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# CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the winter edition of Pembury Village News. I hope you are all managing to keep warm and dry, and are making use of the various coffee mornings and cafés available at the Pavilion (Monday morning), St. Peter's Church (Wednesday morning), Baptist Church (Thursday & Friday 9-4.30) to list the ones I know! I am sure there are other venues across the village offering warm spaces and low-cost food...

As I write this, we have just enjoyed another amazing fireworks display. We had a phenomenal attendance, and the timing of the fireworks to the music was simply awesome! The display gets better and better each year, and I hope you all had a fantastic night! Approximately £3,800 was raised which was fabulous – this will go towards Village Projects.

Our Remembrance Service took a slightly different approach, but I hope all found the service moving and respectful. Once again, a huge thank you goes to the fabulous team of volunteers who dress up our Village Green each year with their poppy tributes - the display improves

every single year. However, some of the poppies are fading and past their best, so if there are any



knitters or crocheters in the village who want a project, some new red poppies please! They can be any size or design, this year we had a new wreath made out of knitted poppies that looked brilliant. So please get knitting and crocheting to replenish and increase their stocks! Thank you.

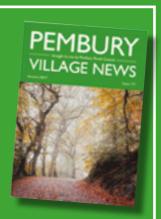
I hope you were able to attend the Carols on the Green and light switch on for our Christmas tree on the Green; it is so lovely driving past and seeing it all lit up at night. Speaking of which, I am REALLY looking forward to seeing all the house decorations and illuminations around the village – they are just wonderful and give me such joy!

Wishing you all a safe and warm Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards, Katy

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# INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR ..... ASTRA BIRCH

Hi Pembury! My husband and I moved to the village 12 months ago from Sevenoaks with our cat Bonsai and have honestly been welcomed with open arms. With no family in the area, we have had so much support from our wonderful neighbours, from the occasional emergency cat sitting to jump starting my car battery, getting seedlings passed over the fence for my new vegetable patch to borrowing all sorts of power tools for our home renovations. Although I've only been here a short while, I already love this village & the people in it and I am chuffed to call it home.

Local politics is something I've always been drawn to and it's an honour to have been accepted onto the Pembury Parish Council. I am currently on the Open Spaces Committee and the Community Events Working Group which are two areas of interest to me. We already have some brilliant events in the village and I'm excited to work with local residents to further add to our calendar.



I am originally from Worcestershire in the Midlands and have been in Kent for the last 9 years. I am a mortgage adviser and run a branch of my family's financial services company in Sevenoaks. My husband also owns a couple of gyms in the town, so we are both business minded. I'm heavily involved in the business community in Sevenoaks and am on the Next Generation Committee of the Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce which supports young entrepreneurs and professionals. I hope to bring this emphasis on young people and small businesses to Pembury – so watch this space!

# KENT COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE (KCWS)



I am delighted to introduce Sophie Marsh as the new Community Warden who will be working within Pembury. Sophie is a welcome addition to our Team and brings with her valued experience from her previous roles. Sophie has embarked on her duties with great enthusiasm, making in-roads into establishing herself within Pembury, introducing herself to community members and visiting groups; providing advice on a variety of matters and supporting residents with issues they have brought to her attention. The role as Community Warden has evolved over time, reflecting operational priorities and the changing nature of the communities we work within.

The purpose of the Community Warden role essentially remains the same i.e., to provide a proactive and visible presence... to improve residents' quality of life and promote stronger and safer communities.





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- Delivery of core Community Warden Service Priorities Providing a reassuring presence / support for our residents; responding to community needs; facilitating solutions to local concerns; and addressing issues of loneliness & social isolation.
- Undertake CSU tasks with / on behalf of partners to address identified local issues and concerns (inc. supporting community hubs during the Covid-19 recovery period).
- Deliver the scams project working with Trading Standards & Public Protection to visit and support scam victims in their own homes providing ongoing support as required.
- Working with partners, inc. Adult Social Care, to safeguard and support vulnerable individuals within their homes (inc. welfare visits, signposting, identifying opportunities for social prescribing / engagement, disseminating information and initiating referrals).
- Provide an operational and welfare response for communities in the event of an emergency, working with the Kent Resilience Team and other partners to support residents (inc. response to Ukrainian humanitarian crisis arising from conflict).

Examples of activities undertaken by Tunbridge Wells Community Wardens:

- Helped a resident with a debilitative condition access medical and social care support; offered advice regarding financial difficulties; and, highlighted amenities to ease social isolation.
- Shared a variety of advice through community meetings and events e.g., Paddock Wood U3A, Kingdom Café.
- Alerted Community Safety partners to the targeting of a highly vulnerable female by a former neighbour. Another similar incident involved potential financial abuse by a family member.
- Supported a 95-year-old victim of distraction theft who had been left badly shaken by this experience.
- Scam presentation to a group of residents inc. advice on dealing with unsolicited doorstep callers, rogue traders, and scam tactics.
- Arranged Community Safety Awareness event at Pembury Tesco (December 2022).
- The extreme heat prompted a rash of welfare and other issues that warranted Community Warden attention e.g., reporting water shortages and power cuts.

Sophie can be contacted by phone (07816 201643) and email (sophie.marsh@kent.gov.uk) should her assistance be needed.







