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PRIDE IN PEMBURY

THE PRIDE in Pembury Competition this summer had several categories for gardening including best allotment, best front garden, best commercial frontage and best container. There was also a photography category for photos reflecting Pembury Life. The competition was organised this year by the Parish Council as part of its efforts to encourage Pembury residents to take pride in where they live and in the environment of our village.

The winners and runners-up in each category were invited to a special tea party in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground on Sunday 6 September. Chair of the Parish Council Cllr June Crowhurst thanked everyone who had taken part and the winners were presented with a cup and a certificate and the runners-up with a certificate. There was plenty of cake and chat as the success of the competition was celebrated.

Winners were:

Best Commercial Frontage – Winner: The Black Horse.

Highly Commended: Hospice in the Weald.

Most Attractive Front Garden –

Winner: Mr John Wooden.

Highly Commended: Mrs Beryl Whiddett.



Parish Council Chair Cllr June Crowhurst presenting the awards.

Most Attractive Hanging Baskets – Winner: Mrs Melanie Hambleton. Highly Commended: Mr and Mrs Chartres.

Best Allotment -

Winner: Miss Sarah Bernham. Highly Commended: Miss Paula Davis.

Image of Pembury photograph -

Winner: Mr Christopher Elwood.

Highly Commended: Mrs Linda Salisbury.

The Council is planning to run the competition again next year so get planting to be in with a chance to win. Look out for entry forms in the PVN.

Cllr Rev Matthew Jackson

FIREWORKS

THIS YEAR'S fireworks on 6 November were absolutely spectacular. Hundreds of villagers gathered in the Recreation Ground to witness the stunning display. Flashing glow sticks, burgers and music added to the atmosphere of the occasion. Oohs and aahs were heard as the music crescendoed and the fireworks lit up the night sky. A bucket collection raised £1,721.29, half of which will go to St. John Ambulance and half to Pembury Parish projects.

Editor

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YOUR CHAIRMAN REPORTS

AS PROMISED, I am pleased to report on the environmental push happening in our village. The first project, the Old Coach Road clearance and restoration, I am happy to say, is now underway.

This lovely walk in Pembury has, to our shame, been somewhat neglected over the last two decades. To be able to bring it back as a nature habitat will be so rewarding for all of us, and for the future. It will be sympathetically cleared making sure the wildlife is safe before bat boxes and bird boxes are placed so that we can monitor the different species. The pond badly needs clearing to allow the natural wet life to survive. I hope you agree it is, and will be, a fantastic chance to get this back and have our own natural wildlife area.



The landowners either side of the Coach Road have been an immense pleasure to meet, and their enthusiasm for this venture is very warmly welcomed; a huge thank you to Mrs Miles and her son David, Mr and Mrs Nick Bowman, and Mr and Mrs Bruce Bowman, and their son for being so positive. Their practical knowledge is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

High Weald conservationists are managing the project on behalf of the Borough Council, who own the Coach Road, along with Hughie Boorman as our lead for Pembury, who with his infectious enthusiasm and passion for the countryside is gathering in willing volunteers to help with this venture; a huge thank you to you all. I am sure Hughie would love to hear from you, if you have some spare time.

On a less positive note, I have to tell you that we are again experiencing youth vandalism. It is such a shame that some, and I reiterate only a few, are intent on spoiling facilities that the rest of Pembury value as an enhancement of their quality of life. It costs money to repair the vandalised equipment; we must try and stop it now with the help of the police and the community.

Very many thanks for all the support this year in our various ventures: Pride in Pembury, It's a Knockout, Musical Picnic on the Green, the launch of the Adult Keep Fit Equipment, and of course the Fireworks Evening. Your kind words and advice will help future events run more positively in the future. We still have some bags for life with the Pride in Pembury logo on (only £1.50). Please let us know if you would like one.

Christmas is coming and for some of us it is a time of quiet reflection, families, presents and joy, while for others it can be a sad and lonely time, or beset by financial problems. I know that Pembury has a big heart, and the churches always need things for the community larder, especially for the festive season. If you can donate food or your time to someone who is alone, this will be greatly appreciated. I know you are all so kind and it always makes a difference to others. That is what makes Pembury such a special village to be part of. Thank you to everyone who works so hard for this village.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Borough Councillors, and our County Councillor, I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

June Crowhurst

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"Congratulations to Pembury on having such fabulous facilities for all members of the family to keep fit together," said Councillor Catherine Mayhew, Cabinet member at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for Health & Wellbeing. She officially opened Pembury's open air adult health and fitness area on Friday 9 October.

She added that the Borough Council had been extremely pleased to contribute financially to this new equipment which would benefit all residents in Pembury.

Councillor June Crowhurst, Chair of Pembury Parish Council, commented that this completed the regeneration project in the Lower Green Recreation Ground undertaken by the Parish Council. Improving fitness levels was becoming more and more important for all of us and this exercise equipment would help us all keep active and healthy, whatever our age.

She thanked colleagues past and present, as well as the Parish Clerk's office and groundsmen, who had been involved from the beginning of the project Left to right: Parish Clerk Barbara Russell, Cllr Chris several years ago. She particularly wished to thank Snow, Cllr Matthew Jackson (back), Cllr Melanie

blowing, the fifty-odd people present were keen to Mayhew. try the equipment and a lot of laughter and a few

Nigel Bolton from the Borough Council who had Karpinski, Cllr Sally Osborn, Cllr Janet Ditchett (hidden), PPC Chair Cllr June Crowhurst, PPC Vice Although the sky was overcast and a fresh breeze Chair Cllr Kevin Edser, Borough Cllr Catherine

groans filled the air. Representatives from Southborough and Brenchley Councils were also impressed by the variety and sturdiness of the Wicksteed Xerscape exercise equipment.

Aimed primarily at the young and the 'young at heart', age range 12 to adult, and designed in conjunction with researchers from Staffordshire University's Centre for Sport and Exercise, each piece of equipment has been individually analysed to determine whether it is effective for upper or lower body strength, toning, cardiovascular fitness, etc. Each Xerscape unit is accompanied by a simple step-by-step guide on how to use the equipment; the sequence in which to use each piece and how many repetitions should be achieved, according to the user's level of fitness.

Alison Morton

NEW HOSPITAL LATEST

ORK CONTINUES on the new hospital and everything is on track to achieve the planned phase one (1A) handover, from contractors Laing O'Rourke, in November 2010.

As many of you will have seen, throughout the summer work has progressed on weatherproofing the building, with windows, cladding panels and external render all being applied while, internally, work has been going on to install partition walling and complex ventilation systems.

The on-site workforce now stands at some 850 people and it's particularly impressive that the contractors have been able to log over a million hours of accident free working, maintaining an excellent Health & Safety record. Despite the noticeable increase in construction activity the day to day working of the top site hasn't been affected and Pembury Hospital continues to serve our community.

Please remember that you can see regular, monthly updates on the progress being made by visiting the Pembury website, www.pembury.org.

Rick Bayles



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WHO IS DIGGING UP PEMBURY?

