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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Summer edition of Pembury Village News, to evenings that have more light, to flowers and trees in full flourish, and to warmer and sunnier days!

Since the last issue we have had another successful litter pick around the village – and one pair of amazing volunteers collected 15 bags of rubbish from Woodsgate Corner to the Hospital! Thank you to everyone that came and helped to keep our village looking neat and tidy.

You've probably all seen the knitted Postbox toppers around the village; we are so lucky to have such talented people in the village who work hard to make it look lovely for everyone. Thank you so much to the unsung heroes of our village! And to David Sellman for his wonderful photos of them on Facebook.....

Pembury in the Park is only a month away, on Saturday 5th July. This event

gets bigger and better each year, and I love seeing the village come together and enjoy



an afternoon in the sun. Well, hopefully in the sun and not super windy like we've had before! I look forward to seeing you there.

As this reaches you, Exams season is in full swing and many of you will have children taking their GCSEs or A-Levels. This can be a trying time, but there is help out there for anyone who is feeling the pressure, and not just for those of school age. Samaritans can be contacted on 116123, kooth.com is a useful site for 10-25 year olds, or there's qwell.io for anyone over 18. Please reach out to them if you are feeling overwhelmed, it's ok to not be ok, there is support out there.

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NEW COUNCILLOR

With nearly 35 years of experience in the financial sector, I have had the privilege of working at the London Stock Exchange, a merchant bank, and as a broker of financial derivatives. My career took me across the globe, with postings in the Bahamas, Chicago, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, and Switzerland—each offering unique insights and enriching experiences.

In recent years, I've dedicated more time to charitable causes, running nine marathons since turning 50 to raise funds for various local charities. My passion for education led me to spend five fulfilling years teaching at both Meadows School (SEN) and Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys.

To stay active and engaged, I assist with World War I battlefield



Outside of these commitments, I enjoy hiking, attending the theatre, and playing the occasional round of golf. I look forward to meeting many of you at community events throughout the year.

meaningful difference to community life.

U3A

Climate Change and Local Environment Interest Group

We continue our focus on using our waste bins effectively, some of our group recently visited the recycling depot in Rainham, Essex where we witnessed how the contents of your recycling bin are taken into a facility and how the materials are separated and then sent on to processors to make into new products. We saw the problems that happen when the wrong things are put in the Brown bins, thin plastic film is a major problem as it contaminates the recycling machinery.

This label should be on your BROWN bin and lists the items that should be put in it. Please check this list and especially concentrate putting the correct plastic in the correct bin.

Not: Plastic bags, black plastic, flowerpots, cling film, plastic egg boxes, crisp/biscuit packets, bread bags, coat hangers, Tetra Pak cartons, pet food pouches.

If you are interested in finding out more about recycling in Tunbridge Wells you can visit:



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Open Gardens – I May - I3 September

Explore some of the best-kept secret gardens in West Kent and East Sussex, which have opened their gates this spring and summer to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald.

During the season over thirty gardens across the community are available for you to visit. Take in the sights, sounds, and scents of some of the finest private gardens in the area. Enjoy refreshments in summer weather and pick up a few gardening tips along the way.

This year a new Season Ticket has been introduced offering a way to enjoy many more gardens at great value. For just £50, you can gain entry to 17 of the beautiful gardens.



As ever, we give our heartfelt thanks to all the garden owners, volunteers,

and visitors who make the open season possible.

For more details of the gardens, their location, and open times visit: www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/events/open-gardens/



Hospice Run 2025 - Sunday 21st September, 08:00-12:30, Tunbridge Wells Common Cricket Ground

Are you a serious competition runner? Someone who enjoys a regular weekend exercise? Someone who likes walking in the summer sun? or a family looking to experience a fun Sunday together? The Hospice Run, now in its nineteenth year, has something for everyone.

