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## CHAIR'S REPORT

I THINK IT was a sterling effort by all our residents who came out on such a cold evening to support the Musical Picnic on the Green.

Thank you all so very much for your time. Who would have thought an evening in June would have developed into a Siberian weather front?! My lasting memory is of us all huddling over a bag of chips to keep warm.

But as usual you, as supporters, always raise our spirits and are such enjoyable company. It is always so nice to see families out, Nans, Granddads, Mums and Dads and all the children make it special and, as usual, you all make amazing picnics.

The amount of people attending was outstanding considering there were other events on in the village that evening. We must thank the two bands that played. It's always good to see young talent in the making and then see how they progress and we wish them well for the future.

We are already thinking about next year, having listened to your feedback and perhaps having it a week or two later as the weather does seem to be changing for June and arranging music to suit all age ranges, making sure we cater for all differing tastes.

Since then the weather has been fantastic and I really hope you have all managed to enjoy the summer. The exciting thing for me now is the judging of Pride in Pembury and seeing the results of all your hard work. As you go around the village this summer all your gardens and hanging baskets look fantastic, so it's going to be difficult to judge. I think you will agree the hanging baskets in the village look outstanding this year and I know you appreciate that the village is so well maintained.

Congratulations to all the businesses in the village who have entered into the spirit of Pride in Pembury and have such colourful displays on their frontage. It all looks wonderful and as we all know, Pembury has special people who do that extra bit for the village. Thank you so very much.

Like any village, we also get our irritations: dog fouling and broken bottles in the recreation ground. They are both time-consuming to clean up so please, if you have a dog, take a plastic bag with you to clear up behind your pet and why, oh why, break bottles? It's so pointless and so dangerous to our little ones.

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## CHAIR'S REPORT – continued

It was good news to hear that the new hospital will be on track for its opening and that Pembury will be acknowledged as being the (whatever the name is) at Pembury.

It's a Knockout for the youth is the next event. This is on 25 September, so please support the competing teams and enjoy a hotdog or chance your luck on the tombola or raffle.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincere regards.

**June Crowhurst**, Chair, Pembury Parish Council

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## THE PUZZLE OF THE PEMBURY PARROTS

**I**N THE last issue of the Pembury Village News, Lesley Campbell asked if anybody had spotted the Pembury Parrots which had been seen around the village green. In February, two parrots were seen sitting in a Field Maple in Forest Way, but they were not Ring Necked Parakeets, as suggested. The ones I saw and photographed had yellow crowns, grey bills and a red flash on their wings, unlike Ring Necked Parakeets which have very distinctive red bills and dark neck rings.



As the birds I had observed are not included in any of my identification guides, I sent my photographs to the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) for identification. Although it could not be certain, the BTO was reasonably confident that they were Mealy Amazon (*Amazona farinosa*) parrots, which are native to Central and South America. This means that they are almost certainly escaped caged birds. In addition to the well established Ring Necked Parakeets, the BTO database of non-native birds seen in Britain lists a further 20 species of parrots.

In view of the fact that parrots tend to be fairly sedentary birds, the Mealy Amazons might not have been passing through as hoped. Their diet and behaviour are similar to those of the Ring Necked Parakeets, so they may be able to establish a successful breeding colony in Pembury. If they do, then the BTO ([www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org)) would like to know about them as it is responsible for recording the population and distribution of wild birds in Britain.



**Leo Favret**

*Editor: Thank you to all those people who have contacted us regarding the Pembury Parrots. At the time of writing the last article we had no photographic evidence and only descriptions from eye witnesses. The photograph which we used was one taken in Sevenoaks Reserve and showed a Ring Necked Parakeet who resides in our local area. We hope this new photographic evidence will help to put the record straight!*

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## KENT COLLEGE & PEMBURY FILM FESTIVAL 2010

**K**ENT COLLEGE and Pembury will be celebrating their love of film and music at the Kent College & Pembury Film Festival 2010 from Friday 15 to Monday 18 October.

This regional event will open on Friday 15 October at the annual Kent College Birthday Lecture with Guest Speaker and Comedienne Sue Perkins and promises to be a celebration of film and music. It will bring together the community with a selection of film viewings, music concerts, film industry workshops, drama performances and competitions.

The four day event will be held at a selection of venues in Pembury, including the Kent College Judi Dench Theatre and Pembury School.

Two competitions will run throughout the festival:

### **The Snapshot Film Challenge**

This competition challenge is for teams of up to eight novice film-makers from schools,



Guide and Scout groups and sports teams in the local area during the festival. The teams will write, shoot and edit a film story on the Kent College site within six hours.

### **The Big Shorts Film Competition**

This competition is open to aspiring film-makers over the age of 18 in the South East. Applications will be invited in advance of the festival and the winning film will be awarded the prize of £1500 sponsored by Kent Attractions.

Both competitions will be judged by a panel with an awards and prize-giving ceremony held at the end of the festival.

For further information and to receive an entry pack for either competition, please contact Emma Chandler, Head of External Relations, on 820237 or email [chandlere@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chandlere@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk)

**Emma Chandler**

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## GARDEN SHARE SCHEME

**A** NEW GARDEN share scheme is now operating in Pembury and the surrounding areas. It is an opportunity for garden owners to share a part of their garden, even a border would do, with someone who doesn't have a place to grow anything, or perhaps is waiting for an allotment - usually a long wait these days.

The scheme is particularly for the growing of fruit and vegetables, but of course flowers are also planted to attract bees and other vital insects. The produce is shared between the two parties; a win-win situation.



The scheme is working well but we do need more participants. We are looking for garden owners and garden growers to solve the problem.

Please tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues about us and if you can help, we would love to hear from you. For more details contact [Transitiontwells@googlemail.com](mailto:Transitiontwells@googlemail.com) or telephone Dawn Grant at Town and Country on 501702.

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## FAREWELL MRS THEWLIS!

**T**HIS YEAR, the end of the Summer Term at Pembury School was tinged with sadness as staff, pupils and parents said a fond farewell to Cath Thewlis, the Headteacher for the past decade. During that time, Pembury School has seen many changes including the building of the 'Oasis' classrooms for years three and four pupils which replaced the damp and outdated Horsa huts. In May, the school was deservedly recognised as being a good school with many outstanding features, including the Early Years Foundation Stage and its care for the welfare of all pupils.

At a surprise assembly, each class brought out a special card they had made for Mrs Thewlis with messages of thanks and best wishes. Following a collection from staff, governors and parents, Mrs Thewlis was given a number of presents including a bread maker, membership to the National Trust and an ornamental clock. To conclude the assembly, the children sang new words to the Abba song, 'Super Trooper' that they had been secretly learning. Her passion for cricket was acknowledged by the PSA who gave her tickets to watch a match between England and Pakistan.