HEN I SEE one road works sign I take it as a matter of fact and carry on. When Scotia & Southern Gas Networks are replacing old mains and leaky pipes. You might have seen the entire village has been invaded by diggers, yellow plastic pipes on the pavement. If it is

I start wondering – what is going on in Pembury? I have it on good authority that there are three main parties that descended on our village -South East Water, British Gas

South East Water is undertaking a huge project that will allow it to link Kippings Cross reservoir with Pembury Water

Works to eliminate potential water shortages in the future. Unless you are a landowner in the back of Romford Road and towards and across the A228, you are unlikely to come into contact with this project.

You might have seen strange plastic barriers if you went to pick up fruit from Pippins Farm recently. These are amphibian fences meant to keep little creatures out of harm's way while digging is going on. I should admit from what SEW told me and what I saw for myself, they have been rather responsible with their work. If you see blue pipes, it is water.

vellow, it is gas. They have put a few boards around thanking us for our patience. After all, leaky pipes are no joking matter and it is commendable that Scotia & Southern Gas found funds in this challenging economic climate to replace

As for BT, I have lost my will to live chasing them for an answer.

I have no idea where and what they are doing. But if you see a road works site with neither blue nor yellow pipes, it just might be them. Whatever they are up to, I hope it will improve their services to us in one way or another. And when they are all done, we can have our village back with improved services. Something to look forward to.

For more information on particular road works log on to www.elgin.gov.uk. It's a brilliant website provided by Kent highways for any local enquiries, and it is easy to use.

Masha Odintsova-Bayles

VILLAGE PANTO – THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

TN EARLY JANUARY 2010, Pembury Players will be performing a new version of 'The ■ Sleeping Beauty' written by Studio 7 Productions.

The cast, shown here taking a break for a few moments during their rehearsals, features Catriona Allan in the starring role as the lovely Princess Serena and Ruth Sparks as Prince Philip of Ruritania. Chris Tampsett continues his distinguished acting career as the eccentric nurse Dolly Cough Drop, ably assisted by his son Jordan who plays Muddles. Other characters include Serena's father, the King of Mercatoria, and the usual combination of good and bad fairies. The panto is

directed by Dee Barrington-King which guarantees an exciting selection of musical numbers with young dancers from Pembury Youth Theatre Academy and a live band.

The dates for the panto in Pembury Village Hall are: Thursday 7 January, Friday 8 January and Saturday 9 January at 7pm, plus a matinee on Saturday 9 January at 2pm. Tickets at £7 (or £5 for children and OAPs) can be obtained on the door or in advance from the village Post Office or the Chemist.

James Whitehorn







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PEMBURY SCHOOL

DEMBURY SCHOOL was the proud recipient of the Healthy Schools' Award I in December last year and we are always looking for ways to promote a healthy lifestyle. On Wednesday 15 October, the school was pleased to welcome Conrad Williams, the Silver Medallist in the Men's 4x400m relay at the World Championships in Berlin in the summer. He represents a company called Sports4All whose aims are to raise the profile of sport in school, increase awareness of sport outside school, deliver an important message about living healthily as well as raising funds for

schools and young athletes who excel in sport.



Conrad was at the school to help the children complete their fitness challenge - a sponsored event entailing spotty dogs, press-ups, squat thrusts and star jumps. Following the activities, Conrad spoke at a whole school assembly and told the children about his diet and fitness regime. He explained how he takes an hour to prepare for the 45 second race and, with the help of the children, demonstrated some of his warm-up routines.

Children who each raised over £5 received a signed postcard of Conrad; those raising more than £30 received a signed poster. Sycamore class received a trophy and a selection of books and DVDs as they were the class that raised the highest amount.

Jane Gardner, Deputy Headteacher

EXCITING PLANS FOR PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

WE ARE delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Sure Start government grant of almost £81,000 to provide internal and external improvements to our nursery. Work on this project has already begun and will include:

- The provision of a refurbished outside play and teaching area.
- Additional equipment and resources inside
- Children's toilets and hot water upstairs.
- A new kitchen, where the children can learn to cook.
- Extra storage space.
- Improved plumbing and electrics.
- A disabled ramp for access to the nursery.

We are immensely grateful to the KCC Advisers who have helped us to obtain this grant, the Committee and Staff of Pembury School House Nursery.

The nursery has been recognised for its excellence and Rachael Teigen (Head of Tessa Fineman, Nursery) and the staff have been asked to share

their expertise with staff from other nurseries.

We are delighted that the children of PSHN will soon benefit from the new facilities and will continue to flourish in a greatly improved environment.

Pembury School House Nursery has wonderful experienced staff and a fine reputation. It is a non-profit making nursery. It is open Monday to Friday and has a morning and an afternoon session. We are registered to have 20 children per session. Due to the limited spaces, the nursery has a waiting list, although we are hoping to expand in the future.

If you would like further information then please access our website: www.pembury schoolhousenursery.com or contact Rachael Teigen on 825580.

Congratulations to everyone concerned in this

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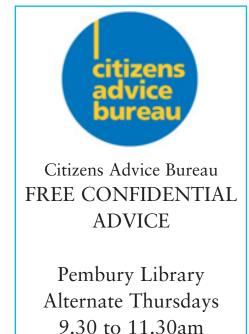
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VILLAGE NETBALL TEAM

Do you enjoy playing netball? One of our villagers has just started playing netball again after a couple of years' break, and would like to get a village team together. It doesn't matter if you haven't played in a while, the first few sessions would be working on building up fitness levels. The matches will probably be in Tunbridge Wells on Monday evenings. If you are interested, please email Kate on kate wuk@yahoo.co.uk

PIPPINS OPEN DAY

The excellent Open Day at Pippins Farm, back in October, raised a very welcome £350 for the Hospice in the Weald, much of it due to the efforts of Jill Noakes and her family with their wonderful homemade refreshments.

Some money also came from the Apple Quiz and the competition to "Guess the Number of Apples in the Box". We don't have the space to list all the questions and answers to the quiz but the winner managed a very credible 9/10 - and to put all the entrants out of their misery, there were 127 apples in the box. Most of the children (and some adults) seemed to find throwing apples at targets to be a fascinating and challenging experience. Plans are already underway for a repeat performance next year. One to look forward to!

ECO GROUP FORUM

The new Pembury Eco Group now has an on-line forum at pemburyecogroup.myfreeforum.org for all those interested in the wildlife in and around our village.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOSPICE

You are always warmly invited to pop in to the Hospice Reception any time of the year, but particularly so during the festive season when there are plenty of attractions on offer. You will find a fantastic selection of cards and gifts, including the CD of Christmas songs produced by their very own group of employees -Harmony. After you have had your fill of shopping, you can relax with a cup of tea and coffee, a sandwich or cake.

Pembury now has a new Hospice Link, under

the leadership of Graham Hayler, and they will be holding various events throughout the coming year. Please contact Graham on 824468 if you would like to join the group.

