hard working Officers and Committee were all re-elected for the year ahead and you will be pleased to know that the planning has already been put in hand to ensure that our coming events are interesting and attractive.

At the AGM Sally and Richard Hunt gave a most entertaining talk on their long walk around the coast of England, Wales and Scotland and supported this with slides of their hardships and triumphs.

Just prior to the meeting we completed a survey of the views of our members regarding the proposed development of a Supermarket and a Park and Ride scheme, with the possibility of a Community Centre at Woodsgate Corner. You may be interested to learn that the results of the vote were as follows:

	For	Against
In favour of a Supermarket?	59	109
In favour of a Park and Ride?	31	134
In favour of a Community Centre?	118	48

Thus you will see that the views of those who think and care enough about our village to belong to its Civic Society are not in favour of the Supermarket, are very much against the Park and Ride and are for the Community Centre.

It is the view of the Committee of The Pembury Society that unless Tunbridge Wells Borough Council imposes a charge on each and every vehicle entering its town centre the Park and Ride project will fail. So, here's a thought for today – what do you think will happen a few years from now to what will then be a much under-used Park and Ride car park in our village? And don't be naive, will you.

Have a good Christmas.

**Derek Johnson**

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## COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

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**A**T OUR last meeting we were joined by Sally Ratchford from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. We had a long discussion about the provision of leisure facilities in the village for our young people but, once again, our plans have foundered for want of premises for a 'Drop In' centre. We had hoped to be able to lease either the old depot near the allotments or the empty newsagent's premises by the Village Green. Unfortunately for us we have been told that both the premises have been sold.

Nor have we yet been able to find a site for the double decker bus which has been equipped as a mobile youth club. This would have been available to us on Tuesday evenings but we have so far been unable to identify a suitable site on which to park it: well lit, away from houses, away from traffic, and with space around it where young people could congregate. Can anyone help us?

Our appeal for more help with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme seems to have fallen on deaf ears. If you don't want to take on the responsibility of being a co-ordinator how about volunteering to be a 'link'. Basically this means receiving a message from your co-ordinator and passing it on to, in most cases, a maximum of 15 houses by means of a note through the letterbox. Or sometimes passing a message back to the co-ordinator. Not exactly a heavy workload is it but it all helps to prevent crime in the village.

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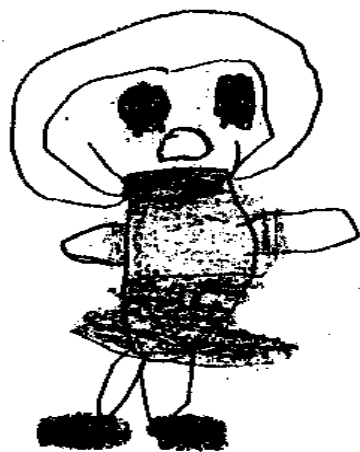
## PEMBURY SCHOOL – I Remember Starting School

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"I used to play doctors and I used to play on the 'phone and ring up my Mum and said, "Can I come home?" – Charlotte Allman

"I remember that on the first day of school it was my birthday and I was the only one in our class who was five" – James Gent.

*I like playing in the  
playground*



"I remember on the first day of school I burst into tears and would not let go of my Mum." – Thomas Campbell

"I remember coming to school and staring at the tall buildings and I came into the class and saw lots of other children and I looked up at Mrs Turner and I think I had to really stretch my head to see her face." – Sam Lunn

"I remember for the first break-time taking out a fromage frais and the teacher on duty told me off for not having a piece of fruit." – Anna Tollefson.

"I remember being quite excited. Mrs Turner was really nice but I got a bit worried when she said she would pin us up by our ears if we were naughty. I really enjoyed playing in the doll's house on my own."  
– Kirsty Presnell.

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# SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

## **CAMDEN GREEN BADMINTON CLUB**

Camden Green Badminton Club was founded in the village in 1977. In the Club's early days badminton was played in the Catholic Hall on the Green, hence the name.

With a growing membership and a steady improvement in playing standards the Club soon outgrew the available limited facilities of the Catholic Hall, limited height and a single court. To find suitable playing conditions the Club have unfortunately had to move out from the village centre.

Following a period at Kent College we now rent playing facilities in the gymnasium at Sandown Court Community College which has two full size courts with reasonable headroom.

We are a mixed age and ability club meeting every Wednesday evening between 8pm and 10.30pm September to April/May.

The Club currently supports one Ladies Doubles and one Mixed Doubles teams in the lower divisions of the Tunbridge Wells Badminton League. Home matches are generally held on selected Fridays. The Club is actively seeking to extend its membership and would welcome any players to join us on any club night.

Any interested parties should contact one of the following persons:

John Eaton, Chairman 538748  
Mel Holt, Secretary 823830  
Annette Davenport 538745

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## **PEMBURY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

The Club is now in its 12th season and has gone from strength to strength with several of its founder members still playing.

We play Thursday afternoon and Friday evenings in the Village Hall most weeks from September through to May There are three League teams: Ash, Birch and Conkers, playing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions of

the West Kent League, Conkers having won the 4th Division last year and been promoted.

