



PEMBURY MATTERS

The Pembury Society Newsletter

Autumn 2011



Your Chairman Reports

Dear Members,

It is an honour to write to you for the first time as Acting Chairman. Following the resignation of Ken Watts, Les Cook, David Moore and Barbara Ballantine in April, there have been many changes to the committee members.

Before I begin, I would like to thank Ken, Les, David and Barbara for all the hard work and dedication they have put into the society. A particular thank you to Ken, who remains our acting Vice President, for his tireless efforts as Chairman over many years in keeping The Pembury Society such a strong voice within the village community.

The unveiling of the village sign was a great symbol of the effort that the committee has put in over a number of years. It leaves a lasting legacy of the contribution The Pembury Society has made to the village. Thank you to all of you for your support.

We move now to the new committee. We have 3 new members to the committee. Myself, Stephen Brooks and Hugh Boorman. I moved to the village 12 months ago from London and have a young family of 3. Stephen has lived in the village for 4 years and also has a young family. Many of you will know Hugh Boorman from his roles within the Parish Council and The Coach Road committee. We are grateful to everyone who has given up their time to support and work within the society.

With these changes, we have made a number of other changes within the committee, which I hope you will endorse, to our aims as a society and the roles within the committee. We wanted to build upon what had been achieved and ensure that our society played a central role in village life.

Our new aims are:

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

New ideas and actions will come out of our new aims, which you will hear about soon. The first of which is a new format to our Autumn Meeting which I am very excited about. Please come along and join in the debate. Do please bring along any friends who might like to come to this event also.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM.

Lea Owen

A Pembury Question Time

As the Chairman highlighted, we are changing the format of our Autumn Meeting this year, driven out of our aims to be an independent voice in Pembury and encourage community spirit.

We will be holding a “Question Time” event with a panel of key people who have an influence in our village.

The members of the panel are:

Cllr Kevin Lynes

KCC County Councillor for Tunbridge Wells East
Cabinet member for Regeneration and Economic Development

Sally-Anne Huang

Headmistress Kent College, Pembury

Cllr June Crowhurst

Chairman of Pembury Parish Council
Member of Borough Council

Simon Wilshaw

Inspector, Kent Police

Richard Calvino

Deputy Manager, Tesco Stores Ltd, Pembury

Questions on education, housing, planning, transport, retailing, roads, about our local area, will all be welcomed. This is your chance to ask the people who are in the know!

Questions can be e-mailed to membspemburysoc@aol.com or on telephone 822737.

Selected questions are read out to the panel on the night and the panel members are asked to respond. There will be an opportunity for an open forum too.

The AGM will start at 7.45pm in the Pembury Village Hall. Refreshments are provided.

Comments from our Promotions Officer

- We are at present working on updating The Pembury Society Website – www.pembury.org/society. It will be amended to reflect our new aims, new committee members, and will include details of the new ornamental village sign. The web site is kindly maintained by Steve Morton, who will be known to many of you. Although he has now moved to France, he is happy to update this information on our behalf.
- We will also be looking at the idea of a Welcome Pack for new residents in the village, which will be given out freely. This will include a variety of items, including a map of the village showing amenities and points of interest, list of local societies and general information. We will be looking for potential sponsors for this publication. If anyone can help with this, or has any ideas to include on the website or in the Welcome Pack, please e-mail me – richardssnow@tiscali.co.uk
- **Richard Snow**

Comments from our Preservation Officer

If The Pembury Society is to continue to promote Pembury as a pleasant place to live it is still important to monitor all planning applications. This does not mean the Pembury Society is against all development, just that which is deemed to be detrimental to the local environment. Some development is inevitable and is part of the continuing evolution of the village. Clearly most applications are uncontroversial and do not need our attention but there are some, such as the current proposals for the old garage site at the Green, that give rise to strong feelings among the residents of Pembury.

Comments from our Preservation Officer (cont)

The planning process means that any response by the public must be made within a very short time. It has been suggested that, in order for the true feeling of the members of The Society to be represented, a system of e-mail alerts be put in place to notify members of anything controversial and invite their comments. For this to work it will be necessary for as many members as possible to provide the membership secretary with their e-mail address. Responses to such alerts could then be incorporated into any comments The Society makes to TWBC planning department.

In the meantime the committee will continue to monitor planning applications as in the past. Also, anyone who has a particular local problem with planning can approach me for guidance on how to write to the TWBC planning department.

Kathryn Franklin

Comments from our Communications and Membership Officer

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| Current paid members | 430 | Honorary members | 13 |
| Other local Societies | 5 | Total | 448 |

We are now going to offer our newsletter by email to those members who wish to receive it by this method. Please email me on membspemburysoc@aol.com to request an email newsletter. We are also setting up a payment system where members can pay by standing order if they so wish.

I would like to thank the distributors/ collectors who do a brilliant job! We have a need for some new collectors on some rounds, so if you can help the society, please email or ring me, phone 822726.

Dave Osborn

Acting Committee

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Nominations for Committee Members to The Pembury Society

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Marie Williams, 56 Romford Road, Pembury, TN2 4JE, before the AGM on 20th October 2011. The agreement of the person nominated should first be obtained together with the names of the **Proposer** and **Seconder**.

We nominate

Proposer

Seconder

The Pembury Society AGM

followed by

Question Time for Pembury

Thursday 20th October at 7.45pm
Pembury Village Hall

Members and non-members welcome!

Panellists are:

Cllr Kevin Lynes – Kent County Council

Cllr June Crowhurst – Borough & Parish Council

Richard Calvino – Tesco Stores, Pembury

Sally-Anne Huang – Headmistress, Kent College

Simon Wilshaw – Kent Police

Come along and join in the debate!

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Or telephone 822737

Closing date for submission of questions: 12th October