You can sign up for the following routes:

- Family Fun Run: The theme is "Hospice Heroes" and is suitable for all ages and abilities. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite hero as they dodge the water.
- 2. 5k: for runners starting off on their fitness journey.
- 3. 10k: for regular runners who like a challenge, taking in popular Tunbridge Wells landmarks.
- Half marathon: our ultimate challenge! Our half marathon is an undulating route, Suitable for experienced athletes or those wanting to practise their first half marathon distance.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD... continued

However, the day is about more than just walking or running – there is an amazing event atmosphere, with live music to provide motivation.

Sign up now to avoid missing out on one of the most hotly anticipated closed-road routes in the Southeast.

For more information about the route, payment, fundraising options, and to register for the event visit:

www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/events/hospice-run-2025

All funds raised through these events help Hospice in the Weald to support adults and children with life-threatening or life-limiting illness when they need it most.

For more information about our events email:

fundraising@hospiceintheweald.org.uk. or call the fundraising team on 01892 820533.





PEMBURY SOCIETY - SAVE PEMBURY

Pembury Faces Critical Challenges from Proposed Housing Developments

We urge residents to stay informed and make their voices heard.

The proposed housing developments in Pembury are sparking concern about infrastructure, traffic congestion, healthcare, and education. While there is a recognised need for more housing, the scale and potential consequences of this expansion raise serious questions about sustainability.

Traffic & Transport

The Woodsgate Junction and Pembury Road are already notorious for congestion, especially during peak hours. With thousands of new homes planned in Paddock Wood and surrounding areas, traffic could increase by 254%. Proposed road improvements would only provide 14% more capacity, making gridlock inevitable without major intervention. Longer journey times and air pollution could become daily frustrations for residents.

Healthcare & Education

Local GP practices are already at capacity, and there are no confirmed plans for new facilities. This could lead to longer waiting times, reduced appointment availability, and increased pressure on NHS resources.

Schools are also facing challenges. While Pembury Primary School may cope, nearby secondary schools are already oversubscribed, with no new schools planned to accommodate the expected influx of families.

Parking & Infrastructure Strain

Some existing parking areas could be lost due to development-related changes, increasing pressure on local roads. Proposed housing developments include limited off-street parking, which may not meet residents' needs, further exacerbating congestion and access issues.

Southern Water has flagged concerns about aging sewer infrastructure, warning that without substantial investment, Pembury could face flooding or sewage discharge events during heavy rainfall.

Taking Action:

Residents who want to protect Pembury's future should:

- Review the full planning proposals at: www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan
- Write to local councillors and MPs with your concerns.
- Write to the planning department direct - planning@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
- Join community action groups like savepembury.org

Engage with Pembury Parish Council, which is actively responding to the proposals.

This development could reshape Pembury for decades. Residents must stay informed and engaged to ensure sustainable growth, not overwhelming expansion. Now's the time to act.





SUMMER FAIR



12PM - 3PM





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MILITARY ROAD RUN SUCCESS

This year the AA Military Road Run on 6th April had 80 vehicles booked in and 68 took to the road from Sevenoaks to Hastings. There was a good selection of privately owned historic military vehicles and veteran, vintage and classic cars.

The event which raised £3300 for Combat Stress, the event's charity marked the 116th Anniversary of the original "Guards Dash" in 1909. It is organised by the Invicta Military Preservation Society (IMPS) and the A.A. This year there were a number of static military vehicles in the Camden Car Park including some scale model radio-controlled tanks and jeeps. Comments from entrants included:

"Driving through Pembury was great. Huge crowd waving, cheering, and clapping. It was lovely to see, the highlight of the Run." "We liked Pembury. We turned into the pub and had a coffee, looked at the displays which were very interesting and particularly liked the model tanks and the whole atmosphere was really nice."

Thank you to the Pembury Explorer Scouts who collected £127.03 for Combat Stress. Also to Carol and Simon at the Camden for use of their car park and providing refreshments. The King William 1V also provided refreshments. Also to photographers David Sellman, and Tony and Anne Nicholls for their excellent photos.

