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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Pembury Village News. I hope you all had a good summer and that we still have a few more weeks of warm, light evenings to come....

It was lovely to see so many people at Pembury in the Park in July – a shame the weather wasn't great, but not as windy as previous years. Thankfully it wasn't on the Sunday when we had torrential downpours!! We are always looking for help and support in putting these events together, so if you feel you could spare some time, and share some ideas, please contact the Office.

We have quite a bit happening over the next few months; our next Litter Pick is on the 27th of September, Fireworks in the Recreation Ground on the 31st of October, Remembrance Day service

on the 9th of November, and then my favourite one, the Carols on the Green on



the 28th of November. Details for all of these will be published nearer the time.

Tickets for the Fireworks will be available soon, please keep an eye on our website and social media posts, and buy early to avoid disappointment!

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NEW COUNCILLOR - Lisa Maddison-Brown

I have lived in the village for more than 40 years, first moving here in 1970 and then returning 23 years ago.

Both my parents were very active members of the community, representing Pembury on both the Borough and County Councils, and I am now keen to get involved as well. As a Parish Councillor I believe that passion and enthusiasm are essential, and I am really looking forward to using these skills to do 'my bit' for Pembury.

I've recently been appointed to the Open Spaces and Planning & Highways Committees, and I volunteered my services for Pembury in the Park at which I discovered I have an unknown skill in car parking stewarding! I'm really enjoying the opportunity to learn more about the

Parish Council's work and how we deliver meaningful services to our residents.



On a personal note, my career has spanned over 40 years, working both in the private sector for a major clearing bank, and over the last 8 years for a government department helping UK companies to access the finance they need to fulfil export contracts.

I live in the village with my husband and daughter and can often be spotted walking our two miniature schnauzers around the roads and our beautiful surrounding countryside.



CHARITY UPDATE - Hospice in the Weald

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Refurbishment Project

Hospice in the Weald is embarking on a major refurbishment to improve its facilities and enhance its specialist care for patients and families across Kent and East Sussex.

Plans include redesigning the in-patient ward, reception area, chaplaincy and spiritual care rooms, and the Living Well Centre to ensure a more uplifting, calm, and welcoming atmosphere. The updated space will better support patients and their families and help the Hospice stay functional and future ready.

Award-winning design specialists Elaine Lewis Designs and KKE Architects are leading the project, which was informed by



leading the project, which was informed by feedback gathered through community workshops and surveys. "These are people's homes for a period of their lives," said designer Elaine Lewis. "We want people to come here to feel supported, safe and uplifted even during one of the most difficult times of their lives."

During renovations, services will continue uninterrupted. In-patient care will shift temporarily to Cottage Hospice in Five Ashes, while Counselling and Support services have moved to Hawkwell Business Centre. Everything will return to Pembury once the work is complete. Most of the refurbishment focuses on internal rooms, keeping disruption to a minimum.

Chief Executive Nick Farthing highlighted the significance: "As well as enhancing and upgrading our Hospice in Pembury, we'll be welcoming in-patients back to Cottage Hospice. With money set aside to cover the costs of this project, every pound from our fundraising and charity shop income can continue to go where it is needed most. The Hospice needs to raise £9 million this year to meet demand, and the continued community support is more vital than ever."

Work is set to begin shortly with completion expected by the end of next year. For updates visit hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Christmas Market 2025 - New Venue Kent College in Pembury!

Saturday 29 November 10am – 4pm Sunday 30 November 10am - 4pm

Due to refurbishment works, the event moves to a new venue at Kent College. The school will offer a festive and welcoming setting for this special event. Expect seasonal stalls, entertainment, and plenty of cheer. Full details will be available on the Hospice website this autumn. Come along, stock up on holiday treats! We look forward to seeing you there!

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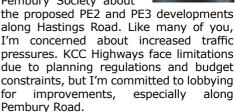
NEW KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Colin Sefton

Thank you for electing me as your new Kent County Councillor for Tunbridge Wells East, covering Pembury, Sherwood and St. James. I succeed Paul Barrington-King, whose years of dedicated service are deeply appreciated. I wish him a very well-earned retirement.