MAYOR'S TOY APPEAL

Each year the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells works in conjunction with St. George's Community Children's Project Ltd. to help bring Christmas presents to hundreds of children. Thanks to the kind and generous donations of citizens and organisations in our area, these families receive toys, books and other gifts. You may have seen the posters either in Tunbridge Wells or around the various businesses of our village. If you are interested in helping with this year's appeal, please take your donations of new or 'as new' tovs before 12 December to one of the collection points on the list, which can also be found on the Pembury website. Our local collection points are NatWest Bank, on the High Street, Pembury Library and Big Yellow Self Storage in the Industrial Estate.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT PEPENBURY

Locally grown, quality, non-drop trees of all sizes are on sale, 7 days a week from 27 November at the main Pepenbury site in Cornford Lane. All sale proceeds will go to the charity. For more information about Pepenbury, visit their website www.pepenbury.info.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Day Centre at Pembury Baptist Church contact Rosie on 822059. The Day Centre runs during term time on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm. They welcome everyone who would like to enjoy meeting other people, especially those who don't venture out a lot during the week. It is run by volunteers.

The Community First Responder Scheme contact Clive on 07887650706 or 07525968958. Volunteers work under the umbrella of the ambulance service and attend local emergency calls so that people can receive help as quickly as possible. At the moment there is only one in Pembury - we can certainly

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BORED IN PEMBURY? ON THE CONTRARY...

THERE IS A common, unfair assumption among city folk that village life is boring. Whoever thinks this has obviously never been to Pembury. I don't know any other place that has more buzz and energy than our village. It's not surprising really; when someone can't find an existing group to follow their passions and interests, they simply start their own. There is always room for more.

Pembury has its own WI group – where would British village life be without it?! We are also lucky with our lively Scouts and Guides Troops. Then there are the churches – St Peter's (Anglican),

St Anselm's (Catholic) and the Baptist Church. All three are deeply involved with our community in one way or another. Our treasured Old Church has its own "Friends Of" group. The Baptist Church runs Little Rascals for mothers and toddlers, Community Larder, Young Mums support group, Youth Creative Arts Café and The Mix; with all three churches involved in Project Hope, offering help where it is most needed.

Our Parish Council and the Community Working Partnership are there for those who deeply care about the village and want to make their mark. For those who are not keen on politics but have concerns for the



future of the village, there is The Pembury Society. It's been remarkably successful in preserving our village's character since the 1970s while accumulating interesting information about its past.

Our newly founded Eco-Group was set up to investigate, record and preserve the parish's green heritage. The Pembury Walkers group keep a sharp eye on the state of our public footpaths. Neil and Kathryn Franklin are incredibly knowledgeable about the area, and it is a real treat walking with them

What particularly impresses me is the kindness and generosity of our villagers. Perhaps the Hospice in the Weald reminds us of how precious and fragile life can be. We have a great number of volunteers for various local and national charities: Age Concern, MS Society, National Federation of the Blind, St. Peter's Mothers' Union, National Childbirth Trust, Victim Support and the Royal Lifeboat Institution.

It is good to know that a lot of care and attention is available for the elderly and our less able residents. No one likes to be lonely, and no one has to be in Pembury, especially around the festive season. The Out and About Club at St Peter's organise outings by coach and other activities, while the U3A group encourages its members to start or join groups pursuing a wide range of interests. Volunteers at the Baptist Church Day Centre organise weekly lunches, exercises, quizzes, craft sessions, speakers, monthly Bring & Buy Stalls, a Garden Party in the summer and outings. They can also arrange lifts to and from the centre.

And for those who always nurtured hidden talents, there is plenty of opportunity to lose your inhibitions in Pembury, be it drama, sports or gardening. Pembury Players delight us annually with a seasonal pantomime, while always on the lookout for new talent. There is never a shortage of activities at our various sports clubs, and we have a very keen Gardeners' Society, proudly producing shows every year.

There is simply too much happening in Pembury for me to do justice to it all in just one article! Anyone still bored? For more information on village organisations visit the Pembury website.

Masha Odintsova-Bayles

CHARLES AMHERST'S ALMHOUSES

RS MARIE WILLIAMS has recently retired as a Parish Council nominated Trustee of Charles Amherst's Almshouses having served from 1989 to 2009. A tea party was held for her attended by Trustees and Residents to mark the completion of her long and greatly valued service. The Chairman of Trustees, the Rev Matthew Jackson, Vicar of Pembury, made a presentation to Mrs Williams to thank her for her sterling work over the past twenty years.



Geoff Stafford

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

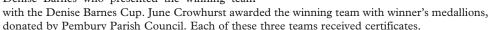
SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER saw nearly 50 excited youths from around the village joining together in eight teams of six players, to participate in this years 3rd consecutive Pembury Parish Council's "It's a Knockout" Tournament. A variety of six different games were contributed and organised by the participating village organisations, and included a "wet" obstacle course, a basketball game and a hoop throw game on space hoppers.

A successful raffle and tombola was arranged by Pembury Parish Council, with hot and cold refreshments provided in collaboration with Pembury Parish Council and PAYFC, served from the

new pavilion. Proceeds will be going to the completion of the Adult Gym Equipment in the Recreation Ground and further youth initiatives in the village.

The best day in September was chosen, as the weather was glorious, and all those involved had an extremely enjoyable afternoon with all team members (and some supporters!) bar none, going home dripping wet.

The winning team was Whitey's Warriors, with St. Anselm's Angels in second place and St. Anselm's Androids in third place. We were honoured again by the presence of the sponsor Denise Barnes who presented the winning team



Thanks are due to all those who were involved in the organisation this year, including Pembury Parish Council, Denise Barnes, St John Ambulance, PAYFC, the donators of the wonderful raffle and tombola prizes, the village organisations, and without whom this event would not be possible, the team players and supporters who cheered on all teams throughout the afternoon.

This year's event has been described as the best "It's a Knockout" tournament to date, and youth teams are eagerly anticipating next year's, and have already started booking their places, which will take place in the recreation ground in September 2010. The date will be fixed shortly, so watch this space for details on how to enter.

Kevin Edser

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THE NEXT concert event at St. Peter's Upper Church will feature a small but unique Jazz group from London – "The Famous Four", on Saturday 20 February 2010.

Formed in 2007, The Famous Four play home grown and often impromptu arrangements of classic tunes and rarities from the 1920s and 1930s while at the same time absorbing influences from many other styles of jazz. The Famous Four's unique line-up comprises Chris Lowe on Trombone (leader), Ben Cummings on Trumpet, Martin Wheatley on Guitar and Richard White on Bass Saxophone. In addition, all the members sing!



These four first-class young musicians produce a very special jazz sound that is ideal for smaller venues, where

audiences can appreciate and enjoy the constant interplay and imagination of their ensemble and improvised playing. The group recorded its debut album 'Keep Smiling' in 2008.

This concert is a definite must for all Jazz lovers. You can listen to the group's one track on Chris Lowe's site www.myspace.com/chrislowejazz. It's their version of "Limehouse Blues", and the 'up tempo' solo improvisations are in particular a worthy example of their excellent playing. The concert starts at $7.30\,\mathrm{pm}$. There is a limited bar open from 7pm and during the interval. Tickets are £8 and are now available from Pembury Pharmacy and from 824761.