Next Year's Run is due to take place on SUNDAY APRIL 19th.

Richard Snow











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PEMBURY GIRLGUIDING

World Thinking Day:

On Saturday 22nd February, the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides came together to celebrate World Thinking Day, which is a huge day in the Girlguiding calendar celebrating the global movement of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and how we are all connected.

Our theme this year was 'Our Past, Our Present, Our Future and Our World Over 50 girls took part in Centres'. several activities over the course of a day including adapting a well-known Guiding song to present to each other inspired by words of the Promise. They also looked at traditional skills and concepts including good turns and compass work. They learnt all about the World Trefoil badge and what each aspect of its design symbolises, as well as attempting to blow bubbles, within bubbles, within bubbles to represent how our units are part of a District family, within a Division family, within a County family etc.

Adapting a relay game, the girls learned different facts about our World Centres and then went on to take part in different crafts that represented the



continents that our World Centre are in, as well as creating a culinary storm from Mexico – a country in which our World Centre 'Our Cabana' is based. Everyone sat down together to share homemade chilli con carne, salsa, guacamole and nachos. It was a special moment for us leaders to witness.

We sang songs from around the world around our indoor campfire to finish our amazing celebratory day. But I think one of the most special moments was when new Rainbows and Brownies took their Promise amongst their Girlguiding family. It was such a privilege to be part of such a memorable day for them, but I also believe it was a day that none of us will forget quickly – for the laughter, the learning, the new friendships and the start of new adventures for us all.





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Beavers

We started off the new year by completing the builders & collectors badge going 'big' building castles and dragons!! To complete the Faith badge there was a lovely visit to Pembury old church, where Richard the Vicar showed us around the historic church and even let us ring the bells! We enjoyed making pancakes & celebrating the Chinese New Year. We had a talk from a Explorer helper learning about Germany to complete our international badge. We ended the term with our first campfire of the year, making s'mores. After the Easter break, we returned to an Easter egg hunt and games in our outside area.

Cubs

The Cubs have been busy since Christmas completing their Pioneering badge by learning how to tie 5 knots and lashings as well as building a pioneering project and making rope. They also learned about the history of our village, completed a map of the village and designed their own village sign to gain their local knowledge badge. Last term the Cubs held a Chinese evening learning about Chinese New Year and how to use chopsticks amongst other things. The Cubs also held an international evening with a visitor from Germany as well as having our traditional Easter Egg hunt.

Explorers

Explorers had a fantastic trip to Disney land Paris in February half term. An amazing opportunity and a chance to explore the French trains and take part in lots of rides at Disney. We have also had our normal meetings playing wide games, fires and cooking. You may have spotted us at the Pembury military Road Run with our collection buckets for combat stress.



PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Noise in Pembury

For 3 days in the Easter school holidays Pembury Baptist Church hosted The Noise, a youth project run by Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ. About 30 fabulous voung people from across the Tunbridge Wells area took part in community activities around the village. painted benches at Downingbury Farm Cafe, cleaned street signs, baked and served cakes at Kingdom Cafe, tidied up at the Scout Hut, organised games at the Rec, created a Sensory Wall, ran a Messy Church and lots more. The vision was to demonstrate God's love in action which they certainly did! Our Youth and Children's Worker Nich (pictured) had fun running it all with the team. Pastor Dan Foster.



KIDS CORNER

At the end of last year, I signed up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award via my school Skinners Kent Academy. The award is made up of four elements, volunteering, physical activities, skills development, and an expedition.

At first, I was unsure what to do for volunteering until, one morning, while biking to school I noticed the amount of litter on the paths and verges.

In March I completed my eleventh week of litter picking. I mainly focus on High Street, around Tesco, and along the Pembury Road towards Tunbridge Wells to the pelican crossing. I chose this route as it is the main entrance the Pembury village, as well as being a high traffic area, and where I hoped my picking will have greater impact.