Mrs Thewlis was responsible for introducing cricket coaching to the school and she was delighted to see both the girls and mixed teams reach the County finals in her final year as headteacher. She was also touched to receive a book of memories from past pupils of the school. Mrs Thewlis became a

grandmother to twins in November and she is looking forward to spending more time with them and her husband, Graham.

How will Mrs Thewlis be remembered? These are some of the comments from some Year 6 pupils:

*"She has inspired lots of children to persevere."*

*"She is a fun-loving, creative Headteacher."*

*"Mrs Thewlis is the best Headteacher because she is always there for the pupils and is kind and caring to everyone around her."*

*"She was always there when you needed her most."*

*"It didn't seem like Mrs Thewlis did her job for the money but because she liked being with the children."*

**Jane Gardner**, Acting Headteacher

## PEMBURY PLAYERS' SUMMER PRODUCTION

**E**VEN WITH so many other events happening on the weekend of 19 June, the Pembury Players went ahead with their delightful summer plays. A lot of hard work had clearly gone into their production.

The first play 'Jump Off' was great and Andrew and Catriona had the audience on the edge of their seats. Will she or won't she?? The suspense was right up there until the end; well done to those involved.

After the interval, the second play 'The end of the beginning' had great possibilities. The audience missed many of the jokes due to the fast pace and the Irish accents. It was all over by the time we realised what was happening. A little more action and we could have been thrilled.

We eagerly look forward to the pantomime at Christmas on 6, 7 and 8 January; what will it be? The cast always work so hard and the scenery and costumes are great. Well done!

**Janet Ditchett**



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## A NEW GARDEN IN PEMBURY

**P**ATRICK GILLAN and his partner have spent the last six months creating an entirely new garden for their home in Knights Close.

The land used was, until recently, part of a large common garden for four houses in Knights Close, and had been mainly unused for many years other than serving as a primarily redundant open lawn.

Creating a new garden from scratch provided a wonderful opportunity to develop something which took full advantage of the site, whilst at the same time enhancing the area of the village generally. The first task was to create the physical boundary for the street elevations to Ridgeway and Lower Green Road. After consultations with the Borough Council, hedging was decided upon as the most environmentally suitable method. With so many hedging styles to choose from, actually choosing the plants proved quite difficult. Beech hedging was chosen for the long boundary to Ridgeway, providing a green screen in the summer months, turning to a lovely coppery bronze in the winter. The inside

boundary was interspaced with Hawthorn, proving an excellent natural habitat for nesting birds, and giving lush green growth very early in the season, to herald the onset of spring.

The garden enjoys a very sunny site from the Lower Green Road end. Behind mature Laurels imported from Holland, a summer house and deck were constructed to take full advantage of this sunny site.

The planting was done to reflect a very traditional feel with cottage garden favourites like Hollyhocks and Lupins, interspersed with perennial and mainly evergreen shrubs. A plethora of clematis and honeysuckle plants are beginning to wind their way across trellising and the archway connecting the patio to the garden. A variety of Hydrangeas have filled the north facing borders.



The garden needed to be both functional and productive. Despite heavy clay soil, which was enhanced with well rotted horse manure and horticultural grit, the kitchen garden's first season has seen a tasty crop of Broad Beans, Peas, Courgettes, Runner Beans and New Potatoes. A few light crops of Rhubarb have provided a sweet alternative and further soft fruits are awaited next year.

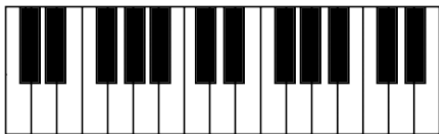
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## SNIPPETS

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### The Pembury Society

The next meeting of the Pembury Society will be on Thursday 21 October at 7.45pm. in the Village Hall. This will be the AGM and we would like to have a good attendance for this important meeting. The speaker for the evening is yet to be arranged.

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### Gardeners' Society Talk

Pembury Gardeners' Society will be hosting a talk on Thursday 7 October from 7.45pm at the Catholic Hall, Lower Green Road.

Paul Cumberton from the RHS Gardens at Wisley, Surrey, will give the talk. He is the greenhouse supervisor of the Woody Ornamental and Alpine Plants.

John Wood, with a group from the Alpine Society, was lucky to be invited to view behind the screen at Wisley, the parts that the public does not get to see, except over the hedge. Paul has a great knowledge of his subject and very kindly agreed to give a talk on Alpines at Wisley.

It costs just £2 per year to join the society. For further details, please contact John on 824877.

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### It's A Knockout

This year's 'It's a Knockout' competition will take place on Saturday 25 September in Lower Green Recreation Ground at 1pm. Each team of six youths, between the ages of 8 and 16, from organisations around the village, will compete for the Denise Barnes Cup.

To apply to join in, please contact Janet Ditchett on 822586 or Kevin Edser on 823643.

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### Congratulations to the Jacksons

St. Peter's is delighted to announce the safe arrival of twins to Rev Matthew Jackson and his wife Emma. Congratulations to them and a big welcome to Ed and Millie!

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## YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER AWARDS

KENT COLLEGE Pembury was bursting with talent on Saturday 19 June as the new Young Fashion Designer Competition Awards, (sponsored by Hoopers, C&H Fabrics and World of Sewing) took place in its first ever year. The day was an outstanding success and Kent College welcomed many industry professionals, students, teachers and parents in a celebration of the up and coming talent from across the region.

The group of 18 talented finalists each set up their displays for the professional body of judges to view and discuss. This was a great opportunity for students to speak to experienced professionals from high profile positions within the fashion and textiles industry.

Following a busy networking lunch, the student finalists were given a master class whilst the judges deliberated over the super talent on display.

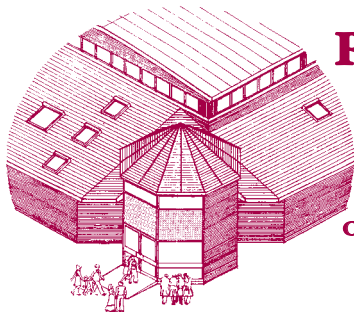
The Awards ceremony was opened by Head of Textiles and YFD organiser Karen Wintle and Kent College Headmistress Sally-Anne Huang. Guest speaker Bill Bohm from the Textiles Institute presented an inspiring speech applauding the talent shown throughout the competition, urging students to continue in their design pursuits and to help in raising the profile of this successful event.