Derek von Bethmann-Hollweg

WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY

ATERFIELD HOUSE celebrated its 20th birthday on 11 November 2009. As many will remember, the old surgery was at number 40 Lower Green Road, where there was no pavement, steps to the front door and the consulting rooms were all upstairs. The nurse's room was in the kitchen, the examination couch in the larder and

the pharmacy was in the cupboard under the stairs. Those were the days and I am sure many of you will remember having visited the old surgery in your time. The new building and the practice have changed in many ways beyond all recognition and I hope for the most part it has done so for the better.

The surgery was delighted to welcome Dr Justine O'Neill who joined us this summer and we are also proud to announce that the surgery won the award for the most successful practice in Kent at helping its patients to stop smoking. I think congratulations are due all round, especially to the patients who were able to stop, and also to the nurses who did all the nagging. Megan Adams, our Practice Manager, was presented with the award by the



Mayor of Maidstone and we are now trying to find a suitable place on the wall to display it.

The Practice also wishes to thank all the patients who help with the running of the surgery, those who donate books, those who raise funds and those who give their time to attend the Patient Forum. The doctors and staff are truly grateful and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

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GREEN GARDENING – TIME TO PONDER

THIS ISSUE'S Green Gardening has been hijacked! But don't panic – it's a one off and with full approval of your regular columnist. We thought it might be a good idea to do an article on garden ponds and, as I'm the pond guy, this one falls to me.

The good news is that the secret of good pond management is, by and large, to leave your pond to its own devices. If it has got a little overgrown, this is the right time to thin it out and maintain a good aquatic environment.

The winter months are really the only time for extensive pond work if you want to maintain biodiversity and a healthy stock of aquatic wildlife. Once October comes around many amphibians and invertebrates will be heading for hibernation, getting out of the pond and hiding themselves away in various nooks and crannies around the pond area – so you can get to grips with

managing your pond without too much impact on the wildlife. But do be careful. Some of our aquatic wildlife will spend winter in the mud and roots at the bottom of the pond so please don't go wading about in the water! Invest in a good pair of pond gloves and proceed delicately.

Most aquatic plants are quite prolific and need to be cut back from time to time. This is particularly true of the oxygenators, the plants that live entirely in the water and help to maintain good oxygen levels in your pond. Now is the right time to thin these plants out. If you're lucky enough to have



breeding amphibians in your pond, they need space for courtship rituals; especially newts. Come spring, if your pond is too clogged up, they'll look elsewhere and this will affect the biodiversity in your pond. Fish also need plenty of swimming space, although if you're keeping fish, your pond is less likely to have a wide range of other species.

The trick to clearing out oxygenators is to pull them from the pond in their entirety. Put them into a bucket filled with pond water before completely disposing of them. A lot of pond life will be in and around these plants; placing the plants in a bucket gives creatures the chance to escape and you can then return them to the pond. Deposit the unwanted plants on the side of the pond – anything still living there then has another chance to return to the pond. After a couple of days you can move the waste to the compost heap – water plants rot down very quickly once they're out of the water and make excellent compost.

Try to remove non native plants from the pond. Non native species often out-compete native plants. They lack natural predators and resist disease and other inhibiting factors that keep our own plants under control. Plants such as Parrot Feather (Miriophyllum aquaticum) are frequently sold in nurseries – but they are hugely invasive and will, if left uncontrolled, completely clog up a pond.

You should also make sure you remove the seed heads from margin plants such as reed mace. This is a lovely plant and very pretty in and around your pond – but unless you control it, especially in the early life of your pond, it can take over and will then be difficult to manage. If you have a big pond and you don't mind the proliferation of these plants, that's fine – but be aware that they can become very dominant in a short space of time. Just cut away the dead stalks

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GREEN GARDENING - TIME TO PONDER - continued



being careful not to cut them too close to the water. Various dragonflies and damselflies rely on these dead stalks as places to lay their eggs and as an emergent point for larvae as they metamorphose into adult insects.

Finally, leaf litter can be a problem at this time of year. Fallen leaves in the pond will contribute to the amount of nutrients in the water and this can lead to algal bloom in the spring and summer. There's also the problem that your pond can eventually silt up if you have too much leaf litter coming into it every year. The best solution is to

skim it regularly but this is very time consuming. You can net the pond to keep the worst of the falling leaves out – but remember to check the netting regularly to make sure that hedgehogs and such are not tangled up in it.

You can find many excellent tips on the care and management of your garden pond at www.pondconservation.org.uk. For help in identifying potentially invasive non-native plants, there is extensive information available at www.plantlife.org.uk.

Happy pondering! Rick Bayles

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

THE CLUB finals weekend has come and gone with some great bowling. Needless to say, Arthur Storey prevailed again winning his Captain's Cup. It has been quite a year for Arthur, who celebrated his 80th birthday in August and became a lifetime member of the club in recognition of all his dedication and hard work for the Club over the past 20 something years.

Well done to Sue Hook for winning the Ladies Singles and the Mixed Pairs with Roy Allen; Malcolm Constant for winning the Chairman's Plate and also the Married Pairs with his wife Joyce. Phil Griffin and Barbara Allen were winners of the Drawn Pairs and Alec Rhodes the Presidents' Cup. Unfortunately Roy Hook was injured and unable to play in his two finals.

Congratulations go to the members in Tunbridge Wells Men's Arthur Storey receiving the unfortunately relegated to the second division whilst Pippins

league for winning all ten of their matches and being promoted Captain's Cup from Malcolm once again to the first division. Pembury Ladies Bypass team were Constant, Club Captain.

remained in the first. During the bowling season we held a Triples Turnaround Tournament, a Ladies Day, held a couple of Quiz Nights, BBQs, had a successful day at a Boot Fair. We have the annual dinner and prize giving to look forward to, followed by the annual Grand Dance on 13 March at the Village Hall. More information about that next time.

Further information and photos can be found on Pembury Bowls Club website, www.pemburybowlsclub.co.uk.

Barbara Scholten, Competitions Secretary



NEW WORLD MONTESSORI NURSERY

A NEW MONTESSORI Nursery has opened in Pembury. Children aged between two and five years meet every weekday morning between 9am and 12noon during term time at the Catholic Church Hall to enjoy the joys and delights

The New World Montessori Nursery was established in November 1999 and was based in the heart of Tunbridge Wells. It has been running successfully for ten happy years, and through a

twist of fate, has now been brought to Pembury. Villagers welcomed the nursery with open arms and the nursery was met with much warmth and interest

The nursery was approved and registered by OFSTED in September 2009 and three- and four-year-olds can receive the Nursery Education Grant which subsidises part of the fees.

Situated at the foot of the Green, the nursery enjoys spacious and bright premises and benefits from the adjacent "secret garden" where children can play in the fresh air. It is fully equipped with Montessori materials and

equipment and all the teachers are both qualified and experienced.

The purpose of the Montessori method of education is to cultivate the child's own desire to learn. Teachers are committed to the Montessori philosophy, and endeavour to provide a safe, happy

and stimulating environment where children feel valued and respected, and where they are free to learn at their own pace. Our curriculum is in full harmony and compliance with the national foundation stage curriculum. Activities include: dancing, music and drama, French, investigative science, PE, Arts and Crafts.