A recent campaign from the Hedgehog society highlighted the impact the litter can have on wildlife. Their campaign advertised "Did you know....LITTER ATTRACTS LITTER" which is a great motivator when heading out on my next litter pick!

Archie age 13



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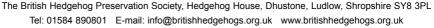
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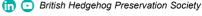












WATERFIELD HOUSE

Surgery data - Ist Quarter 2025

- 6,443 patients registered
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Repeat prescriptions must be ordered seven days before they are ready for collection from the pharmacy.

Musculoskeletal physiotherapist

The Tunbridge Wells Primary Care Network has relocated a musculoskeletal first contact physiotherapist to be based in WHS on a Wednesdays, reducing the need to travel for assessment.

Update on Anima

The surgery has listened to your feedback and collaborated with the provider to enable account-less submission of your requests. If you already have an Anima account, you can continue using it, however, new patients registered with WHS will no longer need to create an account.

Help us improve the service we provide you

Feedback of your recent experience can be provided



via on our website: search for 'feedback'; visit www.waterfieldhousepractice.nhs. uk/friends-family-test or scan the QR Code.

Waterfield House Patients Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG AGM will be at WHS on 09 July starting at 19.00. Come along and see what the PPG is about. Help us bring about positive change to benefit of all Waterfield House patients and practice staff.

See our quarterly Newsletter: available from WHS, Facebook (Waterfield House Surgery), Pembury _______

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ALLOTMENTS

Raised Beds for Our Allotments

We are still considering introducing small, raised beds for hire at the allotment, and would love to hear your thoughts on this idea.

Raised bed gardening is an excellent way to cultivate fruits and vegetables in a small, manageable space, making it perfect for individuals or families who may not have the time or space for a full allotment. By offering small, raised beds for hire at the allotment, we can create accessible opportunities for more people to experience the joys of growing their own produce.

Benefits of Raised Beds

Raised beds with come several advantages that make gardening easier and more productive. They allow gardeners to control soil quality, ensuring better nutrition and structure. Improved drainage prevents root rot, and raised beds warm up faster in the spring, extending the growing season. They also help reduce weeds and pests, making crop management more efficient. Additionally, their elevated structure makes them more accessible, reducing strain on the back and knees.

Getting Started

To begin, the raised beds should be filled with a well-balanced soil mix consisting of topsoil, compost, and an aeration material like coconut coir or perlite. Adding slow-release organic fertilizers and soil amendments will further enhance productivity.

Selecting the right crops is essential. Vegetables such as tomatoes, carrots, peppers, and spinach thrive in raised beds. Fruits like strawberries and blueberries (in acidic soil) can also be successfully grown. Companion planting, which involves pairing plants that support each other's

growth, and succession planting, where quick-growing crops are continuously replanted, can maximize yield.

Maintenance & Harvesting

Regular watering is necessary to keep soil moist, and adding mulch helps moisture while suppressing weeds. Gardeners should remove weeds pest control regularly, use natural methods, and provide support structures like stakes or trellises for climbing plants. Frequent harvesting ensures flavour and continuous production, while replanting after harvesting quick crops keeps the beds productive.

Seasonal Planting Tips

Spring is ideal for cool-season crops like spinach and peas, while summer is best for heat-loving vegetables such as tomatoes and squash. Autumn is perfect for hardy greens and root crops, and winter growing can be extended using row covers.

Offering raised beds for hire at the allotment encourages gardening enthusiasts, promotes sustainability, and creates a welcoming community space for local food production.

If you are interested or have any suggestions, please get in touch by emailing us at office@pemburypairshcouncil.gov. uk, or visiting our website and completing a short survey www.pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



PEMBURY FOOTBALL

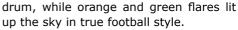
U14s Go Dutch!