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# PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL AND CLIMATE CHANGE



The exceptionally hot summer this year has hopefully started people thinking about climate change. All sorts of unwanted weather records have been broken and whilst many people will have enjoyed the lengthy spell of hot weather, the reality of the situation needs to be seriously appraised. The Parish Council is keen to be more proactive in addressing climate change, sustainability and biodiversity issues within both the community and its own activities and operations. We have, probably several decades too late, established a Climate Change/Environmental Working Group. The remit will be to review its own operations to work towards Net Zero and help the community reduce their carbon footprint where possible. One of the main points of this article is to get YOU - the person reading this to consider how YOU can make the small contribution that each of us needs to make to help save the planet. Additionally, how YOU can take steps to improve the environmental and ecological situation around the village.

We, the Working Group, need to get as much input from the Pembury community regarding steps that can be taken, and where the Parish Council can assist, if not directly, but by lobbying the various government levels to make a practical difference. We would also like to get to know what groups and individuals





are already doing, so that we could hopefully co-ordinate efforts and avoid any duplication.

There are 45 organisations listed at the back of this publication and I know several more informal groups that exist, any of which could be represented on the Working Group. We would love to get a broad spectrum of people involved so if you feel that your contribution might help, please contact Jon Webster on jon. webster@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or the Clerk on clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk and we can set up a meeting of interested parties and start to make a difference.

An example of action you might be able to take is if you know of or own unused land, this could be re-forested or rewilded (or at least a couple of native trees planted). Another, turning your central heating thermostat down a degree or two, or turning radiators off in little-used rooms. And lastly, consider buying a water butt to catch rainfall and minimise water usage. These can be bought for about £25 and fixed to or under roof drainage pipes and can be utilised in drier periods.

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Cllr Jon Webster



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Farm Café

9am to 1pm 2pm to 5pm

Pembury Library

10am to 12:30pm

Tuesday Club (over 60s) Baptist church

**10am to 4pm**Bluebell Café

# Wednesdays

9am to 5pm

Downingbury Farm Café

10am to

Little Rascals
Baptist church

10am to 4pm Bluebell Café,

10:45am to 12pm

St Peter's Upper Church

# Thursdays

**9am to 5pm**Downingbury
Farm Café

10am to 4:30pm

Kingdom Café Baptist Church

10am to 1pm
2pm to 5pm
Pembury Library

**10am to 4pm**Bluebell Café,
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# Warm Spaces In Pembury

# Fridays

9am to 5pm

Downingbury Farm

10am to 4:30pm

Kingdom Café Baptist Church

10am to 4pm

Bluebell Café Aspens

# Saturdays

9am to 5pm

Downingbury Farm Café

10am to 2pm

Pembury Library

10am to 4pm

Bluebell Café, Aspens

# Sundays

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# **MAYPOLE**

In response to the publication of 'Bygone Pembury', I would like to describe how Pembury School contributed to a piece of Pembury's history.

I taught at Pembury School for 25 years and ran a Country Dance club after school on Mondays. In 1979, the children performed their first Maypole Dancing display on the Village Green. Thereafter, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, on the first Saturday in May, the club danced around the maypole. The children chose their own May Oueen and she was crowned in a little ceremony by one of the boy dancers. We had great back-up from the school, the recorder club, the parents who made the colourful costumes and the staff who set up the music system. After I retired in 1994. Mrs Goode continued the classes followed by Mrs Gardner.



The most difficult dance was the Single Plait, where 12 dancers faced 12 partners and moved in and out of each other to wind up the plait. When the music changed, they would turn and dance the opposite way to unwind the plait. Maypole dancing by Pembury School continued on the Green until 2011.

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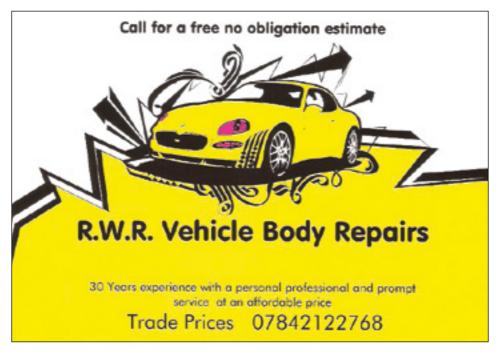
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# OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE BARNSTER

We are blessed with many miles of public footpath to explore in the wider parish area of Pembury just a stone's throw from our homes. I have spent many hours out and about exploring them with the Barnster.



From May to September the heavy clays forming much of the ground along many of these paths is as hard as concrete providing a firm footing for walking and exploring. But as the autumn takes hold, this same ground morphs surprisingly guickly into something more akin to Oxtail soup! Coupled with the darker days of autumn these public footpaths through woods, fields and orchards can still be great at the weekend. At such times it is possible to head out in wellies with time to wash down any accompanying dogs on return but at this time of year they become less suitable for short easy walks during the working week.

For shorter walks there are other options even closer to home that can be taken without the mud and the darkness of the woods. With the various pedestrian cutthroughs and twittens we have here in Pembury there are many circular walks possible for getting out for a breath of fresh air, a jog or exercising our fourlegged friends for those of us who have them.

For good mental health, experts advise that it is good to go outside everyday, even just for a few minutes, leaving the mobile phone indoors and just taking in the surroundings.

There are many options for circular walks around the village and devising your own is easy with the help of the new 'Pembury ...and beyond' map. The map is available from the Parish Council Offices at the Recreation Ground for £2.00 (open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10am - 1pm).

Just one possibility is shown below. Using cut-throughs T6, T8, T12, T13 and T16 most of the walk on this circular route is away from the main roads passing through the village and includes a section of public footpath that is less muddy even in winter.



It is possible to walk around the perimeter of the recreation ground using hard-surfaced footpaths.

When taking even a short walk around the village it is surprising how often you see some really interesting aspect of nature. Only yesterday while taking this circular walk around the village I witnessed the honking and sight of overflying migrating geese.