It is a very friendly Club and there is still room for a few more members. For more information, you can contact me on 822509.

**Arthur Storey**

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## **STOOLBALL**

On the whole 1997 was a fairly successful season with the mixed side winning the West Kent League for the second season in succession and the ladies' team continuing to make progress.

The mixed side, despite narrowly losing their first match, retained the title by winning all of their other games and finishing comfortably ahead of the nearest challengers. Whilst the side did not score as many runs as they would have liked, the bowling and fielding were particularly good and enabled modest scores to be defended with the opposition only scoring in excess of 100 on three occasions.

The ladies' team continued to improve, winning seven matches and finishing 11th of the 14 teams in their league. Their record could have been much better had their batting been collectively more consistent, as in several of their defeats they had restricted their opponents to achievable targets.

The future does, however, remain promising as the squad contains several junior players under the age of 16, three of whom represented the Kent Under 18 side last season.

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## **ASSOCIATION OF PEMBURY SPORTS CLUBS**

On 9th September last, representatives of Pembury's sports clubs met and resolved to form an Association for their mutual benefit. More details in our next issue.

## **PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The season is now a quarter of the way through and of the four teams the Reserves on Sunday are setting the pace. They are top of Division 3, having been promoted again last year and through to the next round in both of the cup competitions that they entered. So far they are unbeaten this term. The Sunday 1st team is out of their cups having on both occasions been beaten by the odd goal. However, they are 6th of 12, in the top division with games in hand of those immediately above them.

The Saturday 1st team started the season slowly which cost them their place in two of the three cups they entered as well as a league match. However, they soon got themselves up to speed and since then have not been beaten. They are now getting themselves into a position near the top of the Premier Division. The Reserves have won three out of five league games and are through in two of the three cups they entered. This is particularly good as this season the squad contains many very young players attracted to the club from the senior Pembury Athletic side, whose manager Ben Coombes has been very helpful in this. These lads in turn have attracted others to the club. Last Saturday more than half the squad of 13 were young teenagers with an average age of 16. The future looks very bright. This does not include another 15 year old who appears to have won a regular place in the first team.

As Christmas is very much upon us, so may I on behalf of everybody connected with the club wish you all the sentiments of the season.

**Jim Smith**, Chairman

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## **PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) F.C. – MINI-SOCCER SECTION**

SO where are all the children rushing to on a Saturday morning? What's all the noise about? And why is the pavilion being modernised?

The answer is Mini-Soccer. It all started two seasons ago when Pembury Athletic elected to join in a new and exciting football initiative drawn up by the F.A and the Sports Council to provide football for the younger

player. The aims of Mini-Soccer are clearly defined to bring small-sided games to as many boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 11 years whereafter they will participate in Junior 11-a-side league football.

The training sessions that take place on a Saturday morning cater for the entry group of 6 year olds and each of the Mini-Soccer teams. There are currently two under 8's – Leopards & Lynx, three Under 9's – Panthers, Cougars & Lions, two under 10's – Tigers & Jaguars and two under 11's – Jets & Rockets (we ran out of big cat names!). Each team is managed by a Team Leader who in turn relies on the help of a group of dedicated "helper" parents to assist in the running of the training sessions and support when hosting the home matches.

When we started it was easy, 12 children, two dads, six footballs, no worries. Three years on and we're 80 children, 15 dads and 60 footballs. All the Team Leaders have been on the F.A. Junior Coaching and First Aid courses and we collectively attend approximately 70 matches a season. The Alliance itself has grown from 81 teams last season to 167 this year, such is its popularity.

The Mini-Soccer Alliance insists that all players have an equal opportunity to play in the non-competitive matches and that the games be played in the right spirit – winning or losing is not the measure of the small sided game. We consider effort, participation and good sportsmanship as being the criteria for success in Mini-Soccer, principles that the children will take with them to the Junior League in the future.

The game is played on a 40 x 60 yard pitch and uses 12 x 6 ft goals and, depending on the age, is 5- or 6-a-side with 7 minutes each way. There are no league tables, points or divisions, only the opportunity for young players to develop their skills and interests in the game of football.

So next time you're passing the Recreation Ground on a Saturday morning stop and watch the children, see how enthusiastic they are and be pleased that this is one group of children that value the sporting facilities that Pembury has to offer.

**Ian White**



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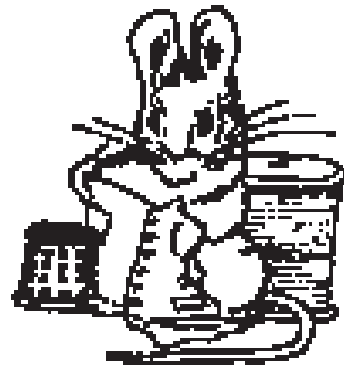
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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

*In response to requests in the last issue of this magazine, the Editorial Committee have received two letters from Parishioners describing some of their*

### MEMORIES OF THE 1987 HURRICANE

**A**S A warehouse manager I was “on call” 24 hours a day on the night of the 1987 Hurricane. I was awoken at around 4am by a phone call saying that there was a problem and would I come into work. Quickly dressing, I jumped into the car and drove up Lower Green Road.