The winning finalists were announced and cheered on by fellow finalists and supporters. The three first prize winners will now have their work held on display in the Hoopers of Tunbridge Wells restaurant.

Head of Textiles at KCP and YFD Innovator Karen Wintle commented: "It was such a valuable experience for the students to meet and compete with others from a range of schools in the South East and to present their work to a very experienced judging team from the world of Fashion and Textiles."

**Emma Chandler**





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## PEMBURY, THE EARLY DAYS

**P**EMBURY RARELY gets more than a passing mention in any book on the history of Kent, but it is wrong to assume that this means that nothing of interest has ever happened here. Pembury existed for at least 800 years before 'the wells at Tunbridge' were discovered and we should recognise our early heritage. It is apparent that in medieval times Pembury was a busy place and there is a continuity that can be traced through the whole 1000 years of its existence.

The name was first recorded c1100 as Peppingeberia but is believed to date from the 7th century and possibly means 'the place of Peppins people'. There is evidence of prehistoric activity in the area, but it was not until Saxon times that the Wealden forest was developed, because of the difficulty of access. At this time the High Weald was divided into 'dens' and initially used as summer pasture by the surrounding lowland parishes. This may explain why the Weald was largely ignored when the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086. Much of Pembury was a den of Nettlestead which, significantly, is accessed directly from here by a road that is still important. Gradually people stayed all year and each family cleared its own farmstead from the forest. These isolated units are usual in the Weald, rather than the development of a nuclear village and common fields associated with lowland Britain. The parish church, situated as it is to the north of the parish and which is known to have existed as early as c.1100, has always sat in almost total isolation. The triangular area of urban development we recognise today is a late 19th/20th century phenomenon.

The other important road through the village, which runs east/west along the ridge in the centre of the modern village, was an iron-age trackway from the forest to the river crossing at what is now Tonbridge and is one of the routes suggested for King Harold's march south from London in 1066. This was an important route throughout history, until the by-pass was built 20 years ago.

Documentary evidence is sparse before the 13th century, but surviving 8th century charters identify both Chalket and Mousden and one of 838 identifies Hayes Wood, in what became Pembury and Elmhurst. Early documents obviously relate only to the rich and powerful, but they still give us some insight into life at the time. As early as 1212 there was a disagreement between two landowners over a mill in the village. So we know corn, the essential food staple, was being processed here by then.

One party in the dispute, the Walhulls, had considerable land holdings throughout Kent including in both Pembury and Nettlestead. It was from them that the Abbot of the rich Premonstratensian monastery at Bayham, which was founded c.1200, bought a large estate in Pembury in 1249, together with control of the parish church. This later became the Hawkwell estate. The Abbey's influence in Pembury continued for 300 years until the Dissolution.

Possibly the most important family in Kent from c1250 to c1500 were the Colpeppers and they lived at Bayhall for 200 years from the early 13th century. In 1297 their importance was confirmed when King Edward I stayed a night with them while travelling from London to Udmore. By 1324 the family were in dispute with others over, among other things, two mills and nearly 600 acres of land in Pembury, Tonbridge and Tudeley. Two mills would seem to imply considerable economic development in the area. Then, in 1355, Walter Colpepper built a chantry in the churchyard. This continued in use until the Dissolution, when it was suppressed and subsequently demolished. Perhaps the Black Death of the 1340s influenced Walter in this project. Walter's heir and brother, Sir John, continued the family's direct and lasting influence in the village as he rebuilt and enlarged the parish church to what we know today. John Colpepper of Bayhall was High Sheriff of Kent in the 1360s.

We then come to lesser people who are remembered because their names are familiar to us today in local place names. The Copping family, who are still remembered in places such as Kippings Cross and Copping Crouch Green (the Upper Green), were exceedingly wealthy residents of Pembury in the 14th century. In 1337 Richard and Thomas of Pembury, together with John of Tonbridge and

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## PEMBURY, THE EARLY DAYS – continued

three others, were in debt to Richard de Cobham for the vast sum of £400. John was possibly involved in the iron industry. The family were still here 200 years later. Other significant village families who were here before 1500 include the Amhersts (later of Bayhall) and the Whybarns (later of Hawkwell).

The Kent Lay Subsidy Rolls of 1334 are a surviving list of taxpayers and there are names in Watchlingstone hundred (the area which includes Pembury) that are associated with farms we know by the same name today. Among these are Walter Parstepe (Pastheap), Thomas Dodehurst (Dodhurst), John & William Synningeleghe (Sunningly), and John & Walter Muxle (Muxlewell, where the existing house is believed to date from the fourteenth century).

No-one from Pembury is recorded as having been involved in The Peasants' Revolt of 1381, but by the time of the Cade Rebellion in 1450, things were different. Three men from the village are mentioned in the pardons, including William Knight, yeoman, who died in 1453 and whose Will has survived. He is probably an ancestor of Richard Knight who left the bulk of his considerable estate to Richard Amherst of Bayhall, the father of the most famous dynasty from Pembury.

Early surviving Wills are rare, but as a final indicator of just how developed Pembury had become by 1500, there are 29 Pembury Wills dated between 1440 and 1500 that survive, relating to 22 families. I suggest that this shows that Pembury was well populated and prosperous. The number of Wills increases significantly after 1500.

**Kathryn Franklin**

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## PEMBURY GUIDES 60TH BIRTHDAY 1980/81

**T**HIS PHOTOGRAPH was taken at a celebration of the Pembury Guide's 60th birthday in 1980 or 1981. This year Guiding celebrates 100 years. Can you see yourself or do you recognise some friends in this photo? Please contact the editor (details on the inside front cover) with any information.



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## PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

**P**EMBURY SCHOOL House Nursery has been rated as “outstanding” by a recent official inspection. The Ofsted Report found that the setting is “very effective” at meeting the needs of all children and noted “outstanding partnerships” with parents. This is a cornerstone for children’s consistent learning and development. The nursery children were praised for their excellent social development and self-confidence, with the report drawing particular attention to their collaboration with staff and each other. In summary praise was given for the combination of “effective” leadership and teamwork and looked forward to the Nursery’s continued improvement under the “ambitious” vision of Nursery Manager, Rachael Teigan, who expressed her delight at the Report’s findings.



Parents speak highly of the Nursery and many choose to be involved with fund-raising events throughout the year, which helps bring the community of children, staff and parents together, as well as providing extra funds for Nursery resources and equipment. One mum commented: “My son’s confidence and social skills have come on in leaps and bounds since he started at Pembury School House Nursery. He absolutely loves it and I can’t praise the staff highly enough.”