Over the Easter break, Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club's Under 14s – with both our Phoenix and Dragons teams – set off on an exciting football tour to the Netherlands.

A total of 29 players and 13 parents stayed at Center Parcs near Eindhoven, soaking up the experience of European football and team bonding. One highlight of the trip was an unforgettable tour of the PSV Eindhoven stadium, where the boys got to sit in the directors' box and walk out through the players' tunnel to the roar of music usually reserved for matchday stars!

Both teams played two matches against fantastic local opposition – FC Venray and PEC 20 – who gave us a warm Dutch welcome. At PEC 20, our lads even stayed to watch the senior team play, joining the

home supporters with full energy. Some of our boys even had a go on the supporters'



On the pitch, Pembury brought their A-game – winning three out of four matches and scoring an impressive 15 goals. Off the pitch, there was plenty of fun too: swimming, volleyball, pool, darts, and (of course) making the most of the all-you-can-eat buffet at Center Parcs.

The long coach and ferry journey was more than worth it. The boys were a credit to the club and can be incredibly proud of their European adventure.

So, where to next time? Scott Groves, PAYFC U14's.



PEMBURY LIBRARY



Our vibrant children's library offers a wide range of books, including fiction, non-fiction, early readers, picture books, and board books. There's something for every young reader to discover! Did you know you can borrow up to 30 books at a time for 3 weeks? Plus, you can renew your books up to 4 times, as long as they're not needed by other borrowers!

Groups & Services:

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New! Lego Club

We've just launched a free Lego Club for children! Held on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM, this session is limited to 10 children, so be sure to book your spot in advance. FREE

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Our adult library also offers a wide selection of books, including fiction, nonfiction, and large print titles. There are cozy reading and study spaces where you can relax, work, or enjoy a good book. We also support several local reading groups that borrow books from us and meet here in the library.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Our popular Summer Reading Challenge runs annually from July to September. This exciting event encourages children to read throughout the summer, with a new theme each year (shh... it's top secret for now!). We also offer a variety of activities in the library to support the Challenge.

Opening hours:

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Tuesday: 9am-5pm (closed 1pm - 2pm)

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10am-5pm (closed 1pm - 2pm) Friday: 10am - 5pm (closed 1pm - 2pm)

Saturday: 10am - 2pm

Sunday: Closed

Bank holidays: Closed

For more information: www.kent.gov.uk/libs



PAUL BARRINGTON THANK YOU

Paul Barrington-King has dedicated nearly three decades to serving Pembury with unwavering commitment and passion. His efforts in local government—from improving waste management and expanding recycling to securing vital grants and infrastructure improvements—have significantly shaped the community into one of the best places to live in Kent.



As both a Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council member, he has championed key projects, tackled complex challenges, and ensured Pembury's needs are always at the forefront. His leadership in environmental initiatives, scrutiny committees, and financial governance has left a lasting impact, earning well-deserved recognition for excellence.

Beyond policy, Paul has been a steadfast advocate for Pembury's residents, prioritizing their interests above politics. Whether fighting against disruptive proposals or enhancing public services, his dedication has been evident in every decision.

We extend our deepest gratitude for his tireless service, forward-thinking leadership, and genuine care for our community. Pembury is stronger, safer, and more connected because of his hard work. Thank you, Paul, for your remarkable contributions—your legacy of service will continue to inspire us all.

Pembury First, always.

PEMBURY WEATHER

It's interesting how quickly things can shift, especially with weather. One moment you're dealing with endless rain, and then suddenly it's dry, and you're left wondering where all the moisture went. March's mere 7mm is a stark contrast to what we'd usually expect in spring, and the fact that we only saw high teens in April speaks volumes about how dry it's been. In spring, it's easy to overlook the lack of rainfall because everything is so lush and green. But when you stop and think about it, it's clear that these dry spells can have a much more lasting impact.