Not until I reached the Romford Road junction did the problem of the wind become apparent, where a fallen tree straddled the road. Having driven underneath the tree, I then proceeded with extra

caution only to find that a tree on the Village Green had blown over blocking the road towards the High Street. With no traffic at that time of night I went up the wrong side of the Green. On reaching the top I was horrified to see a blue flashing light!

However, I was relieved to find the police were there to guard the off-licence which had its window broken by the winds. The next obstruction came

shortly after finding another tree across the road at the Woodhill Park junction, passing this by mounting the pavement on the wrong side of the road.

Having arrived at the warehouse without further incident, I was informed that a vehicle, having left at 3am with a Crowborough delivery, had got trapped between two fallen trees; the driver had started walking back to Tunbridge Wells!

Now the winds had got worse, inside the 6,000 sq. ft. metal clad building I saw the roof visibly moving up and down. The large doors of the building had been left open and the force of the wind coming into the building was increasing the pressure inside. Our roof was saved by the rear fire door being blown open, thus relieving the air pressure inside. The main door was then closed, as we had learnt a lesson of the power of the wind.

At around 5am, a driver was sent out to see what the situation was as regards sending all the nine vehicles away to commence the delivery. The report that came back was of the devastation we all now know. It was therefore decided to delay the start of the distribution. In the meantime, our Crowborough driver arrived back by foot with horrific stories of his journey.

As daylight arrived the winds subsided and it was considered safe to send the vans away to deliver the national newspapers to newsagents. The newspapers were rather late being delivered that day!

**R. Munday**



# PEMBURY IN THE PAST

## A local farmer remembers . . .

5.30am, 16th October 1987 – the wind had abated but it was still howling through the Beech Trees in the Coach Road. My



electric alarm and teasmid was not working – no electricity and I had 80 cows to milk! I got dressed in the dark hoping my pants were on the right way round. Collecting my farm torch, I ventured outside. The drive was littered with broken tiles, broken tree boughs, bits of roofing sheets and plastic. My first stop was to inspect the young stock in the buildings; they and the buildings were okay. Then the cows, who were beginning to rouse themselves, all seemed unperturbed, again damage to their buildings appeared to be minimal.

To work – I started the larger tractor with its greater horsepower and connected it to our generator. I switched on – lights! The generator provided enough power for the milking machine, milk pump, the electric milk motors on the bulk tank, water heaters and electric feeders. I finished the milking and feeding 15 minutes later than usual.

Being a rather mean farmer, the generator was not wired back to the house but the Rayburn in the house provided heat for cooking, water

heating and radiators. Tilly lamps and candles provided the lights. Our electricity and phone remained disconnected for 12 days!

The wind damage to the southern side of the house roof was extensive, a large number of Kent Peg tiles having blown off and broken. The east cowl of the roof was damaged beyond repair. The farm buildings, apart from a few roof sheets missing, survived remarkably well. The larger trees in the garden had blown down. Of our 20-year-old plantation of Poplars in the valley, the trees had either had the tops snapped off or screwed off by the circulating wind. To the south, many trees on the sky line had disappeared, enabling us to see houses at Cousley Wood and Wadhurst. Brecknock Toll, our main landmark view from the house, had been devastated.

Obviously the countryside will never be the same as it was before the Hurricane but it is always changing, either due to man's interference with the fashion of the day or the changing conditions of nature. The countryside views surrounding Pembury are second to none in the Weald – long may they remain so.

**Dick Miles**



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## WHO CAN REMEMBER?

In the last issue of this magazine I mentioned George Neil from Kent College. During the same period that George used to frequent the Royal Oak, that is in the 1950's and 60's, there was another local character called Pat Brown. Pat and his brother, whose name I cannot remember, lived in a cottage in the orchards at Hawkwell Farm. Both men were exceptionally short in height and it is Pat that I remember most.

He always wore short working boots, very often spats, a collarless shirt, an old jacket and an old mac. You never saw him without his cheese cutter hat.

In those days the bus used to run from Five Oak Green and back every two hours. The bus would pick Pat up at seven in the evening and drop him at The Royal Oak and pick him up again at 9 o' clock to take him back. The bus even used to wait for him outside the pub and sometimes the driver would enter the bar to see if he was ready or a customer entering the bar would inform him that the bus was waiting.

Pat did not drink a lot and always sat in the same seat in the corner by the piano. He always drank a pint of mild with a rum chaser and was the only person I have ever known who smoked a clay pipe. He told me one day that his mother had been a cook in the Big House and that she would start a stock pot over the fire in September, its contents including rabbit, pheasant and pigeon and this would keep going through the winter until April the next year.

It is rumoured that when Pat passed away hoards of unopened wage packets, his earnings from the Farm, were found underneath the bed. I think he was into his eighties when he died and I do not know when or at what age his brother died.

Does anyone remember ?