Pembury School House Nursery is a charity-run nursery for children between two and five years and is open to all pre-school children in the community. Interested parents are advised to contact the Nursery as soon as possible in order to get their child's name on the waiting list. For further details please contact Rachael Teigan on 825580 and visit the website: [www.pemburyschoolhousenursery.com](http://www.pemburyschoolhousenursery.com)

**Rachel Jackson**

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## PEMBURY GARDENERS’ SOCIETY

**D**ESPITE THE gardening difficulties caused by the hard winter, the hot summer sun and dry conditions, the flowers at the Gardeners’ Society summer show on 10 July were of very high quality. On entering the village hall, one was enveloped by the perfume of the sweet peas and the scent from the roses. Both of the cups for sweet peas were won by Doug Drury and Peter Parfitt won the John Baggeson cup for roses.

The floral art was as beautiful and interesting as ever, with the cup won by Brenda Penfold. There were plenty of entries for the cookery classes, with Caroline Riley winning the cookery cup. The miniature gardens in the junior classes were excellent, with the junior cup won by Ruth Mazzezy and the younger juniors decorated some tasty looking mini pizzas.

For the autumn show on Saturday 11 September at 2.15pm in the Village Hall, we can expect to see plenty of vegetables, chrysanthemums, dahlias and a selection of other flowers, including roses, carnations, flowers or berries from a shrub and pot plants.

Floral Art will include ‘Strictly Come Dancing’, ‘Oranges and Lemons’, and ‘Halloween’. Cookery has 14 classes to choose from, including mince pies, oat biscuits, Victoria sponges, blackberry jam and liqueur.

Handicraft has classes for hard and soft entries, as usual. Junior exhibitors have three classes. The under 7 years and 7-11 years can each enter for ‘Harvest in a Shoebox’ and the 7-11 years can also enter for the Juniors’ Cookery: a gingerbread animal.

For a full show schedule or to enter any of the classes, please contact John Wood on 824877.



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## BLOOMING POTS

**Y**OU MAY have seen your Community Warden with a 'Sidekick' wandering the streets of Pembury recently. This sidekick was Charlene Grundy, a Support Warden. One of her tasks during her short-term contract was to set up a project which helped to strengthen our community.

The time of year really dictated what could be done and the idea of bringing some colour to people was the seed which grew.

The residents of Camden Court in Chalket Lane were asked to decorate and plant up some pots with a view to having said pots judged by children from Pembury School. This was a reversal of the roles in the Easter Bonnet and egg painting competition done during the Easter term.

The pots were supplied by 'The Flower Man' who has a stall at the Village Market on Tuesdays. 54 bedding plants were provided by Notcutts and the art material was provided by Town and Country Housing.

The residents were given two weeks to decorate and plant up the pots and on Thursday 20 May at 2pm the children walked from the school to Camden Court to both judge the pots and enjoy some cakes and juice.

There were three prizes for the top three pots and these prizes were presented by the children. The children also had a number of questions to ask the residents relating to another school project.

On the walk back to school, all of the children were talking about the stories they had been told by the residents with great excitement, trying to see who had the best story.



The whole project was a complete success and it is hoped that we can repeat the experience in future months and years – bringing different age groups in the community together to form new friendships and a better understanding of one another.

**Tom Younger**, KCC Community Warden

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## PEMBURY TREES – WESTERN RED CEDAR

**T**HIS TREE is the confusingly named Western Red Cedar. Cedar is overused as a name mainly because early settlers in America didn't know their botany! It's better to call it by its Latin name, *Thuja*. It is not the infamous 'Leylandii' or Leyland Cypress – even if TWBC did say so in its Conservation Area Appraisal of 2007 [article 6.37].

These are a number of characteristics to help would-be tree critics tell the difference. Firstly, the fruity smell; some say pineapple, others think more citrus, but definitely sweet, whereas other conifers – of which there are many – smell of the typical resin. Secondly, the cones; 1cm long, green then woody 'little flowers'. Thirdly, it will re-grow from old wood, a feature that *Leylandii* does not have.

And just as an academic point, *Leylandii* is a hybrid and like most hybrids, has very limited fertility. So, it's a fair bet that if you see a tall conical conifer and it has got any kind of flowers or cones, it is not *Leylandii*.

**Caroline Mazzezy**



*Thuja plicata*

# THE OLD COACH ROAD

**I**N JUNE 2009, the Parish Council, as part of their Pride in Pembury initiative, enquired as to whether the Old Coach Road could be re-opened along its recognised public footpath sector, which had become totally impassable due to the invasion of brambles and especially holly.

Many people ask where the Old Coach Road is and what it is. Please see the map provided by one of our volunteers, Kathryn Franklin and this brief history of the Old Coach Road.

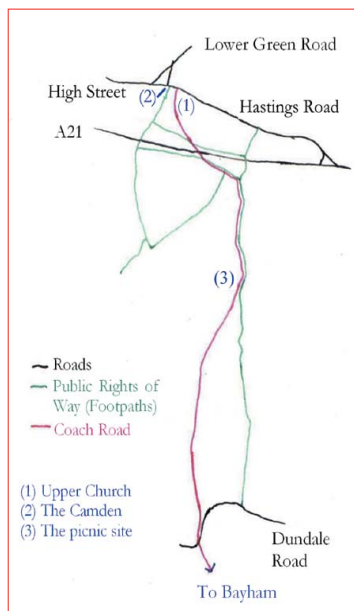
The original Old Coach Road was a track which went all the way from Pembury Green, up through the ground where St Peter's Upper Church now stands and down across the fields to Bayham Abbey.

Sir John Jeffreys Pratt, 2nd Earl and 1st Marquis of Camden (1759-1840) already owned the Bayham Estate in Lamberhurst when the Bayhall Estate in Pembury came on the market in 1799 after nearly 200 years in Amherst hands. With this purchase he now owned extensive estates in both parishes but did not have unbroken ownership from Bayham to Pembury Green.

However, in 1811 he managed to buy 65 acres from a Yeoman farmer by the name of James Skinner Hartridge who had ancestral connections in Pembury dating back to Elizabethan times.

This purchase included a narrow strip along two field boundaries that he needed for 'drainage purposes'. This gave the Marquis the missing link and by 1815 the Coach Road was built. It was essentially a very long private drive for Lord Camden from the Turnpike Road at Pembury to his home at Bayham, through his own estates, with the obvious benefits of saving tolls on the Turnpike roads between Pembury and Lamberhurst.