It's the winter rains that are supposed to refill our water storage areas. If spring doesn't bring enough rain, it puts a lot of pressure on the reserves. People often don't realize just how crucial those winter months are for ensuring enough water throughout the year.

The last couple of weeks in April bought delicate clouds, those fair-weather cumulus clouds can be beautiful to watch, but they of course always bring rain!

Content provided by Mike Stanford





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2pm-4pm Refreshments activities, live music and sing songs.

JUNE

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MESSEY CHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH

11am - 1pm Family themed fun, crafts, activities and buffet lunch.

JULY

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MEMORY CAFE BAPTIST CHURCH

2pm-4pm Refreshments activities. live music and sing songs.

JULY -AUG

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVAITES ASPENS

10am - 3pm Craft activities and lots more!

AUG 26-29 LEGO HOLIDAY CLUB BAPTIST CHURCH

Time TBC primary school aged children.

SEP 25 ASPENS CHARITY GOLF DAY

8.30 am - 4.30 pm Enjoy a game of golf whilst fundraising!

SEP

VILLAGE LITTER PICK VILLAGE GREEN

10:30am

OCT

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PEMBURY FIREWORKS LOWER GREEN REC

3pm - 7pm Enjoy a Spectacular display.

NOV

ASPENS CHRISTMAS TREES

Nordman Fir non-drop Christmas trees and wreaths

JUNE

WI CAKE SALE VILLAGE GREEN 10am - 12pm 21

Lots of tasty treats for sale!

JULY

PEMBURY IN THE PARK LOWER GREEN REC

3pm - 7pm Family Fun day, music, activities, food trucks.

JULY

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WHO LET THE DAD'S OUT? BAPTIST CHURCH

9am-10.30am Fun with the children. crafts, activities and a bacon butty!

AUG

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MEMORY CAFE BAPTIST CHURCH

2pm-4pm Refreshments activities. live music and sing songs.

SEPT

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MEMORY CAFE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SEPT 28

CHURCHES TOGETHER SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

6pm

OCT

20-22

ASPENS HALLOWEEN ACTIVIATIES

10am - 3pm Halloween trail and crafts

CHRISTMAS CONCERT **UPPER CHURCH**

With Kent police mail voice choir

NOV

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CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Mulled wine & Christmas light switch

KENT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Kent Fire and Rescue Service - Check your smoke alarms!

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is urging people to check the expiry date on their smoke alarms, as they only have a lifespan of up to ten years.

Between 2022-2024, approximately 6,600 expired smoke alarms were discovered at properties in Kent and Medway during Home Fire Safety Visits carried out by KFRS with some residents unaware that they expire or how to check them.

Having an in-date smoke alarm is important in helping keep homes safe, as once they expire the sensors in the alarms become less reliable. This means that they might fail to sound in an emergency or could go off for no reason and could impact how effectively they work if there was a fire.

Rachael Spencer, Safe and Well Manager at KFRS, said: "Whilst many residents in Kent and Medway are great at checking their smoke alarms work, which we recommend testing once a week, we found an increase in the amount of expired smoke alarms on our checks as people don't realise, they have an expiry date.

How to check your smoke alarms:

Remove the alarm from the ceiling, here's the most common ways how:

- twist it counterclockwise to remove from the base; or
- use a screwdriver to unscrew it from the base; or
- (for some wired alarms) push a screwdriver into the slot to release it.

The expiry dates for smoke alarms, should be on the back or side. If there's no expiry date, it means you'll need to replace the alarm and even if the smoke alarm still sounds, if it has expired then it needs replacing as soon as possible. If your smoke alarm is out of date, you

If your smoke alarm is out of date, you can buy a new one on any reputable website or in a hardware shop.

If you can't change the smoke alarm safely, we recommend asking a friend or family member for help. But if that's not possible, give us a call us on 0800 923 7000 for advice and to book a free Home Fire Safety Visit.