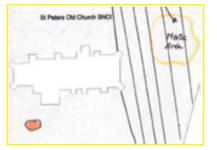
Odile Sagot-Smith

ST. PETER'S OLD CHURCH

TN FEBRUARY this year, Matthew, our vicar, gave me a letter he had received from a lady by ▲ the name of Dawn Brickwood from the Weald Meadow Initiative based at Flimwell. In June 2008 Dawn had visited St Peter's Old Church Yard

which is listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is classified as Ancient Meadow. I met Dawn in March down at the Old Church Yard. I was accompanied by Pat Heywood Young who spends countless hours keeping the churchyard a haven of natural beauty.

The visit was a real eye-opener during which Dawn identified so many different grasses, lichens and wild flowers that we never knew existed there. She also identified that the shaded area of the church yard to the right of the church (see map) was very acidic and was completely different in plant life to the left side. With the



help of the Parish Council and the groundsmen, it was agreed that the right hand side would only have the grass cut once more this year and the result was amazing. Flowers that, due to too frequent chopping, had not been seen in recent years, appeared; among them, harebells and wild orchids.

In all a total of 23 different flowers and clover were identified and it is hoped that my dear friend Melvyn Cole will keep a photographic record next year as they appear and possibly some publication will be made. The grass on the left side will be cut more frequently but avoiding flower time. You're welcome to visit next year but please don't pick the flowers.

Hugh Boorman



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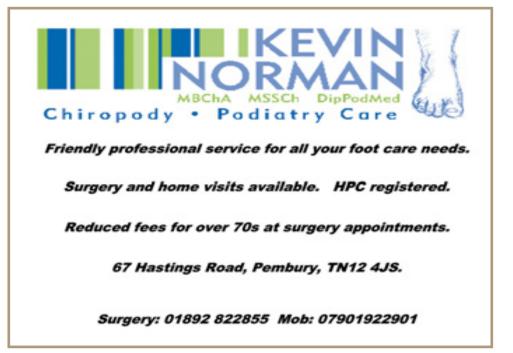
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PEMBURY BRIDGE CLUB

PEMBURY VILLAGERS may notice that the village is different on a Tuesday evening as cars arrive with bridge players in them to play at Pembury Bridge Club, which has been running for over thirteen and a half years now. I thought you might be interested to know a little more about us and what we are doing.



We meet twice a week, in Pembury Village Hall on Tuesday evenings and in St James' Church Hall in Tunbridge Wells on Thursday afternoons.

The new competition season has begun, running from September until June. The first Tuesday and Thursday of each month are the pairs competitions, keenly fought; the second Tuesdays and Thursdays are the individual competitions; and the last Tuesday and Thursday of every month is a prize competition when the winning pairs (North/South and East/West) win prestigious pens discreetly engraved with the words 'I won at Pembury Bridge Club'. Tuesday's prize competition is handicapped, Thursday's is not. Most Tuesday evenings we have about 15 or 16 tables, four players at each table, and on Thursday afternoons we have 10 or 12 tables.

Pembury Bridge Club also goes away on bridge playing holidays, several each year, but not all the members go on every holiday, of course. I allow myself just one a year. Most years, at least one of the holidays is overseas. The holidays are run by the club's president, Geoff Plummer, who founded the club in 1996. It is a happy club with a good reputation for being friendly and over the years many close friendships have been forged. It is probably because we holiday together that we have got to know each other so well.

So next time you are driving through the village and have to crawl past the cars parked on a Tuesday evening think kindly towards us, as we fiercely fight our competitions, counting cards as hard as we can. We are a cheerful bunch!

Elspeth Fox, Pembury Bridge Club Chairman

UPDATE FROM PEMBURY ATHLETIC YOUTH FC

THE YOUTH Football club has had an enjoyable start to the new season with approximately 30 new members, including about 12 Under 5 players, our youngest ever age group, reflecting the popularity of football plus the opportunity for healthy exercise.

Our Under 11 age group has enjoyed playing 11-a-side matches, for the first time wrangling with the complexities of the offside rule. We have

established a second Under 14 team, so far they are unbeaten and at the top of their table.

We presently seek more players for our Under 5, 6, 7, 10, 13 age groups.

Off the pitch we urgently seek a replacement secretary as the present incumbent is moving away from the village in the near future. Have you got a couple of hours spare each week, internet access, and possess good selforganisation? If so, the role of secretary can be hugely rewarding. Please call me on 825436.

Colin Forward, Chairman, PAYFC





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PEPENBURY EVENTS

DEPENBURY, THE Pembury charity for adults with a Plearning disability have recently been actively pursuing two new exciting ventures.



Recycling Challenge

Pepenbury has been awarded £7,000 by the Kent Waste Partnership to help them promote recycling. The funding will be used to improve recycling, composting and waste reduction facilities within the Pepenbury community. They will purchase recycling containers, compost bins, and a garden waste shredder for the care home so the residents and users have access to recycling services.

The centre will also work with the wider community to increase recycling and waste reduction through workshops and events. They plan to get involved in the Love Food Hate Waste campaign and learn how to save money and reduce waste. As part of this recycling campaign Pepenbury will be offering the local community a Christmas Tree recycling service, producing wood chippings to be used around the Pepenbury grounds.

Food4Thought

Pepenbury is launching an exciting new food growing project called Food4Thought. It will work in partnership with Oakley School, Sherwood Park School and the High Weald Partnership producing healthy, nutritious, locally-grown fresh fruit and vegetables for the community, promoting healthy eating and providing an outdoor space



for physical exercise, improving health and well-being. Pepenbury will be setting up an allotment site where people with learning disabilities, local school groups and volunteers can grow a wide range of vegetables, fruit and herbs which will be used in the house kitchens and available to buy from Pepenbury farm shop. The project will also provide training and workshops for school and community groups to learn about food growing, healthy eating, cooking and food preparation.

To find out more about these projects and how you can become involved, please contact Nigel Hill on 822168 or email nigelhill@pepenbury.info.

Nigel Hill

MY PLOT

T PICKED MY last major crop of runner beans on 31 October. There were still a few more beans ▲ to swell, though no more flowers by then. The beans themselves were huge fat things – much more flesh than in the summer. Some of the plants had really fresh, healthy foliage and did not look like a plant dying off for the winter so maybe I'll try and see if I can keep them going all winter.

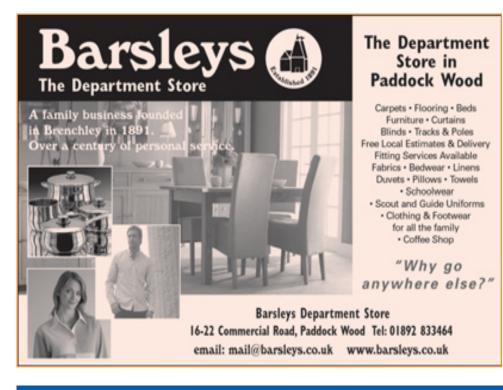
Like everyone with a plum tree, I had yet another fantastic year! I checked back and the last time my Victoria Plum tree 'rested', was the summer of 2000. How many years can it keep going?