The Coach Road was just one of an extensive network of roads and footpaths that Lord Camden had built across his estate. In 1907, with the advent of the motor car, Lord Camden offered the northern section as far south as the ponds to Tonbridge Rural Council, in perpetuity as long as it was used as a footpath only.



The remaining section, which we used to walk frequently in our youth, is being contested in the courts in December this year; more on that later.

In October 2009, with the help of Mick Waterman, Paul Drury, Richard Snow, Philip Murrell, Neil and Kathryn Franklin and more recently Melanie Karpinski, the entanglement of undergrowth has been removed and is now under control. Spring 2010 saw, for the first time for many years, Bluebells, Primroses, Daffodils, frequent visits by roaming deer, ducks, Buzzards, Kestrels and Wagtails.

Rick and Masha Bayles have run late evening bat spotting sessions and established that there are various species of pond life present.

This winter, with the help of grant money from KCC, in conjunction with Kent High Weald Partnership, we will be running four different days of hedge-laying courses. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office and we will provide details.

Access to the Old Coach Road can be made via the field off the top of Canterbury Road or either of the two footpaths that run adjacent to and on either side of the A21, one by the cricket ground and the other one a little further down Chalket Lane.

I would like to thank all the other people who have not been named but whose contributions were invaluable.

Look forward to seeing you in the autumn and winter.

**Hugh Boorman**



### **PAUL DRURY**

Sadly, one of the Old Coach Road Improvement Scheme volunteers, has recently passed away. Paul was one of the stalwarts of the scheme and hardly ever missed a Thursday, thoroughly enjoying working on opening up this beautiful and historical walk and excavating the pond alongside the companionship of his fellow workers.

His hard work and enthusiasm was much appreciated by the Parish Council and he will be sadly missed by all who worked with him.



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## HOPE 2010 FUN DAY



A HOT, SUNNY day heralded the Hope 2010 Family Fun Day at the recreation ground on 10 July, organised by Pembury Churches Together and coordinated by Helen Nevison of Pembury Baptist Church. The Fun Day was opened by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Thomas. Families enjoyed the large number of varied stalls, from children's clothes to preserves, jewellery to local charities and organisations and there were stalls just for fun. A prayer tent was also available for those in need of spiritual comfort and refreshment.

Children enjoyed a variety of bouncy castles and inflatable sumo wrestling and the emergency services had information and demonstration stalls as well. Kenward Youth Services had an information and demonstration stall on the dangers of drinking alcohol, smoking and taking recreational drugs. The surplus from donations will be divided between Pepenbury and the Hospice in the Weald.



Local talent was very much in evidence, with bands The Harveys, Summerhouse and Drenched entertaining the crowds. There were energetic performances in the arena from Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club, Pembury Youth Theatre Academy and Weald of Kent Gymnastics team.

A lot of villagers turned out to enjoy the sun and fun and the day was very successful. We can all look forward to Hope 2012.

**Kathy Wallwork**

## PEMBURY DAY CENTRE – ADA'S FAREWELL

AFTER EIGHT years of preparing and serving meals at Pembury Day Centre at the Baptist Church, Ada Fiddler-Boutkan has stepped down. The members have enjoyed so many of her dishes, especially when she did her roast dinners. However, I am pleased that we have two new ladies (Peggy Brooks and Mary Hill) who are willing to come along and prepare our meals alongside our current cook, Franzi Phillips. Franzi will also be leaving us shortly to get married.



We wish both ladies all the very best and thank them for all their hard work and commitment; they will be sadly missed. The photo is of our members taken on our last day before the summer break. Franzi is sitting on the floor, third from the left and Ada is standing in the second row from the back, seventh from the left.

**Rosie Bass**, Team Leader, Pembury Day Centre



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## MY PLOT



AS I WRITE, we are still in a long, long period without rain and watering at the allotments has become a complete chore. I've often wondered whether I should try leaving the plants to cope, but I've never seen it through. The good thing about the cold winter followed by the hot, dry weather has been the lack of slugs and other pests. I've had no maggots in my peas – and I can never usually grow carrots without black tunnels in them.

My potatoes have been fantastic this summer. I had a bumper crop of a bright purple potato called Blue Danube. Disappointingly they cook to the normal potato colour and you would never tell the difference. For the first time, I'm trying to grow new potatoes for Christmas. Unfortunately that meant planting them when the soil was like concrete at the end of July. Thank heavens for a son back from university! I've got twenty each of Carlingford, Orla, Maris Peer and Vivaldi. I will report back.

Even the 'volunteer' potatoes did better than usual. These are the ones that pop up where I didn't harvest them all properly the year before. Books suggest they are somehow inferior but I don't agree. I think of them as free gifts and when they grow in the compost heap they are the best of all!

However, not everything did well; my broad beans were pathetic. Barely enough for three meals, let alone freezing any for the rest of the year. I'd like to know if other people had the same problem?

Although it hardly counts as a crop I had the best ever year for poppies. There were so many I had to clear zones to fit the crops in. And they weren't just the standard red either; there was scarlet, dark red, bright pink, pale pink, white – some with black spots, some white, some both!

**Caroline Mazzei**

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## 7000 MILES AWAY FROM HOME

*Editor: We received a letter from a gentleman who used to live in Pembury. He recently saw a copy of the Pembury Village News and found himself in a picture of a Street Party taken in 1945. A section of his letter follows:*

MY BEST mate, Tony, and I have found ourselves in the photo of the Street Party in which I was named as Mickey Johns. Tony and I joined the army in the 1950s, he joined the Military Police and I joined the Royal Engineers. I went to Malaya in 1952 and Tony must have followed after me in 1952-54. I had no idea he was there until later in the year when, as the Army Padre's driver, I went up to a place called Kluang and there was a M.P. detachment there and just as a matter, I asked one of the Cpts if he knew Tony. Well after I told him we came from the same village he told me Tony was there; he had moved down from Seremban the same day as I came up from Johor Bahru. I asked if I could see Tony and he said "Well yes you can, there he is coming out of the showers." I went down the road towards him and as we passed, I said "Hello, Tony". He replied "hello, mate" and then he stopped dead and turned round and yelled "Mick! How long have you been here?" We had photos taken of which I have one and Tony has at least five others.

I have read the PVN from cover to cover and recognised a few names in there. I lived in the village for 36 years. I see my old school are champion kurlers, well done. The King William pub looks a little different from when I last saw it when I left at least 30 years ago. I will have to pay a visit to the village as soon as I can, on a Sunday, and have a beef roast and see if there are any old mates in there.