For more information visit: www.kent.fire-uk.org/smoke-alarms-10-year-lifespan



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PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

Our club has had a very successful year so far. Our bowls awareness table at Tesco's back in April was a huge success, with over 300 people showing interest and taking a leaflet.

Over 50 people attended our Open Day in May, with various new people signing on as members! If you missed the big day, you can always come to one of our rollups during the week, Wednesdays 6-8pm and Friday 2-4pm.

Saturday morning sessions (10am -11am) returned for youngsters between 8 and 17. All the children are helped to develop new skills under the charismatic guidance of Tony Partridge.

We have friendly matches every weekend against other local villages, and this year

we are promoted to a higher division in the Tunbridge Wells Mixed League. Internal matches take place throughout the summer with the Finals weekend in September.

Various social events are held throughout the year, including a very popular barbecue in August, to which family and friends are invited.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining our friendly club as a playing or social member, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01892 823144. You will be very welcome!

Wendy Bidder Hon. Secretary Pembury Bowls Club



ASPENS - YOUR LOCAL CHARITY



Aspens supports children, young people and adults on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities, and their families, providing over 890,000 hours of life-changing support to more than 3,000 individuals every year. Rising costs and limited funding mean that keeping our services running costs over £58,000 every day – and we need support now more than ever.

Just outside Pembury on Cornford Lane, we offer residential and supported living homes, alongside our Acorns Day Opportunities Centre, where those we support can get involved in everything from art and pottery to cookery and animal care.

Open to the public, this site also includes The Bluebell Café, plant sales, animal farm, playground and buggy-friendly woodland walk, it's perfect for a family day out. Parking and entry are free, donations are welcome via our new tap-to-donate machine in the car park.

Here are some easy and enjoyable ways you can support Aspens:

1. Visit us!

Pop into the Bluebell Café for a tasty selection of drinks, snacks, and cakes. During school summer holidays we host BBQs and creative kids' activities.

2. Declutter and donate

Drop off your pre-loved clothing, books, toys or homeware at our Pembury donations center.

3. Shop with us

Support our shops in Paddock Wood, Crowborough and Bexhill, or browse our online stores for some unique finds.

4. Volunteer

Help out on site with our animals or gardens, or lend a hand in our shops, online stores, Café, or services – there's something for everyone!

5. Join our Golf Day

Join us on 25 September for our Charity Golf Day at The Ridge Golf Club, Sutton Valence – a great day out for golf fans with a big impact.

6. Fundraise your way.

Love baking, running or knitting? Set up a fundraising page and turn your hobby into help.

Find out more at: aspens.org.uk.



PEMBURY CRICKET

Cricket Underway NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

The season has just got underway as I type as we look forward to another cricketing summer at Pembury CC. Plenty of work has been carried out over the off season to leave us well set for the summer ahead.

Once again we have two senior sides entered into the Kent County Village League and have a full fixture list of friendlies on a Sunday plus a calendar of social events.

We are always looking for new players and members of all ages and abilities, if you are interested then please get in touch.





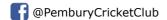
We continue to have a thriving junior section with regular coaching and hardball teams at u11, u13 & u15 levels, plus 2025 also sees the return of the ECB Initiative "All Stars" to PCC. All Stars provides a fantastic experience for all children aged 5-8 years old. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, learning fundamental movement skills, including catching, throwing and batting. If you are interested, then please visit our website for further details.

We are certainly very humbled with the level of sponsorships that we have received historically from local businesses and supporters, and we are of course very keen to forge further links to help us continue to evolve and indeed fulfil our ambitious plans for the Cricket Club, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to get involved.

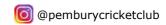




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COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Recreation Ground Pavilion, Monday 9.30 - 12.00.

Step inside Pembury's Coffee Shop on a Monday morning and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

As always, we offer a selection of delicious homemade cakes, scones and teacakes. We also have tasty savouries, including cheese scones, sausage rolls and quiche.