**Hugh Boorman**

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## PEMBURY MEN

**I**N THE last issue of this magazine Mr Raymond Burgess made a plea for information about his uncle – Albert William Prall. Mr Burgess has received no response from his plea but he has given me fuller details of his uncle in the hope that it may stir someone's memory. Although he did not know his uncle, he knew that he was killed in the battle of the Somme on 1st October 1915 aged 19. He has never even seen a photograph of him. Mr Burgess states that his uncle was born in Paddock Wood and then moved with his parents to Matfield and lived at Friars Lodge. As a teenager he obviously lived and worked in Pembury and indeed was on a list of 139 "Pembury Men serving in the H.M. Forces on Sea and Land in August 1915" which was published at that time by Baldwin, Printers.

A copy of the list of 139 Pembury Men serving in H.M. Forces on Sea and Land is reproduced on the centre pages of this magazine. If any reader knows of anyone on that list, the Editorial Committee would be very pleased to hear from them.

It was discovered through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that he originally enlisted at Tonbridge as Pte 3601 Royal West Kents but later was transferred into the 1st /20th Bn London Regt as Pte 6702. Research into official War Diaries at the Public Records Office

indicate that his uncle's regiment was sent out to the Western front on 9th March 1916 and his uncle was almost certainly involved in the third phase of the battles beginning on 15th September in which British tanks were used for the first time. His Regt was in action around the infamous Mametz Wood and at High Wood near Bazentin and later involved in the assault on Eaucourt L'Abbaye (once a farm on the site of an old Abbey) 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 commemorated on the famous Thiepval Memorial, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, along with over 72,000 of the missing.

Mr Burgess and his wife have recently returned from a tour of the Somme Battlefield and attended the 81st anniversary ceremony at Thiepval of the beginning of the battles on 1st July 1916 feeling that "the circle has now been closed: a debt of honour paid" but he still knows little about his Uncle as a person – where he lived and worked in Pembury, who his friends were; who he joined up with. With the extra information that Mr Burgess has been able to give it would be wonderful to hear from anyone who has any record or knowledge from those days – and above all, a photograph!

**Henry Plant**





# PEMBURY IN THE PAST

## Names of Pembury Men serving in His Majesty's Forces on Sea and Land.

AUGUST 1915

† Killed in action, or lost with ship.

1. AUSTIN, Lieut. P. J., Army Veterinary Corps.
2. CRAWFORD, Lieut. C. R., Royal Army Medical Corps.
3. COLLINGRIDGE, Lieut. W. R., Royal Army Medical Corps.
4. DAVIDSON-HOUSTON, Major J. H., Imperial General Staff.
5. DAVISON, Lieut. D. S., Adjutant, 2nd Lancers, I.A.
6. DAVIES, Lieut. L. H., Royal Garrison Artillery.
7. HEDGES, Lieut. W. P., Royal Field Artillery.
8. HEDGES, Lieut. A. D., Royal Field Artillery.
9. SMITH, Lieut. W. H. W., Royal Field Artillery.
10. ATTAWAY, E., Royal West Kent Regiment.
11. ANDREWS, W., London Cyclist Battalion.
12. AUSTEN, T., Royal Garrison Artillery.
13. AUSTEN, J., Royal West Kent Regiment.
14. AUSTEN, S., Royal West Kent Regiment.
15. ARNOLD, E., Royal Engineers.
16. ANDERSON, C., Royal Army Medical Corps.
17. BAMBLETT, W., The Rifle Brigade (4th Batt.).
18. BAMBLETT, A., The Royal Sussex Regiment (2nd Batt.).
19. BALDOCK, S., Royal West Kent Regiment.
20. BEECHING, Arthur, Royal West Kent Regiment.
21. BAITUP, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
22. BAITUP, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
23. BELLINGHAM, T., Royal Navy
24. BENNETT, G., East Yorkshire Regiment.
25. BOORMAN, T., Army Service Corps.
26. BRISTOW, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
27. BROTHERWOOD, v. H. W., H.M.S. Suffolk.
28. BURGESS, S. C., H.M.S. Eden.
29. BURGESS, E. G., Army Service Corps.
30. BROWN, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
31. CHANDLER, L., Royal West Kent Regiment.
32. CHACKSFIELD, G., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
33. CHATFIELD, A. W. L., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
34. CHATFIELD, C., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
35. CHATFIELD, G. A., Royal Naval Reserve.
36. CHOATE, R. P., Royal West Kent Regiment.
37. CHOATE, J. L., Royal Army Medical Corps.
38. CLARKE, F., Royal Engineers.
39. CLARKE, H., Royal West Kent Regiment.
40. COTTINGHAM, F., East Yorkshire Regiment.
41. COOPER, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
42. COLLINS, J., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
43. CASTLE, G., Royal West Kent Regiment.
44. CRAMP, J., Royal Navy.
45. COLLINGRIDGE, G., Royal West Kent Regiment.
46. COOK, F., Royal West Kent Regiment.
47. DRURY, H., Army Service Corps.
48. DOWSON, L. J., Sergt., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
49. EVEREST, G., 20th Hussars.
50. FORWARD, W. G., Army Service Corps.
51. FORWARD, J. H., The Royal Sussex Regiment.
52. FRY, C., Royal Sussex Regiment.†
53. FRY, J., Kent Cyclist Corp.
54. FRY, W., The Royal Fusiliers.
55. FULLER, W. J., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
56. FIELD, H., Motor Transport Driver.
57. GILES, S., H.M.S. Hogue.†
58. GILES, W., Royal Army Medical Corps.
59. GRAINGER, J., Royal Engineers.
60. GREENFIELD, A. E., Royal Field Artillery.
61. GORRINGE, G. C., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
62. GOLDS, S. Army Pay Department.