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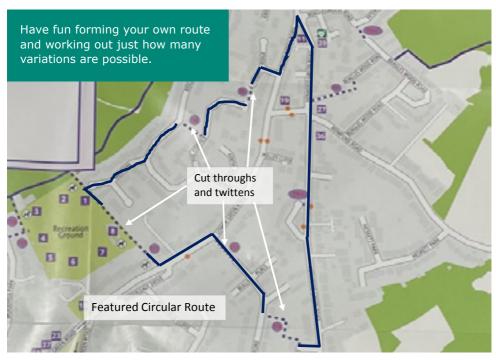






# OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE BARNSTER continued





# **NEW FOOTPATH MAP LAUNCH!**

The Parish Council launched its new footpath map in the summer and has proved to be very popular.

It is a double-sided publication – one side showing the urban map including details of the many twittens and the other side is the more familiar footpath map. It can be purchased from the Parish Council office (in the Recreation Ground) between 10am and 1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for £2.

The map can also be downloaded from the Parish Council's website – www.pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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There is a link on the website giving detailed information about the condition of individual footpaths. There is also a QR code on the map which takes you to the relevant web page.



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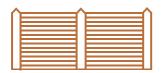
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# PEMBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Pembury community coffee shop is flourishing with new volunteers swelling our gang of cake-makers and busy Monday mornings in the pavilion. A particularly big "thank you," goes out to David Sellman who joins us every week to help set out the tables and chairs and then put away again, and to Tesco who kindly donated £20 to help us buy provisions.

Having enjoyed so many weeks of beautiful weather, we have been welcoming many dog walkers who use the tables and chairs which are set up outside. There is always water and a few dog treats! If you want to complete the morning walk with your four-legged friend by stopping and chatting over a coffee and cake, we look forward to seeing you.

On 26 September, we held a Macmillan coffee morning laying on extra cakes, and making sure there were plenty of chairs to accommodate all.



We are delighted to say that, thanks to the amazing Pembury community, £318 was raised to go to this excellent cause. This is over and above funds raised throughout this year that will be donated to local charities. Our next newsletter will give details of which charities will receive the money that you in Pembury have helped to raise.

Don't forget, Monday mornings from 9.30 to 12noon in the pavilion you can enjoy coffee, tea or a cold drink with a slice of cake or, as the days grow cooler you may wish to have hot chocolate and a toasted tea cake or crumpet. For anyone with dietary needs, there are usually dairy and gluten free cakes too. Come and keep warm for a morning while chatting to friends and making new friends whilst knowing that you are also contributing to helping local charities. We look forward to to seeing you soon.

Meg Milne









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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday service was once again very poignant and it was lovely to see so many people in attendance. Changes were made this year to the service with the youngsters playing a much bigger part.

The displays of poppies and silhouettes are absolutely fantastic – even better this year and thanks must go to Angela Mason and her team - Richard Davis who made all the silhouettes, Chris Mason, Val Coombes, Jenny Lambert, Susan Sharp and Margaret White who put on the amazing display. The team would like to thank David and Neil from Tate Fencing for their donations of wood for the silhouettes and also Jason, manager of Wickes Tunbridge Wells for donating wooden stakes to support the silhouettes.

Huge thanks must also go to Bob Groom from the Royal British Legion who coordinates the Poppy Appeal in Pembury. This takes up an extraordinary amount of his time and effort. Official figures show that £19,379.73 was raised - £13,498.03 of this at Tesco. Thank you to Jane Rabbetts, Tesco's Community Champion and all her wonderful volunteers. If anyone would like to get involved next year, please pop in and see Jane.







# We can't KNOW everything....

We try and keep up with social media to know how people in the village feel and what is worrying them but can't guarantee to see every post. If there's something you think we should know about, please email us on clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or call us on 01892 823193.

# We can't SORT everything....

Some of it we can, some is down to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, and other bits are the responsibility of Kent County Council. It can be very confusing who does what, if in doubt either check our website or ask us!

# We can't THINK of everything....

Although we have very inspirational councillors who come up with some brilliant ideas to improve our community, or solve problems affecting residents, we always welcome new ideas. The Christmas Tree on the green was a suggestion from Facebook – and look how great that turned out!

# We can't DO everything....

We still have some vacancies for Councillors, if you think you can help make a difference to our village please get in touch. The workload isn't onerous, you can join as many (or few) Committees as you want, and it is such a great feeling being able to make our village better for everyone!

Tidied up the war memorial and purchased aggregate to place around the edges

Christmas tree & lights

Worked in partnership with others to organise Remembrance Sunday Repairs to the playground equipment

New taps and allotment plot numbering

# A SELECTION OF WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS BEEN DOING...

Climate Change Working Group set up





Met the Police & Crime Commissioner to discuss concerns

Organised the Christmas Carols on the Green

# ...SINCE THE LAST PVN WAS PUBLISHED



Met Greg Clark to discuss solutions to A21 rat running

Cleared brambles and planted wildflower seeds at the Bo Peep gateway Represented the parish Council on Village Hall, Pavilion & Almshouse Committees

Councillors held various drop in sessions in the village

Refurbished various village memorial benches



submitted to TWBC

Research into a Fruit Tree avenue



# WHIRLWIND AT THE ALLOTMENTS!



A really strange thing happened when my son Beni was at the allotment back in the summer - there was a mini-whirlwind; well not that mini really as it up-ended an allotment holder's shed!!!