Having lived in Pembury for 29 years, I'm proud to now serve our community in an official capacity. As a first-time councillor, there's much for me to learn, and I've already begun attending the County Council's introductory sessions which have been incredibly helpful.

I'm honoured to represent the Liberal Democrats on the Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee. These are vital areas, and I'll be working hard to advocate for our community's needs. I've met with Transport officers responsible for West Kent to understand the challenges facing our local infrastructure and have

attended Pembury Parish Council meetings, engaging with the Pembury Society about



A couple of reminders: please ensure vegetation from your property does not encroach on pavements. This is your responsibility and may be enforced by KCC. Also, you can report highway issues quickly and easily online (https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement).

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Girlguiding

What fantastic weather – getting out and about hasn't been an issue this term! Keeping cool has been the real challenge, if anything. All units have been busy completing badges as part of the Girlguiding programme, as well as fun challenges and you may have seen some of us out and about in Pembury.





Explored local sites like Aspens and Downingbury, followed woodland trails, made Easter bonnets, and ended the term with a joyful campfire.



Monday group welcomed the UK Owl and Raptor Centre, learning about birds and even flying them. They also tackled obstacle courses, tried line dancing, and toasted marshmallows around the fire. Wednesday group got wonderfully soaked during their water challenge evening, made and flew kites, engineered egg parachutes, and wrapped up with a family picnic and boating at Dunorlan Park.



Busily prepared for camps and fundraised over £400 by selling cakes, crafts, and tiedye shirts at local events – all while keeping fit with rounders and cardio tennis! A fun sledging trip to Bowles Outdoor Centre added to their adventures.



After a short exam break, they have jumped back into planning for camps and exciting trips in 2026.

Girlguiding Pembury District

If you have a child who is interested in joining one of our groups, please contact as at pemburydistrict@btinternet.com.

Moira Allan, Pembury District Commissioner & Brown Owl

PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite prospective families to visit our school.

Dates: 15th September & 8th October 2025

Arrival: 9:00am - 10:15am

Booking Required via school office:

Telephone: 01892 822259

Email: office@pembury.kent.sch.uk

For more details about our school visit: www.pembury.kent.sch.uk where you will find a wealth of information about clubs, wrap around care provision and lots more.

We are lucky to enjoy extensive grounds, including playing fields, woodland, Forest School, large playing areas and an excellent brand-new library. We have two halls for assemblies, PE, dance and, of course, serving lunch and extra-curricular clubs as well as a wraparound provision on site.

At Pembury School, we are committed to the principle that every child has the right to fulfil their potential in an inclusive environment where all are equally valued. It is important to us that every child feels safe, learns, achieves and enjoys making progress and spending time with their peers.





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SCOUTS



Summer term began with the annual St George's Activity Day at Adamswell Campsite, everyone enjoyed archery, zorbing, and other hands-on fun – so much so that a few sleepy Beavers nodded off on the train ride home! The Cubs joined the Scouts World War II-themed camp with axe throwing, archery, campfires and we all wrapped up the term with a lively round of Dino Golf.



BEAVERS

We kicked off the term with an Easter egg hunt, followed in May with celebrating VE Day and a visit from military jeeps and model tanks. Beavers completed their Explore & Global Issues badges & Ryan worked hard to receive his Chief Scout Bronze Award. We were lucky having mostly outdoor meetings and enjoyed hikes in the woods and campfires.



With the dry weather and light evenings, we've able make the most of the evening enjoying campfires and hiking and even managed to complete the Athletics badge in the Rec.

Scouts

We spent time working on Navigator & Hiking badges completing 6+ mile hikes, a big thanks to Caroline Arnold for organising. Lots of outdoor games, campfire cooking, putting up tents, and using pioneering skills. We were invited to Paddock Wood bowls club where we spent a glorious evening learning how to play - new talents discovered!

EXPLORERS

Plenty of great weather meant we were able to embrace the outdoors with campfire cooking, an unforgettable bird of prey experience, and even tank driving which was a great experience for everyone.

CHURCH CHATTER

Give us this day our daily bread – and also our grocery shopping!