**Michael Johns**



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## SPIDERS – FROM PHOBIA TO ADMIRATION

**S**PIDERS PROVOKE unexplainably strong emotions in people, emotions that are rarely positive and with their overwhelming presence in the garden in the autumn months, there seems to be no escape from facing one's fears. In Australia and parts of the USA, the fear of spiders is focused on particular venomous species, like Black Widows or Redbacks. Here in Britain, where native species are virtually harmless but happen to include some rather large and intrusive house spiders, the fear is of a more abstract nature. When it comes to arachnophobia, women apparently outnumber men 9 to 1, though there is a suspicion that men simply do not want to admit that they are scared of spiders. Extreme cases of arachnophobia are rare and are rooted in childhood fears that persist into adulthood, thought quite often to have nothing to do with actual spiders but rather their perceived unnatural abilities that could torment humans.



Spiders are ancient creatures that provoke great admiration and respect across many world cultures. Their history stretches back to the Devonian period some 300 million years ago, though their exact origin loses its trace among the early prehistoric marine creatures. Spiders, as we know them today, were wandering the Earth when it was covered by forests of club-mosses, horsetail and ferns, when insects were still in their infancy and birds and mammals, including humans, did not yet exist! Nature made them fine predators, supplying them with super senses, super vision and a well-developed nervous system. There is very little that can pass them undetected. And for that we should be very grateful – if it wasn't for spiders, our homes and gardens would have been completely overrun by all sorts of creepy-crawly pests. Spiders are perfect strategists. Their ways of hunting differ greatly – from the weaving of orb webs by Garden spiders to ambush and pursuit by jumping spiders. Even web design varies: Money spiders weave finer webs that could be seen suspended above the grass, particularly with drops of morning dew, while Amaurobius spiders, commonly seen around the holes in the wall, weave messy, shapeless webs that serve the same trapping purpose as the more known orb-webs.

Ruthless predators though they may be, they are also romantic lovers and caring parents. Surprised? If you see a spider wandering through your living room, it is a Romeo on his way to finding his Juliet, who prefers to stay in her cosy home. Squashing him would be a crime against love. And dangerous love that is too. A male spider's main task in courtship is to convince the female that he is not prey. Some perform elaborate dance routines that would put disco moves to shame, while others serenade on the web strings or drum a tune on whatever surface they happen to be on. And even then it is not a guarantee, so Romeos make it quick and run for their lives, leaving the parenting duties to their beloved. Most female spiders make an effort to choose the right spot for their nest and to disguise it well; while Mothercare spider takes an active part in rearing her young after they hatch. For an invertebrate from a Devonian period, that is quite impressive.

If anything, spiders should be respected for their sheer survival skills – many species that evolved after them have come and gone, but they are still here playing an important role in our ecosystem, carrying on with their ancient duties and delighting us with their intricate rituals. So next time you see a spider, pause and observe – you'll be rewarded, I promise.

**Masha Odintsova-Bayles**

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## WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY

**S**OME OF you may have noticed how smart the outside of Waterfield House has been looking since Mr W and his colleagues spent a few days working very hard preparing and painting the woodwork. The waiting room is next in line for decorating and we are so grateful for the ideas submitted by patients for a new colour scheme and mural which should be completed this autumn. So rather than watch this space, I should say watch this wall!

I sometimes wonder whether it would have been better for my health to have done all the decorating myself. There was a time when I was a little younger that I did redecorate a room in the surgery, but the years have passed and I prefer more sedentary pastimes. Men certainly enjoy their hobbies; my passion for at least the last 30 years has been growing carnivorous plants. They are, in my eyes, beautiful plants with tremendous variety in both shape and colour. I don't want to witter on about the plants now but feel free to ask me in the surgery if you would like to try growing them, I do have "spare" divisions in the greenhouse from time to time.

I have pleasure in announcing a new addition to the Dr Justice household; baby Joshua arrived safely in June weighing 7lbs 3oz. The other news is Dr Justine O'Neill is expecting her third baby and is positively blooming at the moment. I gather some of you have noticed her tummy getting bigger. To be blessed with children is very special and I share such joyful times with families when a new baby is born. I know many of you in Pembury would love to have a baby but it never seems to happen. Having babies seems to become a very exclusive club and membership brings multiple privileges that are denied the childless couple. I speak with couples who feel the very real pain and emptiness that infertility can cause. I want to remind you all that sometimes there is something that can be done. If any of you are burdened with infertility, then please come and speak to me and remember that the NHS at present does support two cycles of IVF if that is the appropriate treatment.

Once again I send my warmest greetings to you all as the nights draw in and we put the date for flu jabs in our diaries.

**Dr Andrew Cameron**



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## PEPENBURY NEWS

### **Support Pepenbury at the Dragon Boat Festival – Saturday 11 September**

Pepenbury is delighted to be taking part in the Dragon Boat Festival at Bewl Water on Saturday 11 September to raise money for the charity. This is a very exciting event, the largest of its kind in Europe, with over 90 teams competing. They have persuaded staff, service users and volunteers to dress up as Pirates to paddle in the Pepenbury Pirates' boat. The team is aiming to raise over £2000 in sponsorship to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities, both residential and supported to live independently.

**Pepenbury Quiz Night** will be held on Saturday 27 November, 7pm, in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10 each including food, teams of up to eight with six minimum. Book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone 822168 for more information.

Pepenbury will be selling **Christmas trees** from 26 November from their site in Cornford Lane. There will be a large selection of locally grown, non-needle drop trees available.



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## JOAN CAMPBELL REMEMBERED

IT IS WITH much sadness that the family have to announce that Joan Campbell, their devoted Mother, one of the long-standing former residents of Pembury, sadly passed away peacefully on Tuesday 29 June 2010, aged 87, following a stroke earlier this year. Her funeral took place at St Peter's Upper Church on Thursday 8 July 2010, followed by a celebration of her life at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Pembury. She was buried with her late husband.

Joan was born on 7 April 1923 but for those of you who don't already know, she was actually christened Alice Joan Deacon. She was one of six children: four boys and two girls. Sadly all but one brother have also passed away.

She was born in Mays Cottages in Romford Road and during the war she joined the WAF and was stationed at the aerodrome in West Malling as a cook. It is there that she met John Campbell or Jock as he was better known. He obviously liked her cooking so much that they ended up getting married. They went on to have what was one of the largest families in Pembury in the 60s, where she lived for most of her life. They had seven sons and three daughters, of

whom she was very proud.

The other places she lived in the village were The Grove and Beagles Wood Road until she decided to have a well earned rest and retired to Crowborough with her son, Andy, in 2003.