The day was calm with just a slight breeze and Beni was making a new door for our polytunnel. He had the pieces of wood he wanted to use laying on the ground beside him. Suddenly there was a whooshing sound in the trees at the bottom of the allotment site and they were twisting and turning. A vortex started to make its way up the hill directly towards Beni. He grabbed his tools and dashed into the tunnel. The pieces of wood were whisked up and tossed around by the wind along with the dried grass on the plot beside ours. David's shed

flipped over and the whirlwind moved on up the hill then petered out. Beni took some photos and you can see the vortex with the dried grass guite clearly against the background of the dark oak trees at the top. Beni went over to Derek to ask him if he had seen it; Derek said he had just sat down to work out what had just happened! If Beni hadn't been there, you would have thought that the 'hooligans' had been back! When Henry, the guy below us, came later that day, that is just what he thought because his beans were all roughed up and a frame, which he had made had a leg snapped off. David's shed looked like a scene out of The Wizard of Oz, just no witches legs in striped stockings! Weird....

Glenda Richardson



# Puss in Boots At Pembury Village Hall

Don't miss our feline foe fighter in action against a dastardly ogre as he helps his master try to win the hand of the beautiful Princess!!

Thursday 5 / Friday 6 January at 7.30pm - all tickets £5 Saturday 7 January at 2.30pm - all tickets £5 Saturday 7 January at 7.30 pm - adults £8, children £5

A Lazy Bee Pantomime by TLC Creative

# PEMBURY SOCIETY

The Pembury Society members and friends met again in October for an enjoyable evening in St. Peter's Upper Church, when the main topic was sharing the journey of the publication of the Society's book "Bygone Pembury". Members of the committee introduced various aspects of the themes and essays, and ideas were discussed for a possible Volume 2. Members had previously received their free copy of the book, and I was able to report that sales to non-members had been going well, and copies continue to be available at Barnes Kingsnorth and the Black Horse.

The meeting proceeded with a short AGM, the accounts having been circulated to members, and members of

the committee were re-elected for the coming year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 2023 when we shall have some of our representatives of the Parish, Borough and County Councils speaking about their respective roles and how these bodies serve our community. Our usual Q and A will no doubt be lively! All members and visitors (£3) are welcome at the meeting.

Membership details and much more can be found on our website: www. pemburysociety.org

We look forward to seeing you then.

David Hanes (Chairman)

# INFORMAL CHATS WITH RESIDENTS

Councillors have introduced a new opportunity for residents to speak to them about issues in the village. They regularly visit the Kingdom Café in the Baptist Church and heard residents' concerns about a variety of issues in the village from parking to overgrown hedges and anti-social behaviour. If you have an issue that concerns you or you would like to know who to report it to, please contact us:

01892 823193 or clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk





From left to right: Cllr Graham Hall, Cllr Astra Birch, Community Warden Sophie Marsh, Cllr Patrick Gillan and Cllr David Reilly

# CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

It poured with rain on the due date of the arrival of the Christmas tree so unsurprisingly it was put off until it was at least dry.

Thursday 24 November was the day. The tractor and trailer with the 22ft tree duly arrived and as this was the second year that the same supplier was used, the contractors knew what they were doing and it went up very easily and quickly (not like last year when the help of the local binmen was not only welcomed but vital!!)



# CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN continued







## PEMBURY U3A

In October, 49 Pembury U3A members went by coach to London to see a matinee performance of The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre. It was an amazing show and everyone had a great time. We all left the theatre feeling good and there was a lot of happy chatter on the way home. Our next planned theatre trip is Fisherman's Friends, The Musical at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, which seems a popular choice as all the tickets sold very quickly.

I am Bev - the U3A Trips and Events Coordinator, working with teams of dedicated people who arrange a variety of outings and holidays for all members. Since Covid restrictions were relaxed, we have been to five London shows, enjoyed holidays in Scotland and Northern Ireland, walking holidays near Symonds Yat, Herefordshire and in September this year, we stayed in St. Ives, Cambridgeshire. From there we travelled a short distance to walk along the River Cam, visited the Fens and passed through many quaint and interesting villages. We also had time



to visit Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property with outstanding gardens and some of us looked around Cambridge. Going away with like-minded people gives us the opportunity to get to know each other better and enjoy fun and laughter with those we maybe don't come into contact with much at home.

The outings & holidays are open to all members, as are the numerous interest groups which are held during the week.

If you are retired or semi-retired, take a look at the website www.pemburyu3a. org. If you would like to join us, please email membership@pemburyu3a.org

Bev Hougham

# COMMEMORATIVE OAK TREE FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Further to residents' requests, the Parish Council has agreed to plant an Oak Tree on the village green to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II. The tree has been delivered along with a decorative tree guard and will be planted over the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone for suggesting this lovely idea!

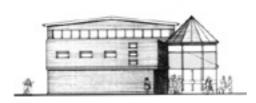
Look out for details on our social media pages about the planting of the tree.







# PEMBURY VILLAGE HALL - ACOUSTIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME



The Village Hall Management Committee recently embarked upon an ambitious scheme to improve the very poor acoustics caused by too many hard surfaces in both the main hall and the meeting room.

The committee engaged a company called The Woolly Shepherd (TWS) Ltd to carry out an acoustic survey and then to design improvements to reduce the sound reverberation. The primary aim was to improve the clarity of speech whilst retaining enough resonance for music.

The solution proposed by TWS was to install a number of suspended woollen

panels under the ceiling of the main hall and a similar arrangement on a smaller scale in the meeting room. It was carried out at the end of August since when the village hall users have been able to hear themselves speak much more clearly in both rooms and to enjoy better sound quality for musical events.