My newly-planted vine grew one bunch of grapes which, honestly, was one bunch more than I expected. I planted it less than a year ago and I concentrated on training it where I want it to stay for the next twenty years, not encouraging it to fruit. The grapes tasted nice - although with pips. I don't know if the pips will help the wine?

My potatoes were very variable, ranging from total failure to huge bounty. This is the crop from just one plant lifted 2 November, weighing 7lb and with not a single blemish or slug hole. They were a variety called Cara and I will definitely



Caroline Mazzey





THE CHANGING FACE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM IN PEMBURY

MANY OF US remember the dramatic change that the completion of the two by-passes, exactly 20 years ago, made to life in Pembury but these were not the first new roads to be built in the parish. If you look at old maps, consult old land deeds or even walk the footpaths, it is obvious that the road system has changed over the years. It has evolved to meet the needs of the day. Some roads have changed their line, some 'highways' have been down-graded to footpaths, some paths have disappeared altogether and others have been created. Here is a selection of some of the more interesting changes.

Before the 18th century all roads were the responsibility of the parish through which they ran and were generally in poor repair. In an attempt to improve things, the turnpike system was introduced. Roads that were turnpiked became the responsibility of a Trust who charged tolls to users of the road and this income was supposed to be spent on its maintenance. In 1767 a turnpike road between 'East Malling and Pembury Green' was created. This involved not only the construction of Seven Mile Lane (not in Pembury) but also the stretch of Maidstone Road between Stonecourt Lane and Downingbury's entrance. Until then, after the Church Road junction, the main road north took a route down what is now Stonecourt Lane, continuing on a line along the back boundary of the houses now in Maidstone Road before returning to the current road at Downingbury's entrance. Stonecourt Lane is very narrow with high banks on both sides and even then was considered unsuitable for the amount of traffic

In addition, 100 years later, in 1865, there was an application for Stonecourt Lane to be stopped up 'since it is not used by the public, but only as a private way to adjoining land'. The northern end no longer exists, but there is still access to the 'adjoining land'.

Another road with an interesting history is Pembury Walks. Footpaths WT211 and part of WT210 form a path from the bend in Pembury Hall Road, past the cottages, and out to the A21, almost opposite Colebrook. Some of this path is along an old track-way as there is evidence that it has been built up in places, whereas other parts appear to be a narrow sunken lane like Stonecourt Lane. In 1833 there was a diversion order 'in Tonbridge & Pembury. Part of the Highway between the turnpike road from Tonbridge to Pembury at Deadman's Gate and the bottom of Rowley Hill in Pembury - 2200yds long - being Stonecourt Lane narrow and circuitous to be diverted to a new line through the



lands of . . . 1556yds long and 20ft wide between the Tonbridge/Pembury turnpike at Fairthorn and the bottom of Rowley Hill.' The new line mentioned is Pembury Walks. It is interesting to note that the old road went past the vicarage (now Pembury Hall) and the new road starts down the hill, well away from there. The vicar, Rev Stephen Woodgate, was from a rich and locally important family who owned most of the land through which the new road passed. On the map accompanying the diversion order it is clear that the footpaths are the remains of the earlier highway from Pembury church to the turnpike road and had probably been there since the church

Then there is 'The Old Coach Road'. This was built by Lord Camden sometime between 1811 and 1815 as a private carriage drive from the main road in Pembury to his house at Bayham. This route was shorter then, going via Lamberhurst and despite the main road being turnpiked, it probably had a better surface and there was no toll to pay. By 1902, however, the situation had changed and the carriage drive was no longer needed, so the then Mq Camden donated the northern part (from a new start point in Chalkett Lane down as far as today's Picnic Site) to Tonbridge Rural District Council in perpetuity as a footpath only. The minor diversion was probably because the Upper Church had been built in 1847 and the coach road actually went up the drive and across what became the burial ground in 1945.

Finally there are those paths that must have been more important in the past, but for which I have, as yet, no details. For example Keyes Mill on footpath WT226 was important into the 20th century. It crosses the stream in Snipe Wood and despite a considerable footpath network in the near vicinity it is a considerable distance from a road. Today it appears very inaccessible except by foot but there must have been adequate access in the past for carts and other heavy farm traffic.

Kathryn Franklin

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

THE WI HAS been part of our village life since it was founded in 1920 and we are looking forward to presenting a "Celebration of 90 years of the WI in Pembury" in the Village Hall, for our anniversary on 10 April 2010. For this, we are searching for information of our history as we have no information prior to 1950 and we appeal to anyone who or whose mother belonged to Pembury WI and has any memorabilia we could see or borrow. Also we are missing our Record Books from Nov 1960-Aug 1967 and July 1984-Dec 1990, perhaps these are still in someone's attic.

Come and meet us; visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings. There is no need to phone, just turn up at the Village Hall at 2pm on the first Thursday of each month. The programme for the next three meetings is in

"For Your Diary" page 35; or the full year and further information can be seen on the WI website, www.westkentwi.org.uk.

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Margaret Buss, Hon. Secretary, Pembury afternoon WI

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

THIS PHOTOGRAPH was taken in 1965 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes when this sign was presented to the members of the Pembury WI. If you can identify any of the missing members or have information relating to this photograph, please contact the Editor (details on the inside front cover).

Back row, left to right: Mr and Mrs Harris, Connie Avenell, M. Millade, Monica Wetman and baby Lucy, Anne Russel, Mrs Fricker, Mrs King, Mrs Collins, Mrs Bettison, ?, ?, ?, Miss Gates, Miss Hartham, Mr Baker

Front row, left to right: ?, Stella Williamson, Betty Nanmaid, Chris Russel, Nan Kingeott, Mr Fagg, Betty Perryman, Doris Morgan, Mrs Pheland, Mrs Marsh.



PEMBURY SCHOOL LEAVERS' BALL FOR YEAR 6

CHILDREN FROM Pembury Primary School put their dancing shoes on to mark their leaving the school. Parents, teachers and 59 pupils attended the school leavers' ball at the Village Hall this summer.

Mums Karen Hannam, Giulia Di Nardo, Gillian Mayrick and Xanthe Parrott organised the event. They were supported by a selection of parents who helped cook for the buffet, decorate the hall and clean up afterwards! The music was a great success especially as all tunes had been personally chosen by each child prior to the event.

Local photographer Clare Green gave up her time for free to professionally



Photo: Courier Media Group

photograph the children and a group photograph was presented to each child as a leaving gift.

The four mums knew that it had always been quite a close year group, so thought it would be a nice idea to do something special for them. The fact that the children came and really enjoyed themselves made it very emotional for the parents especially as they have all watched the children growing up together and to see them all dressed up was very special.

Giulia Di Nardo

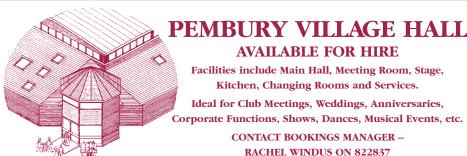
PEMBURY YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY

PEMBURY YOUTH theatre academy is a theatre club for children with a difference. Although you come along to learn singing, dancing and acting, our main focus is building confidence and self esteem. We never push a child into anything they don't want to do, but encourage them to reach their potential. We have been running now for three years and the

numbers have grown and grown. We cater for children between the ages of four and 15 years and are based at Pembury Baptist Church on Monday evenings. We have exciting things coming up: we are performing at the TN2 community centre Victorian Fair on 5 December and also are appearing in the Pembury Players panto of The Sleeping Beauty. If you would like to know more or would like to come for a free trial evening, please call Dee Barrington-King on 825144 or email deedee king@hotmail.com.