Catholicism's influence on Western culture goes far beyond churches - it's also shaped what we eat, with many items on supermarket shelves or menus having distinctly Catholic roots

Take Dom Pérignon for example, a 17th-century monk, refined sparkling wine production at the Abbey of Hautvillers, giving rise to the champagne we know today. Meanwhile, Benedictine monks at Buckfast Abbey in Devon created Buckfast Tonic Wine, originally as a medicine. (Personally, I would stick to Buckfast honey - much more palatable!)

Even coffee carries Catholic roots: the cappuccino is named after the Capuchin friars, thanks to its robe-coloured foam. In 1962, McDonald's Filet-O-Fish was invented by Lou Groen, a Catholic franchise owner in Cincinnati, to offer a meat-free Friday option.

Monterey Jack cheese was commercialised by Catholic landowner David Jack in California, using recipes brought by Franciscan friars. Parmesan? That's thanks to Benedictine and Cistercian monks in Italy.

Pretzels were shaped by monks to resemble arms in prayer and given as treats to children, while hot cross buns originate from Alban buns - Lenten bread distributed by St Albans Abbey monks in the 14th century.

Even Nutella has a faith-filled origin: chocolatier Pietro Ferrero, a devout Catholic, claimed the Virgin Mary revealed the recipe to him in prayer after WWII. His company would later create Ferrero Rocher, its golden wrapper and shape echoing the Marian shrine of Rocciamelone.

These delicious links remind us, the Church's legacy is not only theological but also cultural. Whether in fasting or feasting, the Catholic faith has seasoned the world's table - offering not only nourishment for soul but also for the body.

Bon appétit—and Deo gratias! Fr Ed St Anselm's, Pembury



Church Chatter is a new item, it will enable all the churches in the village to share updates, spread news and messages. Look out next time for which church is next!



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Pembury u3a is a lively and welcoming group for people who are no longer in full-time work and want to stay active, curious, and socially connected. With over 350 members and more than 70 Interest Groups covering walking, crafts, literature, languages, sports, and more, there's something to spark everyone's interest.

Monthly meetings in the Village Hall feature guest speakers on fascinating topics, while regular coffee mornings at the Camden Arms offer a relaxed way to catch up. The popular IT Dropins help members stay confident with technology, whether it's smartphones, tablets, or laptops.

Pembury u3a also organizes exciting outings from boat trips on the Thames and visits to historic sites like Leeds Castle, to longer holidays such as a week in Harrogate.

More adventures are always on the horizon.

Friendly, inclusive, and full of opportunities to learn and enjoy life together, Pembury u3a brings people together through shared passions and fresh experiences.

If you'd like to find out more please visit: pemburyu3a.org



PEMBURY W.I

Spring Reflections

Spring brought joy, inspiration, and creativity to our WI gatherings. We shared stories on Living with Dementia, explored memory through Telling Family Stories, and had a playful dive into Miniatures and A Night at the Oscars, which included some enthusiastic singing! One of our most colourful evenings was dedicated to paper flower making, resulting in a stunning display of handcrafted blooms.

Cake Sale Success

Our cake sale on 7th June was a triumph! Despite windy forecasts, the skies stayed kind, and by midday, every crumb was gone. Thanks to all who came by. Your support was truly heartwarming.

Looking Ahead

We've got some exciting talks lined up, including Yoga and Mindfulness, All Things Nutty, Sloe Gin and Chocolate, and Hardy Geraniums. Something for everyone!

Taking Action

In support of the WI resolution Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers, members will attend Lifesaving Training with the Fire Service this September. Action in motion!

Join Us!

Curious? Creative? Just fancy a chat. Come along! We meet the first Friday of each month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. New faces are always welcome!

Viv Walton, Secretary

PEMBURY IN THE PARK 2025



Held on Saturday, 5th July at Lower Green Recreation Ground, Pembury in the Park 2025 showcased community spirit, local talent, with a splash of summer fun.

Atmosphere

Although the weather started poorly, once the gates opened at 3pm it brightened up with just the odd shower. Families and friends spread out on picnic blankets, kids played, and the music began! The layout was well-organized, with stalls offering crafts, games, street food and delicious treats.

Entertainment Highlights

The stage hosted live music from the Rags and Full House keeping people grooving throughout the afternoon with mellow acoustic sets to upbeat band numbers. Local groups 360 Dance, Pembury Players & Pembury Fitness provided engaging entertaining performances, followed by a newly introduced tug of war for adults and kids. The variety of entertainment ensured there was something for everyone.