The scheme was partly funded by a generous donation from our local County Councillor, Paul Barrington-King from his combined Members grant.

The hall and meeting room are both well used but there is still some space in the diary. The facilities are available for hire to any inhabitants of the Parish of Pembury and at a discounted rate for regular users. For further details contact the booking manager on pemburyvh@gmail.com or 07983 228181.

James Whitehorn
[On behalf of the PVH Management
Committee]

# FUNDING AGREED

The Parish Council are delighted to help support good causes in Pembury!! They have agreed to help the Pembury Baptist Church expand their Community Larder and contribute to the Pembury Scouts and Guides' project to improve accessibility at the scout hut with their new toilet and shower facilities.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

Scouts joined the nation in mourning the loss of our beloved monarch and Patron, HM The Queen. Her outstanding example of service, encouragement and kindness was an inspiration to us all. We will remember her for her kindness and for the encouragement she gave to our Scouts over many decades. She was truly a friend to Scouts everywhere. We promise to honour her memory and carry forward her legacy into the future. Richard Alfieri – Group Scout Leader.



Beaver Colony

We returned in September with the sad news of the Queen's passing, so we made some floral tributes to her. We had a brilliant tour of Pippins apple orchards with farmer David Knight - we even had the opportunity to pick some apples and take them home. Next up, we were lucky enough to have local firefighter (Nigel Dresman) visit the colony to talk about his job and teach some basic first aid skills. Various parts of the Challenge Award badges were covered with a skills night, including learning about diet, and we finished learning about the Green Cross Code. The main highlight of the term was our first sleepover for some time, earning the Beavers their Nights Away #1 badge. For some Beavers it was their first time away from home overnight and they all did brilliantly! We had a fish and chip supper, campfire with singing and s'mores, games and activities inside the hall (due to thunderstorms) and watched the Jungle Book. Huge thanks to all the leaders involved from across our Scout Group! One noteworthy achievement, Liam Mitson gained his Chief Scout Bronze Award - the top award in the Beaver section. Well done to him!

### Cub Pack

Our Autumn term started off with Cub camp at Adamswell - our District site near Langton Green. It was our first camp since the pandemic and for many it was their first experience sleeping under canvas. It certainly didn't disappoint! Despite setting up in the rain on the Friday, the weather stayed dry for the rest of the weekend. On the Saturday, the Cubs hiked to Groombridge and enjoyed an afternoon at Groombridge Place exploring the site, enjoying the play areas and birds of prey experience before hiking back to the campsite. After dinner, a traditional campfire and sing-song before bed. On Sunday morning the Cubs split into groups, each getting a chance to enjoy tomahawk throwing, woggle making, and completing the site assault course before packing up and going home. It was terrific to get back to camping again and we are looking forward to the next camp already! As a pack we visited Pembury church to all sign the book of condolence for the passing of our Queen; many thanks to the Vicar Richard for allowing us access to the church.

### Scout Troop

At last, back under canvas, many of the scouts having not camped at all due to the Covid hiatus. We had a brilliant camp in the field next to the Cubs at Adamswell in



September. We were determined the scouts would get back to some basic camping skills. They built fires and cooked for themselves in each patrol. For one evening meal they had a budget of £25 and they had to entirely plan and deliver it themselves, and we can confirm having tried them all that they were excellent. The picture left shows one of the patrol's 'spag bol' with potato wedges cooking merrily away. At the end of camp, they took down and packed away their heavy canvas patrol tents in fortunately lovely dry weather. We paid our respects to the Queen, our patron, with a minute's silence in our first week back and renewed our promise to King Charles III. We've started our astronomy and model makers badges and we are looking forwards to fireworks!

# 2ND PEMBURY RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

ASS.

The autumn/winter term is always an exciting and memorable one. Vibrant colours all around, the wind whipping up fallen leaves, nights drawing in, pumpkins, bonfires, poppies and the promise of tinsel beckoning, all provide an abundant choice of activities to take part in.

Both units, joined by their family members, visited St. Peter's Church to sign the Book of Condolences for the Queen. It was a very poignant and emotional moment – the Queen has been the Patron for Girlguiding for so long that it felt fitting for us all to be together to pay our respects.



The Brownies have recently had an opportunity to fly owls at dusk, which was so atmospheric and incredibly special. They've also tried their hand at lawn bowls with the kind help of members from our very own village club. They've worked on interest badges and skills builders which have provided an opportunity for lots of fun and learning. Some of our girls were fortunate enough to take part in the County-organised water fun day at Tonbridge, getting to try out paddle boarding, kayaking, rowing and rafting.

As I write, we still have the Remembrance Parade and Service ahead of us, as well as a night of ten pin bowling, lots of Christmas craziness and another six girls on the cusp of being presented with their Brownie Gold Award.



The Rainbows have been no less busy, creating their own sundials, making passports for their teddies and taking them on adventures all over the world, as well as celebrating Apple Day by learning about our orchards and getting to taste six different varieties of locally grown apples. They also painted apple bird feeders which they have taken home to help look after the wildlife over winter.

The Rainbows will take part in the Remembrance Parade and Service too and have a special Girlguiding screening of 'Matilda the musical' to look forward to in December, where they will be joined by lots of other local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We have lots of Christmas songs, games and crafts planned and our end of term will peak with a spectacular night at the pantomime, watching Beauty and the Beast at the EM Forster Theatre.

Amanda Baker

# PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW 2022

The Society was on the brink of cancelling its autumn show as the excessive summer heat continued to dry out and burn developing vegetables and flowers; the final straw seemingly would be the introduction of water restrictions.