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63. GOLDS, F., The Royal Navy.
64. HARRISON, A., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
65. HOLLAMBY, J., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
66. HICKS, C., The Hampshire Regiment.
67. HARTRIDGE, F., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
68. HUMPHREYS, W. T., Royal West Kent Regiment.
69. JOY, B., Royal Sussex Regiment.
70. KEMP, L., King's Royal Rifles.
71. KENNARD, F. C., Army Services Corps.
72. KENNARD, Fred., H.M.S. Stour.
73. KENNARD, J., Driver, Army Services Corps.
74. KERWEN, G., Northumberland Fusiliers.
75. KEMP, H., Royal Army Medical Corps.
76. KEMP, T., East Yorkshire Regiment.
77. KEMP, F., East Yorkshire Regiment.
78. LAWRENCE, F., Quartermaster-Sergt., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
79. LAWRENCE, J., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
80. LAWRENCE, C., H.M.S. Hawke.†
81. LAWRENCE, H.
82. LINK, A., Royal Navy.
83. LEATON, A., Royal Naval Flying Corps.
84. MALTHOUSE, J., Army Services Corps.
85. MAY, Charles, Royal Garrison Artillery.
86. MAY, Thomas, Royal West Kent Regiment.
87. McQUEEN, A., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
88. MEPPEM, H., Royal West Kent Regiment.
89. MEPPEM, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
90. MERCER, H., 20th Hussars.†
91. MERCER, J. F., Royal Navy.
92. MILHAM, H., 7th Royal Dragoon Guards.
93. MORPHETT, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
94. OVENDEN, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
95. OSBORNE, J., Royal Sussex Regiment.
96. PANKHURST, J., Royal Sussex Regiment.
97. PENN, F., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
98. PENTECOST, Lance-Corpl. Thomas, Australian Contingent.†
99. POOLE, E. W., Quartermaster-Sergt., Royal West Kent Yeomanry.
100. PRALL, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
101. RAYNES, F., Kent Cyclist Corps.
102. RAYNES, J., Royal West Kent Regiment.
103. ROFE, S., Mechanical Transport Driver.
104. ROGERS, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
105. READER, T., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
106. ROBINSON, H., Royal West Kent Regiment.
107. RUSSELL, W. L. B., Gunner, Royal Field Artillery.
108. RUSSELL, G. D., Driver, Royal Field Artillery.
109. RUSSELL, G., Kent Cyclist Battalion.
110. RUSSELL, T., The London Scottish.
111. STEER, E., Royal Fusiliers.
112. SMEAL, R. W., British Red Cross Society (Friends' Ambulance Unit).
113. SMEAL, J. T. W., British Red Cross Society.
114. SKINNER, J. W., Army Service Corps.
115. SMITH, D. G., Sergt. Royal Flying Corps.
116. SMITH, F. J., Bombardier, Royal Horse Artillery.
117. STANDEN, J., East Yorkshire Regiment.
118. STANDEN, S., Royal West Kent Regiment.
119. STANDEN, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
120. STROUD, H., Royal Surrey Regiment.
121. STURT, H., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
122. TAYLOR, A. H. G., Army Service Corps.
123. THOMPSETT, J., Corpl., Royal Engineers.
124. TESTER, William, Royal Engineers.
125. TOWNER, A., Driver, Army Service Corps.
126. TWORT, J., Mechanical Transport Driver.
127. VERRELLS, A. T., Staff Sergt., Army Service Corps.
128. VATER, F. H., Royal West Kent Regiment.†
129. VATER, J. W., Motor Transport Service.
130. WAGHORN, A., Sergt., 7th Royal Dragoon Guards.
131. WELLER, G., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
132. WEST, W., Royal West Kent Regiment.
133. WEST, R., Royal West Kent Regiment.
134. WOOD, J. H., Royal Field Artillery.
135. WOOD, C., Royal Navy.
136. WOODS, Sergt. T. W., Army Service Corps.
137. WRAIGHT, H., Royal Navy.
138. YOUNG, A., Royal West Kent Regiment.
139. YOUNG, H., Royal West Kent Regiment.
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## 80 YEARS OF WENT KENT WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

IN 1998 the West Kent Federation of Women's Institutes will be celebrating 80 glorious years.

It was formed in 1918 with nine WI's. Today there are 194 WI's involving 7800 members.

Pembury has two groups – the Afternoon WI was formed in March 1920 and when this became too large for the Village Hall, the Evening WI was formed in October 1964. Both WI's have a membership of between 30 and 40 members and have a varied programme of talks, demonstrations and activities.

The WI is not just about Jam and Jerusalem which seems to be the media image of us. It is about offering women the opportunity to enjoy friendship, to learn, to widen their horizons and together to influence local, national and international affairs. The opportunities come from monthly meetings, county events and national events plus the opportunity to attend Denman College – the

WI's short-stay residential adult education college which celebrates 50 years of learning and laughter in 1998.