Joan was the Matriarch and the backbone of the family, a bit like the former character Lou Beale in Eastenders. She kept everyone together, through good and bad times, even more so after her husband died in 1989. Her sons and daughters went on to get married themselves and produce

18 precious grandchildren and they in turn produced nine great grandchildren. Ironically on the day she died, the wife of one of her grandsons gave birth to a little girl. They often say that as one goes out another comes in.

Joan will be sadly missed by everyone whose lives she touched, but none more so than by her very large extended family. The family would like to thank Heather Hughes of St Peter's Church for delivering such a moving and poignant service and also the Ramada Jarvis for making the celebration of her life very special.

**Chris Campbell**

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## PEMBURY PEOPLE – PETER JERVIS – DOWNINGBURY FARM

### **Were you born in Pembury?**

No, I originally come from Norfolk. I was brought up in a rural area and was a member of Young Farmers in my youth. I always wanted to get into farming but I had to find an inroad into the business and fruit farming seemed the way to go. So I went to agricultural college in Chelmsford and my first job in 1980 was in Kent.

### **What brought you to Pembury?**

Well I had the opportunity to rent the farm. At that time there was no shop so I managed the farm for four years and built up the shop during that time. Since 1992 it has been my own business.

### **Do you have a particular ethos behind the shop?**

Well, I'm very proud of the fact that it is a shop on a working farm. That's really quite rare round here. Also, I realised that if it was going to be competitive then it would have to be possible for people to buy everything they needed for their meal under the one roof. But it was important that, as far as possible, it was all locally sourced produce – not like at the supermarket where your vegetables might come from Peru. So we mainly stock our own produce, from here on the farm, and Kent produce from the Medway towns, Bearsted, Goudhurst, etc. I decided we would sell based not on price but on the fact that everything was local and we've now teamed up with a local butcher and fishmonger to really enhance our range. So all our fruit and vegetables, milk, meat, cheese, fish and eggs are local and we are now even stocking the new vintage Pembury cider!

### **Pembury must have changed quite a bit since you've been here?**

One of the main changes I've noticed is that the shops, such as the butcher's, are disappearing. I think people in Pembury are less loyal than they were 10 years ago and it's tougher to hang on to customers than it used

to be. However, we have plans to take the café further and the pick-your-own is a great puller in summer. Since 2006 we've doubled the area of the shop and tripled our turnover, so we're determined to survive. I think this is

important as we provide a service for Pembury and we also support the village in many ways, such as supplying strawberries and car-parking facilities for the Hospice when they have open days and supporting local events and St. Peter's.

### **You also have a lot of Eastern European workers helping on the farm?**

Yes. I used to have English staff but none of them were really interested in going into agriculture and it was very difficult to find English staff for the shop. So I now use an agency and I find it's easier to use students. They mainly come from Romania, though in the past we have had students from Latvia and Russia as well. They work in six month stints and then return home. Many come back several times. I suppose the attraction is the money and the experience – they really don't need to improve their English! On the whole I must have between 10 and 12 students at a time and I share them with Pippins. I'm responsible for their wellbeing whilst they're over here and make sure that they also learn something about the culture of Britain whilst they're with me.

### **You mention Pippins. Is there any competition between the two farms?**

Oh no, we work in a spirit of collaboration. As I mentioned, we share the students who come over and we are also collaborating on the Pembury cider project. Although Downingbury wasn't involved in producing it, we are stocking and selling it. I firmly believe in working together with the other farmers and the village. My motto is definitely, "Collaboration, not competition!"

**Mel Karpinski**



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## ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

**I**T IS NOW difficult to remember last winter with all that snow and ice and the impassable roads, the nightmare of getting to work or even to the shops and the worry about whether family, friends and the elderly or disabled were alright.

Hopefully this coming winter will not be so bad and Kent County Council, having now reviewed their gritting and salting services after last year's problems, will be in a better position to keep roads open, particularly those with hills. However, it is important that all of us take a few minutes to make sure we are also individually prepared.

The following are just a few suggestions from the Pembury Community Partnership, the group that brings together most local organisations and agencies, which while not exhaustive, may be a helpful outline checklist. Please follow this up well before winter sets in.

- Have a shovel or snow clearer in the house and a supply of salt handy (available cheaply from garden centres or stores like B&Q).
- Check you have decent gloves, boots or 'wellies' handy and they are robust enough for winter emergencies.
- Make sure you have plenty of basic foodstuffs indoors, just in case.
- Make sure you have good supplies of any medications you need.
- Check you have a radio with battery back up, electric torches with plenty of battery life in them, spare batteries and some candles and matches or a lighter as well.
- Ensure you have plenty of credit on your mobile phone and keep it fully charged up and make sure you know the emergency phone number.
- It is also useful to keep a spade, torch, and spare boots in your vehicle just in case you get stuck in snow somewhere (and you have your fully charged mobile on you!).
- If you have prepay meters, try and have plenty of fuel tops ups in place.
- Make sure you have followed the best winter preparation advice for your house; whether it is having proper lagging on exposed pipes, adequate insulation for roofs, windows and doors, cleared gullies and gutters, or any of those other self preservation jobs we all know we should do before the cold weather strikes.
- Arrange with housebound or elderly family, friends and neighbours that they would like a regular, helpful, but not intrusive check from time to time if the weather gets bad (and make sure you follow this up!).
- If you are blessed with a 4x4 vehicle, please do what you probably did last year and, if the snow and ice are thick, see if there is any help you can bring those of us not so blessed.
- And lastly, if you need it, do not be afraid to ask a neighbour, friend or one of the churches for help – they will be only too willing.

Yes, we know the above may seem obvious and maybe even patronising, but last winter showed only too well the benefits of being prepared and self sufficient.

**David Coleman and June Crowhurst,**

On behalf of Pembury Community Partnership

## CRIME IN PEMBURY

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences	Theft of Motor Vehicle	TOTAL
<b>April 2010</b>	5	1	4	3	3	2	3		<b>21</b>
<b>May 2010</b>	1		2	1		2	5	1	<b>12</b>
<b>June 2010</b>	1		1	5	1	1	5		<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>ROAD</b>									
Chalket Lane		1	1				2		<b>4</b>
Hastings Road	1			4	3			1	<b>9</b>
Henwood Green Road	1					1			<b>2</b>
Henwoods Mount				1					<b>1</b>
High Street	1				1	1	4		<b>7</b>
Lower Green Road	2			3		1			<b>6</b>
Old Church Road							1		<b>1</b>
Pembury Road	1		2			2	2		<b>7</b>
Ridgeway			2						<b>2</b>
Romford Road							2		<b>2</b>
Sandhurst Avenue			1						<b>1</b>
Tonbridge Road			1	1			2		<b>4</b>
Woodhill Park	1								<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>

## TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE

- Don't leave the car keys or valuables in view or close to a window or a door. They must be kept away from the human eye.
- Don't leave any valuable items in view, such as laptops, iPods and wallets.
- Don't leave any valuable items on show inside your vehicle, such as sat navs, sunglasses and wallets.
- Close all windows, when going to bed or leaving the property.
- If leaving the property for any period of time consider using time delays on lights to give the appearance of habitation.
- Make sure all curtains and blinds are pulled when you go to bed, or if you're out of the property for long periods of time.
- Don't leave any obstacles close to fences or gates, this may allow individuals to use them as an aid to gain entry into your property.
- Make sure garages, gates and sheds are securely locked when they're not in use. 'L' locks are a good form of security for garages; this helps prevent people from gaining entry.
- If you choose to use any form of security on your property, then the security must be of a sufficient quality. A small padlock on a shed door will not suffice.