Food & Drink

The food and booze stands were a hit, offering everything from chips, burgers and donuts to refreshing prosecco. The Kingdom Cafe served coffee and delicious cakes from the pavilion.

Community & Creativity

Stalls run by local makers, and crafters added a personal touch. Whether you were hunting for handmade jewellery or indulging in homemade cakes, the creativity on display was impressive. Face painters and Beat the Turtle Goal game made sure the little ones were just as engaged as the grown-ups.

Pembury in the Park 2025 was more than just an event – it was a celebration of village life. Thank you for joining us!!





PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL



A Brand-New Climbing Frame is Coming to Lower Green Recreation Ground!

We're thrilled to announce that a brand-new climbing frame is coming to Lower Green Recreation Ground and it's going to be a showstopper! After carefully considering designs and proposals, Pembury Parish Council has appointed Proludic, a leading name in innovative play equipment, to bring this exciting project to life.

This isn't just any climbing frame it's a bespoke multi play unit specially designed to challenge and entertain older children. With double roll-over bars, a giant climbing wall, twisted rope climbers, high monkey bars, and a thrilling helter-skelter slide, it's the ultimate outdoor adventure space for energetic explorers.

Funding for the new climbing frame has been secured through Section 106 contributions, ensuring that local development directly benefits our community and its future generations.

Built with hard-wearing materials and backed by a lifetime warranty, the equipment is designed for long-term use with minimal maintenance perfect for withstanding years of fun, laughter, and fearless play.

Installation will begin soon, and we expect the climbing frame to be fully ready for action by the end of October 2025 – just in time for autumn adventures!

We can't wait to see our local young adventurers climbing, sliding, and exploring this exciting new feature. Keep your eyes on Lower Green Recreation Ground a fantastic transformation is on the way!

Let the countdown to climbing begin! Here's a sneak peek of what's coming.





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PEMBURY FOOTBALL

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Apart from a brief 20-minute downpour on Sunday morning (inevitable after such a long dry spell), the weather was ideal for football. The BBQ and tea tent, run by parents of club members, did a roaring trade, raising valuable funds to help keep membership fees as low as possible so the club remains open to all.

Our coaches are now enjoying a wellearned summer break before the new season kicks off in September. This past season we had around 380 players, from Under 5s (Reception year) up to Under 18s (A-level year). We were proud to run three all-girls'

teams at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 level, and we're keen to recruit more players to launch an Under 9 girls' team next season.

If you'd like to know more about playing opportunities for next season, please email the club secretary colinforward 1958@gmail.com.





PEMBURY SOCIETY

Bygone Pembury Volume 2 is here! Get your copy now!

Published by the Pembury Society, it's packed with pages of fresh stories, photos, maps, and more, it's perfect for anyone interested in the village's past. Available for £20 at Barnes Kingsnorth (cash only), The Black Horse or online at: pemburysociety. org. Volume 1 is still available at £20.

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AUTUMN MEETING & AGM:

Wednesday 22nd October 7.45pm, St. Peter's Upper Church.

Our speaker will be local resident, Peter Bruce who will talk about his experiences as an airline and helicopter pilot and answer any questions. Members Free or £3 on the door. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Pembury Society is concerned that it is not connecting with some of its members. If you are a member and have not received any of the recent emails this year, please email your full name to mbership@pemburysociety.org.

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WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY



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- 5376 clinical letters processed
- 57735 prescription items issued
- 12009 telephone calls

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Change to GPWorking Days:

- Dr Minkah will no longer be available on Fridays and will hold clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Dr Stainfield will now be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

To ensure continuity of care, some patients currently under Dr Minkah's care will be reassigned to Dr Stainfield. Changes will be on the website, patients aged 75 + will be notified directly via email, text message or letter.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make these adjustments to better serve our patients.

Waterfield House Patients Participation Group (PPG)

- The PPG AGM included an informative presentation on the NHS 111 services provided by Integrated Care 24 (IC24) from Violeta Ainslie, Quality and Governance Manager (Kent, Medway & Sussex). We also had a video Q&A from Dr Saranya Sivapalan a 'Resident Doctor' and currently gaining experience at Waterfield House, about her journey to become a qualified doctor.
- New members to the PPG would be most welcome. Our next Quarterly meeting of the PPG will take place on Wednesday 08th October at 19:00hrs - venue Waterfield House Surgery.