As the warmer weather approaches, we have some outdoor seating - with a bowl of water and a jar of dog biscuits nearby for our canine customers too!

After expenses all the funds go to our chosen charities. Our charity of the year this year is the Air Ambulance.

On the 31st March we had a special fundraising morning for Marie Curie - a leading charity in end of life care. It was a lovely, busy morning, making a total of £348 before expenses, with £160 raised by the raffle alone.



On the 14th April the Coffee Shop had an Easter theme with Simnel cake, hot cross buns and Easter egg cakes presented beneath Easter bunting.

Many thanks to our customers for their generosity and a special thank you to Yvonne and Tesco for their continuing support. Grateful thanks to all those who help to set up and close down at the end of the morning too - a real community effort!

Finally, thank you to our team of volunteers who make it all possible. We are a friendly, welcoming group, always in need of new members. We each do about one "duty" a month, baking one cake or savoury. If you would like to join us please come and have a chat.

Janet Pegg



PUBLIC FOOTPATH LAWS & ETIQUETTE

With the better weather it's tempting to explore our local walks and footpaths which locally are home to lots of wildlife and livestock. We are seeing an increase in lost dogs and dogs in livestock fields so here's a reminder how to explore safety. What can I do on a public right of way?

Public footpaths are paths intended solely for walkers and runners, meaning no access is granted to vehicles, cyclists, or horse riders.

Walkers have the legal right to travel along public footpaths, which may be marked with yellow signs or arrows. Users can walk, jog, or use mobility scooters.

Walkers should stick to designated paths unless they are blocked. Stopping for brief rests is permitted; however, long stops or camping on footpaths is not allowed.

Keep your dog under control: Dogs should be kept on a lead in areas where livestock are present, and they must not disturb farm animals or wildlife.

Clean up after your dog: It's a legal requirement to pick up dog waste and dispose of it properly.

Respect private land: Some footpaths cross private property, and landowners may have specific rules about dogs.

It is a criminal offence to trespass, damage fences, or if dogs attack livestock.

Walkers should follow the Countryside Code, which encourages protecting natural habitats and taking litter home.

Bridleways give accessible to walkers, cyclists, and horse riders.







Be a good neighbour and clean up after your pet

BAG IT & BIN IT!!!!

Dog mess can carry harmful bacteria and parasites, posing risks to humans—especially children—and grazing livestock. It can cause serious diseases like Neosporosis in cattle and Sarcocystosis in sheep.

Keep everyone safe:

Bag it up and seal it securely.

Bin it in general waste, allocated bins, or your green wheelie bin.

🖔 Do not compost or put in your black garden bin.

Consider a waste digester for garden disposal.



PEMBURY NEEDS YOU

Fox Project

Do you love foxes and want to do something different? Have a few hours to spare one morning or evening a week? We have the perfect opportunity for you! We're seeking dedicated volunteers to commit to one shift a week as a Unit Partner, assisting at our hospital in Paddock Wood or our Cub Unit in Pembury. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Kerry at kerry.fowler@foxproject.org.uk



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Become a Compaid Volunteer and help someone in need. Could you make a difference as a volunteer supporting disabled, older, and vulnerable people in Kent to overcome digital, social and economic exclusion by becoming a digital skills trainer or driver? For more information, contact our HR Manager, Judith, on 01892 35105 or email JudithWilliams@compaid.org.uk



Guiding

We always need more volunteers to give the girls these amazing opportunities. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please get in touch at pemburydistrict@btinternet.com or register your interest through the Girlguiding UK website: https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/



Aspens

We are always on the look-out for enthusiastic volunteers to help us in the many different parts of our ever-growing organisation. If you volunteer with us, your support can make a meaningful



difference in helping us to empower those we support and have a positive impact on their lives. We are always looking for people to volunteer and help out on site with our animals or gardens, or lend a hand in our shops, online stores, Café, or services – there's something for everyone! For more details contact: volunteering@aspens.org.uk



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