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## 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.

### September

25 It's A Knockout – Lower Green Recreation Ground – 1pm

### October

- 1 Evening WI: Auctioneers, valuations and experiences, Mr. Derek Hodges – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Bopeep Corner – 2.15pm
- 2 Village Barn Dance – Downingbury Farm – Contact St. Peter's Church – 7pm
- 4 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union in Kenya with Canon William Pratt – Upper Church – 8pm
- 7 Afternoon WI: 'From the Medway to the Mediterranean' by Mr Michael Bunn – Village Hall – 2pm
- 7 Pembury Gardeners' Society: "Alpines at Wisley" by Paul Cumberton – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 8 U3A Line Dancing – Catholic Hall – 7pm
- 11 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 30 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Halloween Dance – Village Hall
- 30 Halloween Party Night – Pembury Cricket Club – 6.30pm

### November

- 1 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 3 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – An acting retirement with Mr Derek Hollweg – Upper Church – 8pm
- 4 Afternoon WI: Social Meeting – Village Hall – 2pm
- 5 Evening WI: Corn Dollies with Mrs Huck – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Fireworks – Lower Green Recreation Ground – 7pm
- 6 RNLI Autumn Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet at Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm
- 8 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 19 Hospice in the Weald Christmas Market – Maidstone Road – 10am-4pm
- 20 Hospice in the Weald Christmas Market – Maidstone Road – 10am-4pm
- 27 Popenbury Quiz Night – Village Hall – 7pm

### December

- 1 St. Peter's Mothers' Union – Christmas Supper – Venue to be arranged
- 2 Afternoon WI: Christmas Dinner – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 Evening WI: Introduction to Middle Eastern Dance with Ann Hall – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 St. Anselm's Christmas Bazaar – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet opposite Camden Arms – 2.15pm
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 8pm
- 12 Goudhurst District WI Carols – St. Peter's Upper Church – 2.30pm
- 13 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm

## ROSIE'S RECIPES

FOR THIS quarter's recipes I thought I would just give you cake recipes. The first one uses vegetables, the second uses fruit and the third – well, as it was my birthday when I wrote this column, I thought I would give you a celebration cake that would be very easy to make. I hope you enjoy them.

### Walnut Carrot Bread

**Ingredients: enough for 12 servings**

225g (8oz) whole wheat flour  
75g (3oz) moist brown sugar  
1½ tsp baking powder  
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1 tsp salt  
2 eggs  
120ml (4floz) buttermilk  
75ml (3floz) vegetable oil  
225g (8oz) carrots, grated  
2 celery sticks, finely diced  
75g (3oz) walnuts, chopped



### Preparation:

Heat oven to 180°C (350°F/Gas 4). In a large bowl mix flour, sugar, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt. Beat eggs with buttermilk and oil. Stir into flour mixture with carrots, celery and walnuts. Mix well. Turn into a greased 700g (1½lb) loaf tin and bake for about 50 mins, or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Leave to cool in tin for 10 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Good served with: Cream cheese or Cheddar cheese and sweet pickle or pickled walnuts. This makes a nice alternative to biscuits with cheese at the end of a meal.

OK, this is not strictly a cake but you could substitute 75g (3oz) raisins for celery and add grated rind of half an orange. Use milk instead of buttermilk, if you prefer.

### Choc 'n' Cherry Meringue Cake

**Ingredients: serves 8 slices**

100g (4oz) soft tub margarine  
100g (4oz) caster sugar  
2 large eggs  
3 tbspcocoa  
3 tbspc hot water  
100g (4oz) self-raising flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
50g (2oz) walnuts, chopped  
12 maraschino cherries, chopped  
**Meringue topping**  
2 egg whites  
Pinch of salt  
6 tbspcaster sugar



### Preparation:

Heat oven to 170°C (325°F/Gas 3). Grease and line 20cm (8in) round cake tin. Put margarine, sugar and eggs into a bowl. Blend cocoa with hot water and add to bowl. Sift flour and baking powder into bowl. Beat ingredients together with wooden spoon for 2-3 mins. Stir in nuts and cherries. Transfer mixture to cake tin and level surface. Bake for 30 mins, cool for 5 mins and turn out onto baking sheet. Remove paper. Whisk egg whites and salt until frothy. Continue whisking, adding 1 tbspc sugar at a time, until stiff and glossy. Spread over cake; cook for 10-15 mins until golden. Cool before cutting into 8 slices.  
*Tip:* If using an electric mixer for making cake, take care to beat ingredients for one minute only as over-beating mixture can spoil the finished result.

## ROSIE'S RECIPES – continued

### Celebration Cat Cake

**Ingredients:** (12 servings)

#### **Sponge**

4 eggs

100g (4oz) caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla essence

100g (4oz) self raising flour, sifted

#### **Filling**

7 tbsp raspberry jam

#### **Buttercream**

225g (8oz) butter, softened

450g (1lb) icing sugar, sifted

1 tsp vanilla essence

1-2 tbsp warm water

100g (4oz) plain chocolate, melted

Liquorice and chocolate buttons, to decorate

#### **Preparation:**

Heat oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Grease and base line two 20 cm (8 in) sandwich tins. Put eggs and sugar in a bowl over a pan of hot water and whisk until light and very thick. Fold in vanilla and flour. Bake for 20-25 minutes until springy to the touch. Cool, then split



cakes horizontally in half and spread with jam. Cut one cake into a 13cm (5in) circle to make head. Use trimmings to make ears. Cut into other cake and ease away to form a tail. Assemble cake. Beat buttercream ingredients together until smooth, spread over cake. Swirl melted chocolate onto cake with a fork then decorate.

**Rosie Bass**

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