It was then that divine intervention came from the heavens when the zodiacal constellation summoned "Aquarius – the water bearer" to resume duties! The rains came and continued. Life returned to our scorched gardens, lawns and allotments and to everyone's relief, plants recovered. The autumn show was able to go ahead for the first time since 2019 and what a success it was!

In the flower classes, Doug Drury's chrysanthemums were truly magnificent, attracting many appreciative comments. Dahlia classes were much better supported than expected where Derek Parks won the silver medal and Jean Sudell, again making the lengthy return trip from Shoreham-on-Sea to support the Society, winning the bronze medal with a mixed vase of collarettes.

Fruit entries were more numerous this year whilst Brian Fryer found entries for the smaller flower classes and pot plants. Sarah Clarke came up with a stunning 'sun-set' to win the photographic section.

Mel Karpinski's cookery skills prevailed and enabled her to win the Society award. Ann Tyson came up with lovely handicraft exhibits to win the Geoffrey Theobald Cup.

Brenda Penfold again demonstrated her floral art skills winning the best exhibit certificate and obtaining most points in section award.

It was inevitable there would be a shortfall in entries of vegetables – carrots, beetroot, runner beans and potatoes all being severely affected by the extreme heat but Brian Fryer 'dug deep' to win the George Sturgeon cup for a collection of vegetables. A highlight in this section was the delighted response of long-term member, but first-time exhibitor Nigel Saunders, to the judges' marking of his well-presented dish of five red onions which really did have the 'wow' factor!

Not perhaps our best ever show but so much better than could ever have been envisaged. The Society thanks all exhibitors for their efforts particularly those coming from Shoreham, Swanley, Larkfield and Maidstone.

We are looking forward to staging our 2023 show on Saturday 25 March in the Village Hall and hope you will come along to see the spring flowers and produce whilst helping to ensure the traditional village flower shows continue to thrive.

Seasons greetings to all readers.

Derek Parks, Show co-ordinator.







# PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY continued



### Trophies and Medals

Vegetables	
George Sturgeon Cup	Brian Fryer
H Bishop Award	Brian Fryer

Chrysanthemums	
John Baggeson Cup	Doug Drury
Bernard Reeve Challenge Cup	Doug Drury
NCS Silver /Bronze medals/certificates	Doug Drury

Dahlias	
NDS Silver medal / certificate Variety 'Greenways Zoe'	Derek Parks
NDS Bronze medal/ certificate	Jean Sudell
Most points in Dahlia classes – Society award	Derek Parks

Miscellaneous flowers	
Kent Federation Certificate	Brian Fryer

Cookery	
Society award	Mel Karpinski

Handicraft	
Geoffrey Theobald	Ann Tyson
cup	

Annual awards 2022	
RHS Banksian medal	Brian Fryer
Dr D Waterfield award	Brian Fryer
Dr D Waterfield certificate	Derek Parks

# KENT FEDERATION OF HORTICULTURE AUTUMN SHOW 2022

Exhibitors Doug Drury, Brian Fryer and Derek Parks represented the Society at the County Show with creditable success.

Doug's Chrysanths again prevailed winning him the Tiarks Cup and the Federation Trophy certificate and rosette for the best exhibit and vase in show.

The Barry Ridsdale Challenge Cup for pom-pom Dahlias was won by Derek Parks using the variety 'Arthur's Memory' – the last raising by the late Society and National Dahlia Society winner – Arthur Dashwood.

The Society entry in the affiliated Society class for four listed items was unplaced this time but far from disgraced – a couple more points would have done it!

### **OUT AND ABOUT CLUB**



Forty-six members of Pembury's Out and About club enjoyed a guided tour of some of the Romney Marsh churches. Our knowledgeable guide regaled us with fascinating facts and folk tales. The church in the photograph is St Thomas a Beckett Church at Fairfield. For more information about our trips please contact Sue Giles on 823318



# **ECONOMY COOKING...**

It's a sad fact that many people are having to rely on food banks to survive and now, with the cost of electricity and gas ever-rising, things aren't going to get any easier.

My mum and dad were pretty hard up when I was growing up but my mum was brilliant at making something from nothing so I thought I'd share a few of the things she taught me in the hope that some people might benefit.

Rule 1 was NEVER light the oven for one thing. Jacket potatoes are cheap and filling but by putting them in the oven on their own you waste in gas what you save on food. Mum's favourite thing was to cook a rice pudding or a casserole for the next day at the same time.

Rule 2 was NEVER throw anything away. In those days most people had a mincer that was attached to the kitchen table and on a Monday, mum would put everything through it that was left from

the weekend. When I say everything I mean everything! Meat, veg, roast potatoes, scraps of cheese, you name it, if it was in the larder (we didn't have a fridge) it went through the mincer and was then put into pastry for our favourite dinner....Economy Pie! It was always delicious and never tasted the same twice. I still make it partly because I like making pastry and partly because my family love it too. Try it, you don't need a recipe and you can always cheat by using ready-made pastry for roughly £1.25.

Rule 3, make soup! It doesn't sound very appetising but every bit of a vegetable that didn't go in the saucepan was left aside and boiled later to make soup. Here I'm talking cauliflower and cabbage stalks, carrot and parsnip ends and bean stalks. All were boiled together for about 20 minutes with a few potatoes to thicken it. We never had anything as exotic as a blender so it went through a sieve, a few herbs added, and was served with chunks of bread and butter!