In the summer, the West Kent Federation is organising a Summer Festival at Tonbridge School for members and friends to commemorate its anniversary. They are also organising Steel Bands workshops, an evening about Container Gardening plus many day schools on various subjects.

If you are willing to get involved the Women's Institute is an exciting organisation. It is Today's Women working for Tomorrow's World and we would welcome you.

Contact me for more information – either ring me, or if you are a mum with under fives, ask me when you attend the Thursday Child Health Clinic at Waterfield House – I am the receptionist there. I hope to hear from you.

**Gillian Williamson**  
Hon Secretary, Pembury Evening WI

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## VANDALISM

Sadly, again we have to report that there has been a spate of vandalism around the village ranging from the damage to Pembury Football Club's goal posts at Woodside (repairs cost £250), damage to trees and plants in Coronation Gardens, plus the knocking down of the walls on the revamped football pavilion in the Recreation Ground.

A witness has come forward regarding Coronation Gardens and Woodside Playing Fields and if he is prepared to identify the offenders then police action will follow as will cases on behalf of the Pembury Parish Council and Pembury Football Club to recover some of the cost of the damage. Some of these offenders are now on borrowed time and I trust that their parents will take appropriate action when police action is taken.

Towards the end of November, the gate at Woodside Playing Fields was severely damaged by some idiot in a car who then proceeded to

do wheelies on the football pitch.

Whilst we acknowledge the desire to have permanent police presence in the village I can imagine their dismay and frustration at the lack of response to increase and strengthen the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. Perhaps more volunteers would come forward if the scheme was rehashed so that smaller groups of houses, say 8 or 10, were formed in the larger roads of the village. The task then would perhaps appear less daunting as far as co-ordination is concerned.

We cannot complain if we are not prepared to contribute a little effort, so if you have any ideas please contact the Police.

Let us see if we can make a dramatic improvement in numbers by the next issue of this magazine.

Remember, it is your property that is under threat.

**Hugh Boorman**

# A KALEIDOSCOPE IN CHURCH KNEELERS

for the Parish Church of St. Peter in the Woods – the Old Church

**W**ITH the blessing and support of the Vicar, the Parochial Church Council and the Friends of Pembury Parish Church and boosted by the thought of the millennium, we have decided to ask the people of Pembury and those with a link – however tenuous – to the Parish (Old) Church to help us furnish this church with new kneelers which are desperately needed. Very special kneelers – they will reflect the life of St. Peter's Church in Pembury, its signs and symbols, the community past and present, its triumphs, events, memories, celebrations, its buildings, clubs and organisations, its people and their occupations – an historic record in tapestry to be treasured and used in the Parish Church for generations to enjoy.

We are just a bunch of enthusiastic amateurs – please join us: we can learn and grow together. This is a project to involve the whole village, not just churchgoers.

You or your organisation or business may want to sponsor and work a kneeler yourself or would be prepared to donate a sum of £20, which we reckon to be the cost per kneeler, to have someone else work

the kneeler for you. Do come forward. Also some may find this cost prohibitive but have a design or picture close to their hearts; please contact us to discuss the matter.

These kneelers will be worked to your designs and ideas but within a set framework to create a feeling of togetherness and sense of belonging but if you are not a needle person there are so many ways to help us to get this project off the ground. You could donate the money to pay for one; others can raise the money at coffee mornings; photographs can be taken, frames made – the list goes on.

There are many churches who have undertaken such a project and in this respect we would thank all those at St. Mary's, Leigh and St. Luke's, Sevenoaks for their help and advice. We need your help to furnish the Old Church with such interesting kneelers that people will make a special visit to see them – this is a truly worthwhile adventure for the millennium and beyond – join us please – telephone Ann Toler on 01892 824071 for more details.





## CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

### St. Peters Church

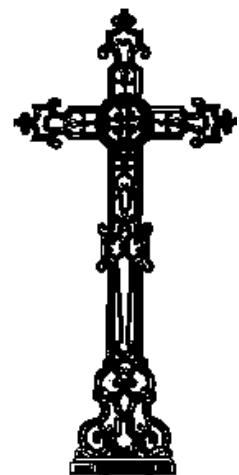
Saturday 13th December	7.30 pm	'Carols by Candlelight' at the Old Church
Wednesday 17th December	7.30 pm	WI Carol Service at the Upper Church
Sunday 21st December	6.30 pm	Carol Service at the Upper Church
Christmas Eve	5.00 pm	Crib Building Service at the Upper Church (children and families especially welcome)
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass at the Upper Church
Christmas Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion at the Upper Church
	9.45 am	Parish Eucharist at the Upper Church
	11.30 am	Holy Communion with Carols at the Old Church

### St. Anselm

24th December	7.30 pm	Carol Service
	8.00 pm	Mass
25th December	10.30 am	Mass

### Pembury Free Church

11th December	11.00 am	Playgroup Christmas Concert
14th December	10.00 am	Toy Service
21st December	10.00 am	All Age Christmas Celebrations
	7.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
24th December	11.30 pm - 12 midnight	Christmas Eve Communion
25th December	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service



