



# PEMBURY MATTERS

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## *The Pembury Society Newsletter*

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### **Your Chairman Reports**

Hello everyone. Here we are entering the last quarter of 2009, hasn't the past nine months passed by so quickly. We always seem to be so busy in our own affairs but can you just spare a couple of hours on the evening of **22nd October**. I can assure you it will be worthwhile for we have a most interesting speaker. He is Mr Jonathan Abbott, Project Manager for Laing O'Rourke, who will be giving an insight on the biggest project Pembury has ever known – the building of the new hospital. Please come along to listen and then enter into discussion. **Where? The Village Hall - at 7.45pm on 22nd October 2009.**

It will be a good evening - after the AGM business we will enjoy coffee and biscuits or wine and a chat, followed by the Speaker.

Looking forward to seeing you all and friends.

**Ken Watts**

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### **Notes on Kent and Sussex and Pembury Hospitals**

In 1837 building of the Workhouse at Pembury began, supported by ten parishes. It had a shaky beginning: the first Governor was drunk, the second was also unreliable and the third walked out! On 31st March 1930 its doors were closed. New life was brought to the buildings when Guy's hospital was evacuated there during World War 2. The foundation stone of the Kent and Sussex hospital was laid in 1932 in Culverden Park. One could not enter the new hospital unless you could prove that there was enough money to pay the bill and you had a clean change of clothes and soap.

Stop press! – Have you seen the local press? The NHS Trust has suggested that the name of the new hospital could be Royal Tunbridge Wells Hospital not Pembury Hospital as we have always known it to be. **What do you think the name should be?** Contact Ken Watts with your views.

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### **Nominations for Committee Members**

Nominations should be submitted in writing to **Ken Watts, 48 Romford Road, Pembury, TN2 4JE**, before the AGM. The agreement of the person nominated should first be obtained together with the names of the **Proposer** and **Seconder**.

**We nominate**

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**Proposer**

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**Seconder**

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## **Planning Applications in Pembury**

The number of new planning applications considered by the Borough Council since 1 January 2009 are similar to the same period last year.

There have been 3 applications which are worth noting and they are as follows:-

### **Garden land at the rear of 34, 36 and 38 Romford Road**

The Borough Council refused planning permission for the erection of 2 four-bedroom and 1 three-bedroom detached houses on this land.

### **The Priory Care Home Romford Road**

Following a petition and objections by residents in the area the applicants withdrew their application for the erection of a larger replacement care home for special long term care of people suffering from dementia. The new home would have provided 59 new units for patients.

### **Tesco Store Pembury Road**

The Borough Council are still considering the planning application for a new larger food store which will be twice the size of the existing store. The scheme will also include 306 Park and Ride car parking spaces and the provision of bus stop facilities.

*Les Cook*

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Our financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 saw The Society make a healthy surplus of income, the highest for several years, probably the highest ever at £529.39. Due to a small decline in membership our income from subscriptions was down from the previous year but this was more than offset by very generous donations received this year. So thank you to all those members and friends who kindly donated to our cause. The main reason for our healthy surplus, though, was due to much tighter control on spending. In particular we spent £300 less on meetings and activities this year than last. I'm sure this didn't compromise the quality of our biannual meetings but on the negative side there was no fete this year, saving us money compared to last year but leaving The Society without a major village event at which to raise its profile. Anyway we now have over £3000 accumulated surplus to carry on the work of The Society and we will hopefully be using some this towards a colourful new village sign in the very near future.

*David Moore*

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## **Pembury Eco Group**

As one of the aims of the Pembury Society is to protect the environment we welcome the formation of this new village organisation. This autumn the Group will be organising a series of talks from leading ecologists in the South East and beyond plus walks and field trips to observe and learn more about our local wild life. For further information contact Rick and Masha Bayles, e-mail [rick@bayles.demon.co.uk](mailto:rick@bayles.demon.co.uk).

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