# ECONOMY COOKING... continued

One of my own ideas is to make "pesto". It's nothing like the real thing and I started making it because I like the bags of mixed leaves you get from the supermarket but nobody else does so they quickly go off. I put them in the blender with a couple of drops of oil, some garlic, a squirt of lemon if I've got one and plenty of salt and pepper. I like having a basil plant in the kitchen so I add a few leaves of that too. If you boil pasta which is really cheap and toss it in around in the mixture you have a very cheap, filling meal for next-to-nothing.

Bearing in mind that this column is for the people of Pembury I've based my suggestions on shopping bought from Tesco with a Club Card. If you haven't got one, can I suggest that you apply for one a.s.a.p - the difference in the bill is amazing.

# Shopping list

	1	T	1
3 large onions	30p	Tin tomatoes	45p
Bag carrots	45p	Pack spaghetti	23p
Potatoes	£1.09	400g Cheddar	£3.00
Cabbage	62p	Bag long grain rice	45p
Large mushrooms	85p	15 eggs	£1.49
750g minced beef	£4.20	Apples (reduced)	66p
Baked beans	40p	Custard powder	50p
Pack pastry	£1.25	Milk	£1.25
TOTAL £17.19			



Fry 2 of the onions with all of the beef and a little gravy browning then put half aside.

Boil carrots and add to the mince and cook until the meat is done. Boil and mash potatoes for topping. Serve with cabbage.

Add tomatoes and mushrooms to the remaining meat add garlic (not on the list). Cook for approximately 30 minutes and serve with spaghetti. Top with a little grated cheese.

Bake the larger potatoes left in the oven at the same time as a rice pudding. Serve them with grated cheese and baked beans. Boil the smaller ones and cut into cubes. Make an omelette with as many eggs as you need depending on how many are eating and add the potatoes plus any other cooked vegetables you may have around to make a cheat's frittata!

Gently cook sliced apples for a few minutes than put into a pie using the ready-made pastry and serve with custard.

I know a lot of this is very basic but if you're not used to cooking, I hope the ideas help.

# THE HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM HILL AND SONS ORGAN INSTALLED AT PEMBURY OLD CHURCH



It was in the year of 1872 that the highly respected and well-regarded organ builders William Hill and Sons built and installed the modest sized, single manual pipe organ in Pembury Old Church. Newspaper records of the time show that the opening recital was given by Dr W Amps who was a noted organist from King's College, Cambridge.

For many years the installation date was believed to have been 1877 until a complete restoration in 2006 uncovered a note inscribed on the bellows reading J. A. Eagles No. 2, 17th September 1872 set the record straight. History tells us that John Eagles would have been employed by William Hill and Sons around this time.

After its installation, the organ gave several decades of sterling service and was cleaned and repaired in 1900 most probably by organ builder P Beach (also uncovered during the major restoration works in 2006). Hand pumping continued for many decades up to the 1950s when

an electric blowing plant was installed, although the hand pumping gear still remains in situ to this day.

In 1962 the amalgamated organ building company Hill, Norman and Beard (HNB) restored the organ again. One of the benefactors enabling this work was believed to have been Edith Mary Rideout, who was a member of the Old Church congregation for many years.

After a further 44 years of service, organ builders Martin K Cross (now Sheppard and Cross) followed in the footsteps of previous restorers such as HNB, undertaking a complete restoration in 2006. I think it is a testament to Hill and Sons that for a relatively small instrument that the specification is so complete and suitable for its setting being more than adequate for accompanying hymns and other music required.

Sam Baldock

Photo kindly supplied by Mark Arnold





Where	Date and Time	Service		
St. Anselm's	Sunday 18th 6:30pm	9 lessons and carols		
	Christmas Eve 3pm	Children's Nativity service		
	Christmas Eve 5pm	Vigil Mass		
	Christmas Eve 11:30pm	Midnight Mass		
	Christmas Day 8am	Mass of the dawn		
	Christmas Day 10am	Mass of the day		
Pembury Baptist Church	Saturday 3rd 11am-1pm	Messy Christmas		
	Sunday 18th 4.30pm	Live Action Nativity		
	Sunday 18th 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight		
	Christmas Eve 11.30pm	Communion Service		
	Christmas Day 10am	Celebration Service		
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St. Peters Church Upper Church (UC) and	Sunday 27th Nov 6pm	UC Candlelit Taize Service for Advent		
Old Church (OC)	Sunday 11th 6pm	UC Village Carol Service		
	Sunday 18th 9.30am	UC Christingle Service		
	Sunday 18th 6pm	OC Nine Lessons and Carols		
	Christmas Eve 4pm	UC Crib Service		
	Christmas Eve 10pm	UC `Midnight in Bethlehem' – Communion Service		
	Christmas Day 10am			
	Christmas Day 10am	OC Christmas Communion (Traditional language)		

# **Protect yourself and others** against rogue traders

Most people who call at your home are genuine. But sometimes people may turn up unannounced and try to sell you services or items you do not want or need or carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.

If you're concerned about someone calling at your home, don't open your door.

### You can:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you
- Get three written quotes
- Ask family and friends for recommendations
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

# Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:







Get the latest 🦠 scam advice: @KentPoliceECU

# Pressurised selling on your doorstep is a crime and you can report it:

- kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards or call 0808 223 1133
- For advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/
- Follow @kent\_ECU or email kfas@ecis.police.uk



### **Contacting Kent Police**

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report Talk to us on LiveChat - available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call 999 If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to 60066

www.kent.police.uk





# CRIME REPORT



Well, here we are again. Thankfully it is good news with the overall crime figures coming down from the previous low of 115 to 84. Wouldn't it be fantastic if next time, they had come back to the 50s?