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## GOURMET DELIGHTS

The Editorial Committee received the following letter from a parishioner

*“Shame on you for your sexual discrimination in inviting ladies to contribute recipes! I respond as a male in protest with a tasty, colourful and quick to cook dish in three parts. Although somewhat Chinese in form it does not need special ingredients but bean sprouts, bamboo shoots and water chestnuts can be used if desired.”*

1. Noodles – Put them dry in a large saucepan. Cover with boiling water and lid. Leave for 6 minutes – drain and serve.

2. Belly of Pork – 2 slices of belly of pork per person. Cut to bite size. Simmer in minimum of water. Drain. Keep the liquid. Fry pork in sherry with dark soy sauce and sugar. Do not let it burn. In a wok is ideal. Add more sherry and sugar as necessary and drops of retained liquid. Start with 1 tablespoon of sherry to 1 tablespoon of soy sauce and a pinch of sugar. Soy makes it salty, sugar and sherry reduces salt.

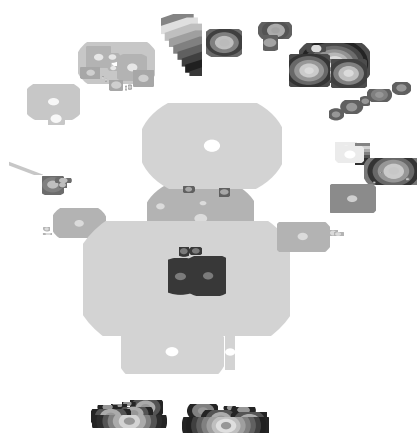
3. Chinese vegetables (as a separate dish):  
(a) Cut into bite size, a colourful mixture

of all or any of the following: carrots, cauliflower florets, mushroom, celery, peas, bean sprouts. Simmer in *as little water as possible* until *al dente* (soft). Do not overcook. Drain.

(b) Fry drained vegetables in a little oil. Add soy, pinch of salt, ground ginger and monosodium glutamate (accent powder). Latter is optional.

(c) Make a sauce with the retained water and cornflour and a spoonful of oil for a glaze.

(d) Add chopped raw green peppers and/or red and/or yellow peppers to sauce and pour it over the vegetables last. Colour should show through brightly. Serve pork with the vegetables and noodles.



**Norman Starkey**

### **Editor's Note:**

“Thank you Norman for being the first man to send in a recipe. Would you believe the wording in our last issue was our ploy to get men to send in recipes? No? I thought not! Our apologies to you and all other men; the wording was not intentional!

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## PEMBURY PLAYERS PANTOMIME

PUSS IN BOOTS will be coming to Pembury on 8th, 9th and 10th January to join his friends in the Pembury Players.

Tickets will cost £3.50 each with discounted prices for block bookings for the performance on 8th January – contact 823975.

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## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

**G**OOD weather helped to boost attendance at Pippins Country Fayre on 4th October last and thanks to the generosity of the farm's owners, Mr and Mrs Knight, as well as of several sponsors, a splendid profit of £2,522 went towards Pembury Hospice Link Group's latest target. The organisers, Wendy and Keith Stevens, had put in months of work arranging this event, assisted on the day by an army of volunteers who ran a wide variety of stalls and side shows to supplement the apple, wine and cider tasting and orchard tours. Among the helpers were members of Paddock Wood Lionesses and the Pearly King and Queen from Crowborough. Bosco's one-man circus with circus workshop was again a big hit with the children (not to mention adults!) while the innovation of a skiffle group and line dancing in the farmyard really added to the party atmosphere. If you did not get to Pippins this year, don't miss the 1998 repeat – Saturday 3rd October has already been booked!

Pembury Link Group has now raised £38,000 since April 1995 and needs just £1000 more to meet the full cost of its second target, the Pepenbury coffee room. The next big event is another pantomime by the Pembury Players in early January.

Their production of "Puss in Boots" has been made possible by sponsorship from local estate agent Denise Barnes. Both the Players and the Link Group are very grateful.

The building in Maidstone Road is progressing fast and, subject still to the successful completion of fundraising, should be finished in July. All the individual bricks bought and signed, by many Pembury residents among others, have been incorporated. If all goes well the first eight rooms will be open for patients before the end of 1998, with the remaining eight coming into use as and when back-up services are fully established and staff have been recruited and trained. Once fully operational the Hospice will cost £1.3m a year (at today's prices) to run, much of which will still need to come from community fundraising all over West Kent.

Despite its limited opening hours and bargain prices Pembury's Hospice Shop made a profit of £24,000 for the charity's general funds in its first year to September – a brilliant result largely due to a huge amount of work behind the scenes by Manager Sue Boreham and her loyal group of unpaid helpers.

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## PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS – MAKES THE NEWS!

THE PARISH COUNCIL entered one of the current issues of this magazine in a “Best Publication Award” held in October recently by the Local Council Review, the official journal of The National Association of Local Councils. Our entry won second place in a National Competition!

In their letter of congratulation the judges stated that they were much impressed with the entry and the hard work, innovation and commitment which had clearly been invested in the publication.

The award presentation details have yet to be finalised.