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MARGERY POLLEY (d. 1555) OF PEPELING, CALAIS. MARTYR

DURING QUEEN Mary's reign, Tonbridge was involved in an unsuccessful uprising against the Queen's marriage to the King of Spain, resulting in 500 parishioners of Tonbridge being involved at the Battle of Hartley in 1554. Consequently, because of their defiant action, the town did not escape being chosen for a place of execution for a number of Protestants, and in 1555, Christopher Wade, James Tutty and Margery Polley were charged and executed in the town.

Margaret Polley of Pembury, wife (and widow) of Richard Polley, was accused of heresy, brought before Maurice Griffith, Bishop of Rochester and was condemned to be burned at the stake in Tonbridge.



Marian Persecutions refers to the persecutions of Protestants and dissenters under Queen Mary I of England. Whereas other Tudor monarchs were also responsible for the persecution and



execution of religious heretics, Mary is viewed as controversial, given the execution of a similar number over a period of only five years. The perceived excesses of this period, particularly in the Protestant tract Foxe's Book of Martyrs, have led to her latest epithet, Bloody Mary.

One hundred years ago, 31 July 1909, the memorial to Margery Polley's fate, was installed on the Green, opposite the Camden Arms public house in Pembury.

Kevin Edser

PEMBURY TREES

THESE ARE Beech trees along the north-western side of Woodside Road, some of which show a wall of roots at the side of the road. This marks the original level of the ground when the tree was young, and marks how far the road has dropped over the decades, before it was tarmaced. Deep lanes like this are usually very old.

The Beech casts a very deep shade and almost nothing can grow under it. Also, it has another unusual feature in that it keeps its dead leaves until the spring, but only up to a height of about 2.5m. This means that as long as a Beech hedge is kept down to this height, it will be 'ever brown' through the winter. Any twigs that outgrow this will be deciduous.





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CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

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13 December	6.30pm	Christmas in Poetry, Prose and Song - Old Church
16 December	2pm	Pepenbury Carol Service – Upper Church
19 December	4pm	Carols, Candles and Coffee - Upper Church
20 December	9.45am	Junior Church Nativity Play - Upper Church
	6.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols – Upper Church
24 December	4pm	The Crib Service – Upper Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass – Upper Church
25 December	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	10am	Celebration of Christmas with Communion -
	A John William	Upper Church
	10am	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer -
	"Ingerior	Old Church
27 December	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	The Parish Eucharist – Upper Church
- 40	11.30am	Service – Old Church

ST ANSELM'S

20 December	10.30 amFourth Sunday of Advent
24 December	6.00 pm Carols and readings
1	6.30 pm Mass of the Vigil of Christmas (for children & Nativity)
25 December	10.30 am Christmas Day Mass

27 December 10.30 amMass of the Holy Family PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

6 & 13 December 10am, 6.30pm What does Christmas mean to you?

14-18 December 10am-8pm Gallery – What does Christmas mean to you?

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20 December 10am Morning Service

4pm Children's Carols by Candlelight – theme: Princes and

Princesses (guide age 0-7)

6 & 8pm Carols by Candlelight

24 December 11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

25 December 10am Christmas Morning Family Celebration
27 December 10am Reflective Morning Service. There will be no evening

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CAROL SINGING

The churches of Pembury will be carol singing outside the Camden Arms on 17 December at 6pm. All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald. All are invited to join in! For more details call 825590 or 824761.

CRIME IN PEMBURY

I T'S CHRISTMAS again, already! On the crime front it is good news again with the total number of reported offences falling by one from 34 to 33 and whilst you might think that one is nothing to get excited about, it is the downward trend that matters.

Believe it or not, if any of you have the magazine for the same period of 2008 with the crime figures for July, August and September, you will see that the figure then was sixty eight compared to this year at thirty three.

Criminal damage is still one of our biggest problems although it is exactly the same as the last quarter and nearly 50 percent lower than the corresponding quarter for 2008.

Unfortunately at the time of writing this report, there has been a surge of attacks on cars which will not show until the next quarter.

Thankfully the expected rise in burglaries has not happened but with the darkest part of the year now upon us please don't get complacent; make sure your hard-earned property is well secured and out of sight if possible.

May I say again, as I do every Christmas, let's just pause for a moment and remember those not as fortunate as most of us, with a roof over our heads, food to eat (much of which we throw away) and clothes on our backs. Please think before you throw your old clothes away just because you've got new ones. To someone your old shoes, shirts, trousers etc., will make their year. Perhaps look at the food you buy and calculate what you already know you will throw away; give the difference to the charity organisations who work tirelessly everyday of the year to bring the basic comforts of life to those in need; very often through no fault of their own.

Have a very happy Christmas and let your best present be the pat on the back you have given yourself for helping to provide for those less fortunate.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Forgery	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences	Theft of Motor Vehicle	TOTAL
July 2009	3		2	4	1	1	1	1	13
August 2009	2	1	2	1		1	2		9
September 2009	1	1	1	2	1	2	3		11
TOTAL	6	2	5	7	2	4	6	1	33
ROAD									
Beagles Wood Road				1					1
Canterbury Road	2								2
Elmhurst Avenue				2					2
Hastings Road	1				1	1			3
Henwood Green Road	1			2			1		4
Henwoods Mount							1		1
High Street	1	1			1				3
Lower Green Road				2			1		3
Old Church Road							1		1
Pembury Road			2			1	1		4
Romford Road		1	3				1		5
The Grove						1		1	2
Tonbridge Road						1			1
Woodhill Park	1								1
TOTAL	6	2	5	7	2	4	6	1	33

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesdays 9am-11.30am during term time.

Pembury Community Warden Surgery – Village Hall, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am.

Town & Country (High Weald Housing) – Clinic, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am.

CAB – Pembury Library, Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am.