Quarterly Newsletter Available:

www.waterfieldhousepractice.nhs.uk

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PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

What a fantastic year this is turning out to be for our club!

We have an expanding, enthusiastic and younger membership, who are queuing up to play at the weekend Friendlies against other local clubs.

We are renowned for our hospitality, providing afternoon tea at home matches and making good use of our newly acquired alcohol licence. Our annual barbecue scheduled for August is as popular as ever, with friends and family welcome. Our Ladies Day event at which we host other clubs for bowls competitions and afternoon tea, has a waiting list this year.

In July, our Fantastic 5's competition, the Arthur Storey Cup, was won by The Dalmations Team including our youngest female member, 14 year-old Ellie who graduated from the Saturday morning sessions for Juniors. Anthony and Olli, now 15, also played very well, managing to win their singles matches against experienced adults.

The competition was played on one of the

hottest days of the year, whilst another day saw torrential rain during a match which turned our green into a pond, as you can see below!

Lots of new people are turning up to our roll-ups on Wednesdays and Fridays, some of whom have signed up as members.

Come along and have a go! If the kids can do it, so can you!

Check out our website for our events calendar: pemburybowlsclub.com





CHARITY UPDATE - Aspens



What we do

Aspens supports young people and adults on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities, and their families – delivering over 890,000 hours of life-changing support to more than 3,000 individuals each year. At our Pembury site, we offer residential and supported living homes, as well as Acorns Day Opportunities Centre, where the people we support take part in art, pottery, cookery, animal care and more. Acorns also has a sensory room that can be booked by members of the public.

How can you support us

Visit: Free entry all year round to explore the animal farm, woodland walk, playground, and relax in the Bluebell Café and enjoy delicious drinks, snacks and cakes.

Donate: Decluttering, we gratefully accept clothing, accessories, toys, books and homeware. Drop your quality pre-loved items at our Pembury donations centre, we have outside storage so you can drop of 24/7 even when we are closed!

Shop: Find treasures in our Paddock Wood, Crowborough and Bexhill charity shops, or browse our online stores for unique gifts, or visit the Bluebell café for plants, gifts and Christmas trees!

Events: Take part in one of our fundraising events, we hold everything from golf days, coffee mornings, school holiday activities to seasonal Fun Days!

Volunteer: From gardening and animal care to helping in our shops or café, we welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds.

Community support isn't just appreciated—it's essential. At Aspens, it's what keeps our services running and our doors open to those who need us most. With over £58,000 needed every single day to fund our care, activities, and housing, we rely on the generosity of people like you.

Find out more by visiting us at Cornford Lane or aspens.org.uk





PEMBURY CRICKET



Busy Summer of Cricket!

At the time of writing, cricket has been in full swing at Chalket Lane with busy league schedules for the 1st XI and 2nd XI, plus our Sunday Friendly XI who have enjoyed themselves as always!

The junior season has just drawn to a close, once again a busy one, but valuable experience has been gained by all of those involved.

Our u11s (Steelers) finished runners up in their league, our u13s (Blue Caps) had some closely fought games finishing mid table, similar fortunes were also had by the u15s (Colts) all were decent achievements because in effect, they were playing up a year.

Prior to the start of the school summer holidays, we had our end of season junior BBQ and awards evening, and an enjoyable time was had by all. Congratulations to all the award winners.

In addition to the individual trophies, we were delighted to award our honorary awards in memory of our dearly missed

And Starts with.

former President Cliff Smith, with the Cliff Smith Junior Player of the Year Award, and the merit award the Dave Kemp Trophy, both had worthy recipients.

2025 saw our eighth year of the ECB Initiative "All Stars" at 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. We look forward to running this again in 2026.

We continue to have ambitious plans for the Cricket Club and are keen to forge further links with local businesses to help us continue to evolve, details of the various sponsorship packages we offer can be found via our website.

Hopefully the weather will hold for the remainder of the season before we start it all again indoors in January.