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## PEMBURY QUIZ

WHAT an evening – each year is just as nerve racking as the last for me. Will we get enough teams? Will there be enough chairs and tables? Who will sell raffle tickets? But luckily on the night it all works out and everyone seems to enjoy themselves.

Once again the Big A’s just pipped the Friends of Pembury Parish Church to the post, winning with 127 points. They have nominated the Association of Pembury Football Clubs and Pembury School to share the £270 raised.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped me to make the evening such a success.

**Betty Roberts**



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## NATURAL DECORATIONS

In the last issue of this magazine I welcomed suggestions regarding the use of natural things such as fir cones, leaves, bracken and twigs for Christmas decorations but I decided to have a go myself and, having collected a fair assortment of bits and pieces, the next task was to dry them. Some of these items were dried with a hairdryer and others were hung in the shed.

The main problem was getting the leaves to stay on the twigs from trees such as silver birch and beech but, having discussed the problem with the lady at Notcutts, she informed me that I should have cut these in August and hung them up to dry – back to the drawing board.

We have already painted some of the items in gold, silver and white and the end result is very pleasing. The paint comes in spray tins and some very fine wire can be obtained from good florists. So come on! Wellies on and exercise those legs. Good excuse to go for a walk and if some of you experts have got any other tips please send them in for next year.

**Hugh Boorman**

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## YOUR CLERK REPORTS

THOSE who venture into the Recreation Ground will have noticed the children's play equipment repainted in new smart bright colours. The painting was done by the Recreation Ground Warden, Mr Glazier, and thanks go to him for his imagination and hard work. The play equipment is inspected annually by a representative from ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) and I am pleased to report that this year the report has not revealed any significant problems. All action recommended has now been carried out.

Again talking of the Recreation Ground it is regrettable that the vandalism continues.

It does consume our resources. In an effort to provide a meeting place for youngsters a redundant bus shelter was erected in the Recreation Ground. However, it has suffered from vandalism on many occasions and the old adage "Cutting off their nose to spite their face" springs to mind. The topic is being addressed by those who are active in the area of young people. I trust they will get the support which is needed

Autumn has revealed several trouble spots with the street lights. Hopefully, the lighting is now in a reasonable condition. Only a small proportion of the lamps are the responsibility of the Pembury Parish Council: most fall to the Kent County Council. However, I will always pass on reports of faults. If you do report one to me it would help if you gave a good description of the location and if the light has a number in white on the column then at least the last three digits. One other source of concern is foliage covering street lights and making them less efficient. It is the responsibility of the householder to keep foliage cut back from street lights and, if requests to trim fail, KCC can have it cut back and send the bill to the householder! You have been warned!

Finally, I would like to thank all the many people who help the Parish Council and the Clerk's Office throughout the year, amongst them our three Borough Councillors, our County Councillor, officers of the Borough and County Council, Mrs Ditchett for holding the Princess of Wales condolence book, the volunteers who diligently deliver the quarterly Parish News and the many other people who are interested in the village and play an active part in the community.

**Barbara Russell**

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## THE LEAGUE OF THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

PEMBURY HOSPITAL FETE on August 23rd run by the League of Friends was, once again the most marvellous success. As you will remember, the weather in the preceding weeks had been scorching and we were hoping for fine weather but not quite so hot. In the event it was perfect – fine and dry in the morning but not so hot that people were tempted to go coastwise and warm and sunny in the afternoon which encouraged people to come and spend! – and they did!

Our goal was £13,000 to enable us to buy two items of equipment the Hospital wanted. The first, a foetal heart monitor for the maternity unit and the second an ambulatory blood pressure monitor for the medical unit. We knew very quickly that we

had achieved this and the total has now reached £16,200 with still a little more to come. As a result we have been able to purchase an additional foetal heart monitor for maternity.

We were all very upset by the unfortunate accident involving the mini train. However, I am pleased to be able to reassure you that there were no serious injuries as a result of the incident. The four people who were taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital were discharged later that same evening with only minor cuts and bruises.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do to support the Hospital and the League . . . and we hope to see you at the Fete next year!

**Diana Barber**, Chairman of Council

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# FOR YOUR DIARY

## JANUARY

- 2 Pembury Evening WI: Walking in the Wilderness – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers: Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 8 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 8
- 9 } Pembury Players Pantomime: Puss in Boots – Village Hall
- 10 }
- 12 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 12 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 13 Derby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 26 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 27 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

## FEBRUARY

- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Tray Bakes – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 9 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 9 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 14 Pembury Evening WI: Jumble Sale – Village Hall – 2pm
- 23 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 24 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

## MARCH

- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Mr Brian Higbee with Guitar – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Car Park – 2.15pm
- 9 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 9 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 16 Parish Council AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
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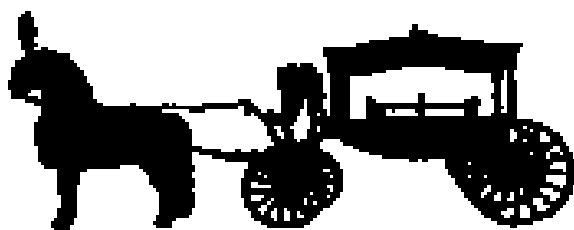
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