December

17 Carol Singing outside the Camden Arms – 6pm

January

- 1 New Year's Day Walk Meet at Stonecourt Lane bus stop 10am (No dogs, please)
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers Meet at BoPeep Corner 2.15pm
- 6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Doing it ourselves Upper Church Meeting Room 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: New Year's Party Village Hall 2pm
- 7 Pembury Players Pantomime The Sleeping Beauty Village Hall 7pm
- 8 Pembury Evening WI: Talk on Pepenbury with Maggie Jenkins Baptist Church Hall 7.45pm
- 8 Pembury Players Pantomime The Sleeping Beauty Village Hall 7pm
- 9 Pembury Players Pantomime The Sleeping Beauty Village Hall 2pm and 7pm
- 11 Pembury U3A Catholic Hall 2.30pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 8pm
- 14 Pembury Book Group Pembury Library 11am

February

- 3 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: Mary Magdalene with Revd Katrina Barnes Upper Church Meeting Room 8pm
- Pembury Afternoon WI: The Lazy Gardener by Mr Hilary Newman Village Hall 2pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: The work of the Air Ambulance Village Hall 7.45 pm
- 6 Pembury WI Jumble Sale Village Hall 2-4pm
- $6 \quad \ \ Pembury \ Footpath \ Walkers-Meet \ at \ Stonecourt \ Lane \ bus \ stop-2.15pm$
- 8 Pembury U3A Catholic Hall 2.30pm
- Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 8pm
- 11 Pembury Book Group Pembury Library 11am
- 20 Jazz at St. Peter's The Fantastic Four St. Peter's Upper Church 7.30 pm
- 25 Pembury Gardeners' Society: AGM Catholic Hall 7.45pm

March

- 1 Floral Art Workshop Village Hall 7.45pm
- 3 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: AGM and Bring and Buy Upper Church Meeting Room 8pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: The Pleasant Town of Tonbridge by Dr John Ray Village Hall 2pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Demonstration of flower arranging with Samantha Thomas Village Hall 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers Meet opposite Camden Arms 2.15pm
- Pembury U3A Catholic Hall 2.30pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 8pm
- 11 Pembury Book Group Pembury Library 11am
- 11 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Floral Art Demonstration 'In Pursuit of Happiness' with Sylvia Cheesman Catholic Hall 7.45pm
- 25 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Summer Colour with Ken Turner Catholic Hall 7.45pm
- 27 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Spring Show Village Hall 2.30pm
- 29 Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall 8pm

ROSIE'S RECIPES

ONCE AGAIN we are approaching that busy time for many of us, especially in the cooking area. Generally, I show you some recipes that you can make for Christmas, but this year I thought I would concentrate on a special meal to enjoy for either the evening of New Year or on New Year's Day. I hope you enjoy them.

Frosted Tomatoes (serves 4)

397g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes

1 shallot, chopped

salt and pepper, to taste 1/2 tsp sugar

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

2 tbsp vodka (optional)

Curry Topping:

2 tbsp soured cream

2 tbsp mayonnaise

1 tsp mild curry paste

1 tsp chopped fresh parsley

Preparation

Put tomatoes with their juice, shallot, salt, pepper, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and vodka, if using, into a blender

or food processor and blend until smooth. Sieve into shallow dish, cover and freeze. To serve, mix well to break up ice crystals. Divide mixture between 4 small glass dishes and place in larger bowls half-filled with crushed ice. Mix topping ingredients together and place about 1 tbsp on top of each serving. Good served with small brown rolls or cheese straws.

Apple, Celery and Walnut stuffed Goose (serves 8)

6kg (12lb) oven-ready goose, with parsley and canned whole chestnuts, to garnish

Stuffing:

2 large onions, chopped

50g (2 oz) butter

1 large cooking apple, peeled, cored and chopped

4 sticks celery, chopped

175g (6oz) fresh white breadcrumbs

2 tsp chopped fresh thyme or 1 tsp dried thyme

2 tsp chopped fresh sage or 1 tsp dried sage 100g (4oz) walnuts, chopped

salt and pepper, to taste

2 eggs, beaten

Preparation

Heat oven to 220°C (425°F/Gas 7). Prick goose all over with fork. Fry onions in butter until soft. Add apple and celery and cook for 2-3 minutes more, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, add remaining stuffing ingredients and mix well. Use to stuff goose. Put goose on rack placed inside roasting in and cook for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Cook for 11/2 hours more, covering with foil for last hour. Transfer to serving dish and serve garnished with

> parsley and chestnuts. Good served with boiled potatoes and cooked red cabbage. Carrot ribbons and mange tout are also good.

Tropical Cheesecake (serves 6) 175g (6oz) digestive biscuits, crushed 75g (3oz) butter, melted 5 tsp (about 1½ sachets) powdered gelatine 350g (12oz) curd cheese 50g (2oz) caster sugar 150ml (5 fl.oz) soured cream

150ml (5 fl oz) double cream, whipped to soft

425g (15oz) can crushed pineapple in syrup 50g (2oz) desiccated coconut, toasted canned pineapple slices and toasted coconut. to decorate

Preparation

Mix biscuit crumbs and butter; press onto base of 20cm (8in) loose-bottomed cake tin. Chill for 10 minutes. Sprinkle gelatine over 3 tbsp cold water in a small bowl and leave to soften for 2-3 minutes. Stand the bowl in a saucepan of hot water and stir until gelatine is dissolved. In a bowl, beat curd cheese, sugar, soured and double cream, pineapple with syrup and coconut. Stir in gelatine and pour mixture over biscuit base. Chill until set. When ready to serve, transfer the cheesecake to a serving dish. Decorate with pineapple slices and coconut. Note: If you want to make it extra special, then add 2 tsp of white rum to cheese mixture.

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Rosie Bass

PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

DEMBURY GARDENERS' Society's autumn show in the Village Hall took place on 12 September. It was one of the most colourful shows we have had with 75 vases of dahlias in various colours displayed by just nine exhibitors; Arthur Dashwood being the exhibitor who gained all the cups and medals. Chrysanthemums were displayed by three exhibitors, Doug Drury taking all the honours. Winner of the vegetable collection was Norman Brown, who also

won the cup for most points in the vegetable section of the show.

Floral Art had only two exhibitors, Ann Purton and Lilian Carr; Ann won the trophy and certificate. Jean Aust won the cup for cookery by gaining the highest number of points. The winner of the cup for the best exhibit in the handicraft section was Reg Bloe for his beautiful table. There was only one junior exhibitor, Samuel Bowman, who won the cup for his entry of chocolate cornflake crisps. Where were our usual juniors this year?



The winner of the Dr Dorrit Waterfield cup for gaining most points in the last three shows was Brian Fryer; Derek Parks received the Dr Dorrit Waterfield plaque for runner up. There was a total of 233 entries for this Autumn Show exhibited by just 30 members. It was a very good show, enjoyed by lots of visitors, who also bought some garden plants, flowers and cakes.

Pembury Gardeners' Society AGM takes place on 25 February 2010 in the Catholic Hall, 7.45 for 8.00pm. The Spring Show is on 27 March 2010, exhibitors by 11.00am, and open for all to view from 2.30pm. Schedules will be available after the AGM from Shirley Smout, phone 822031.

Shirley Smout

As a parent of school age children, I suspect that the lack of junior exhibitors at the Autumn Show is probably due to the closeness of the Show to the beginning of the new school year, as both children and parents need time to settle back into the routines surrounding school. On a more positive note, the flowers and flower arrangements were wonderful, the cookery looked delicious, and the large dahlias and chrysanthemums very impressive, as were some of the onions and other vegetables. Well done to all who took part. - Kathy Wallwork

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH **SERVICES**

Upper Church

8am Holy Communion 9.45am The Parish Eucharist and Jun Chch

10am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

Old Church

11.30am Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)

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CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM -**PEMBURY**

Sunday Mass 10.30am

Holy Days - Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Weekday Service: Wednesday - Mass 7pm

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Our services explore relevant life issues and are on Sundays at 10am for a family service (with children's activities) and 6.30pm for a café service. We'd love to see

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