Violent crime has come down from 54 to 43 which is great news. Theft of motor vehicles came down from 4 to one and I would like to think that this is because our residents are doing all they can to protect their vehicles. Theft from cars came down from 7 to 1 – again great news so we must continue not to leave anything tempting on display. There were no burglary or community offences for the first time in our history of reporting crime figures. Long may it continue.

Theft offences (excluding vehicle offences) reduced by one from 13 to 12 – so there is more work to be done there.

Unfortunately, there was a rise in criminal damage from 11 to 14. This is a very difficult one to restrict as you never know who is wandering the village. 'Other offences' are down from 15 to 11 – hopefully this may be in the single figures next time.

As we approach the run up to Christmas, please please do not fall foul of the ever-increasing number of scammers and the never-ending variations of how they will try and hit your personal and family finances. We must all be on our guard and help anyone who is vulnerable.

Let us not forget what Christmas is all about; although to children it is mainly about receiving presents and having fun but let us remember that it is built around the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please look after those who live on their own and please make sure, where possible, that they keep warm and well.

Happy Christmas, Hugh Boorman

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crimes	Burglary-Residential	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a motor vehicle	Theft Offences (exc Vehicle Offences)	Criminal Damage	Other Offences	Total
Jul-22	10	0	0	0	4	6	5	25
Aug-22	19	1	0	0	2	6	4	32
Sep-22	14	1	1	1	6	2	2	27
Jul to Sep 2022 total	43	2	1	1	12	14	11	84

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	Brenchley and Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
Jul-22	25	12	8	17	86	82
Aug-22 Sep-22	32	12	17	20	53	82
Sep-22	27	10	20	17	48	68
Jul to Sep 2022 total	84	34	45	54	187	232

# MARGERY POLLEY cont'd from the summer edition



Margery's immediate reaction was one of fear and she screamed as he tried to force her face up to his and placed his hand over her mouth. When she gave him her name, he immediately said that he had been hearing tales about her and her mother which could result in a horrendous means of execution, including burning at the stake, hanging, drawn and quartering. Thomas Culpeper held her even tighter trying to throw her to the ground and Margery could tell he had been drinking. He soon became quite breathless.

She then heard the sound of horses' hooves. The rider soon appeared and dismounted and she quickly recognised him as the man she had wanted to meet again – Nicholas Ridley. He immediately realised what was happening and his black eyes were shining with anger. He knew Culpeper and his reputation. He approached him holding his riding whip and suddenly lashed out, but Culpeper soon became out of breath and sank to the ground.

Ridley gave him a severe piece of his mind, threatening to report him to the Sheriff and to the Church, but Culpeper's

immediate reply was to threaten to teach Margery a serious lesson about execution.

Nicholas then turned to Margery and helped her on to the back of his horse. He then also mounted the horse reminding Margery that the last time he met her, many years ago she had been trouble. They could still hear the wolves as they rode back to the farm. They dismounted and went into the farmhouse to meet Nan who immediately welcomed them and they soon settled down to dinner.

Nicholas informed them of the problems at Hampton Court Palace and the severe threat to the life of his dear friend Sir Hugh and the likelihood of him being taken to the Tower of London for possible execution.

Nicholas also informed them that Sir Hugh had been very courageous and had refused to sign any of the documents which could have secured his safety.

Both Margery and her mother made it quite clear that regardless they would not alter their dedication to their beliefs even if faced with the death sentence.

Hugh Boorman

# HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD BILLS



Broadband - From 22 August 2022 people receiving certain benefits can ask broadband firms to check their eligibility for social tariffs. Reduced social tariffs allow UK households receiving income based benefits such as Universal Credit and Pension Credit to pay less for internet and telecoms access. Current providers include BT, Community Fibre, NOW, Sky, Virgin Media and VOXI.

South East Water - Customers whose household income is £16,480 (excluding disability benefits) per year or less can apply to have their water bill capped at £157.78 or £127.14.

# HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD BILLS continued



Southern Water – They have an Essentials Tariff designed to help customers who are struggling to pay their water services charges. It provides a discount of at least 20% on future bills and a low income pensioner discount.

Oil - You might be able to get a fuel voucher if you rely on oil, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), coal or wood as your main source of heating and aren't on the gas grid.

Electricity/Gas - Many of the big energy firms provide grants to help people who are behind with payments.

You may be able to get payments from the Government to help with the cost of living if you're getting certain benefits. You will be paid automatically.

PWCAC is OPEN for face-to-face advice (appointments and drop-ins) Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 1:30. If you need advice about the above or about housing and homelessness, debt, relationship breakdown, welfare benefits, employment, or anything else please contact us:

info@pwadvice.org | 01892 838619

94 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6DP | www.pwadvice.org

# PENSION CREDIT

# Are you missing out on extra cash?

Did you know that nearly a million households entitled to Pension Credit have not claimed it?

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre is encouraging pensioners in the area to find out about the Pension Credit they may be missing out on.

Pension Credit is designed to help with daily living costs for people over State Pension age and on a low income, although you do not need to be in receipt of State Pension to receive it. It tops up a person's income to a minimum of £182.60 per week for single pensioners or £278.70 for couples. Even a small award can provide access to a wide range of other benefits - such as help with housing costs, council tax or heating bills. For those over 75, this includes continued entitlement to a free TV licence. You may also get extra amounts if you have other responsibilities for example caring for someone.

Lots of people could be missing out on Pension Credit because they wrongly think they are not eligible. Having savings, a pension or owning a home are not necessarily barriers to receiving Pension Credit.

If you would like our help, then please contact the Advice Centre.

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# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS



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