If you are interested in joining or getting involved with PCC, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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JUNIOR DARTS



Pembury Junior Darts Club Update – King William IV Pub

The Pembury Junior Darts Club continues to thrive at the King William IV, offering a vibrant and inclusive space for young darts enthusiasts aged 6 to 16. Held every Saturday from midday to 2pm, the sessions are FREE thanks to the sponsorship from AJ Signs and Graphics and the pub itself. The team are currently looking for another local business to sponsor equipment (boards and darts).

Led by Dan Littlechild, Chairman of the Kent and Sussex Hospital Fund Darts League, the club has seen a steady turnout of 10 to 20 children each week, many of whom have now set up dartboards at home to keep practicing. Dan's goal isn't just to find the next Luke Littler – it's to get kids engaged in a fun, social sport that teaches maths skills and builds confidence.

Recent Highlights

- A 12-hour darts marathon was held which raised over £850 for Prostate Cancer UK, with participation from both junior and adult players.
- The club is exploring the idea of forming a mini youth league in the area, encouraging other local clubs to start junior sessions.

The new season starts on 13th September, if your child is keen to join or you are interested in sponsorship you can contact Dan on 07947 084266.



COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

With the holidays in full swing, there's no better way to spend a Monday morning than catching up with friends and family at our beloved Community Coffee shop. Rain or shine, we've got you covered children and dogs are welcome in the pavilion, where the tables overflow with dog biscuits, homemade cakes, scones, cold drinks, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and our signature hot buttered tea cakes.

Our team of cheerful volunteers truly make the magic happen, serving, baking, and always welcoming. A warm shoutout to Christine Snow on her return, and to Peter, now a full-fledged contributor,

whose cakes and quiches brighten every table (and whose help with chairs has not gone unnoticed!). We're also deeply grateful to Sheila for her incomparable cheese scones and David, whose sausage rolls and vacuuming finesse have reached legendary status!

Monday 20th October, we'll celebrate our 11th anniversary and present a cheque to our chosen charity of the year, the Air Ambulance, and a hold a celebratory raffle. And come November, we'll rally once more to raise funds for the British Legion.

OUT AND ABOUT CLUB

Our first trip in 2025 took us to the Isle of Sheppey. Over 50 residents enjoyed a guided tour of the island, taking in all the historic sites and hearing tales of bravery and innovation plus a quick run around all three prisons! We all agreed that the tour was excellent and gave us an opportunity to see Sheppey with a fresh pair of eyes.

Following the tour, we were all treated to a VE day tea and Variety Show at the Criterion Theatre. This theatre is a restored historical building and is run almost entirely by volunteers. They made us all very welcome and served us well. The show itself was tremendous fun, and we thoroughly enjoyed the nostalgia, the familiar war time music and hearing tales of courage and fortitude. We left feeling love and gratitude to all who fought for our freedom, all who lost their lives, and all at home who contributed to the war effort.

Pauline Hawker











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PEMBURY NEEDS YOU!

Pembury Parish Council

Pembury Parish Council is looking for reliable and community-minded volunteers to help with the quarterly delivery of the Pembury Village News. Published in March, June, September, and December and delivered to households across the parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet neighbours, and make a positive impact.



We're seeking:

- Regular distributors who can commit to delivering each issue
- Standby volunteers to cover holidays and unexpected absences

If you're interested in joining the team, please contact us at pvn@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Girlguiding

Offers roles for anyone eager to get involved — leaders, helpers, or occasional volunteers. Sign up at girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer



Aspens

Volunteer Your Time: From gardening and animal care to helping in our shops or café, we welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds we'd love to have your support. Find out more at aspens.org.uk



Pembury Players

Join the Pembury Players! Love theatre or just want to meet new people? We've been performing since the 70s and would love more members—on stage, behind the scenes, or helping with front-of-house.



We rehearse every Thursday at 8pm at Pembury Village Hall. Come along, say hi, and maybe even discover a hidden talent. And yes, we do enjoy a pub trip after! Email: pemburyplayers@outlook.com

MICHAEL STANFORD

We're deeply saddened to hear Mike has passed away. We are grateful for Mike's dedication to sharing Pembury weather updates in the PVN over the last year. His thoughtful updates helped us understand the microclimates in our village. Though he is no longer with us, he will be fondly remembered.



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