



# PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS

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## CHAIR'S REPORT AUTUMN 2012

It's been many years since I went to a pop festival complete with wellington boots, so Picnic on the Green this year was a sharp reminder of the occasions when you got cold, wet, up to your knees in mud, but still managed to have a really good time. Thanks to all of you who braved the weather and supported the Picnic, your positivity is always so refreshing. The Rock Choir of over 100 singers were amazing and their energy and love of singing was so infectious; what an inspiring sound on the Green that evening.



Then the heavens opened and all on the Green decamped to the Camden where the Blues Brothers Tribute Band were able to continue their act. It was a great finish to the evening. Luckily, I was able to present as many children as possible with a Jubilee Medallion to mark this special year. Then home for a hot bath to get warm again and reflect on how our weather is so changeable, making it difficult to plan anything from year to year. Thank you to all the Councillors and their other halves who gave of their time – also to our staff.

I am, as always, full of admiration that the gardeners of Pembury have such lovely colour in their gardens and containers. You should all be applauded as judging of 'Pride in Pembury' has been tricky this year, with so many wonderful displays. The winners will be announced in the next edition of the PVN.

Have you ever considered giving some of your time for the Parish you either live or work in? There are vacancies on the Parish Council. Think about being part of a local democratic decision-making body, helping keep your village as you would like it, whether on planning issues, amenities, or very importantly, our environment. Give it some thought and, if you are interested, please give me a ring – I would be more than happy to meet with you.

Pembury Village News delivery: we need a few more willing volunteers to assist in getting the magazine delivered. Could you help? It is published four times a year and is a good opportunity to meet people. If you would like to help, please ring the Clerk and have a chat about it.

The Village Diary is such an important tool when you are planning your events as it will help you to avoid clashing with other events, enabling all to be supported. Janet Ditchett efficiently manages this diary so I would recommend checking with her when arranging dates.

**Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst**



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## NEW PARISH OFFICE

Many of you will have seen the construction of a new Parish Office/Meeting Room facility in the Recreation Ground giving the Parish Council a presence at the Rec.

After many years of discussion, looking at different options throughout the village and being prudent with Parish Council finances, the decision was taken to build a new Parish Office. Different types of construction were investigated and it was agreed that a modular building was the most viable option.



The Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs B Russell has had the office in her own home for the past 22 years and over the past couple of years has begun to hint that, at some point, she may like to retire!! The workload has steadily increased over the past few years and it is no longer feasible to house the office in a private home.

A local design consultant was engaged (Paul French at APT Technical Design), drawings produced and topographical surveys carried out. Planning permission was granted and three companies were asked to tender for the work. A company from Scunthorpe offered the best deal and they were duly awarded the job. Groundworks commenced and, being a modular building, it was constructed in a factory for assembly on site, arriving on four lorries on the morning of 29th May 2012.



Four weeks later, the building was up, electrics and plumbing installed and it was handed over to the Parish Council on 20th June 2012.



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# PEMBURY VILLAGE GREEN: HORSE CHESTNUT (AESCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM)

The Horse Chestnut tree, which has been a much-loved icon synonymous with Pembury Village, has recently been subject to a health review commissioned by Pembury Parish Council. The full report is available for perusal via the Parish Clerk, Barbara Russell.

The history of the tree is slightly vague, but it is believed to be around 150 years old and have been planted as a reasonably mature sapling to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The horse chestnut species has a lifespan of between 100 and 200 years and is therefore thought to be around  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through its maximum life. The tree has shown signs of decay and this had been raised as a cause for concern by local residents, with a possible risk of injury through the tree structure failing.

The commissioned health report highlighted a number of areas where damage or disease had an impact on the tree. However, the failure of the crown was the area causing most concern, with the prime reservations highlighted as follows:

- There is significant decay at the base of the east stem between 3.5 and 5.5m above ground level, as such the stem is at immediate risk of failure from this point.
- There is significant decay which appears to have started at the former topping points at 7m, and thus the large branches that are keyed into this decayed wood are at severe risk of failure.
- There is high risk of branch or stem failure on both the north and the west stems.
- The subsidiary branches that are keyed in to the topping points at 10.5m are at high to severe risk of failure.

The report concluded:

"Accordingly we have assessed a severe risk of failure within the crown. Taking into account the height and weight of the crown and the current use of the surrounding land, if one of the main stems were to collapse, a significant risk of damage and or injury might exist. The tree is currently not as high as the distance between it and the road, which is the chief risk area, nor would it reach the bus stop or the telephone box. It would, however, reach the closest bench which is situated only 3m from the base of the trunk."



In recent years, extreme inclement weather has become more prevalent, which is only likely to further impact on the viability of the tree. In England and Wales the owners or occupiers of land have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to minimise or prevent the risk of injury or damage to people or property arising from the presence, breakage or uprooting of any tree. This duty is defined in law by the Occupiers' Liability Acts of 1957 and 1984.

With the above liability placed upon the Council, they are duty bound to act upon the findings of the report. A number of options were discussed by the Council at the last Parish Council meeting. Whilst short-term measures allowing the tree to be made safe and therefore prolong its life for a few more years were suggested, they would be extremely costly and only delay the inevitable.

It was with regret that the Parish Council agreed with the findings and recommendations of the report, namely that the tree should be felled. Whilst the news is upsetting, its timing couldn't be more fortuitous with the country celebrating another Diamond Jubilee year. The Parish Council are keen for the work to progress and a replacement tree be identified and planted this year to celebrate our present Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.



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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A shiny new machine sits on my messy consulting desk and whirrs into life; it prints a sticky label for the specimen bottle containing blood or some other bodily fluid. The label is a barcode; lots of thin black lines which can be recognised by another computer. With that simple press of the button, the patient's name is replaced by a code. I realise that technology develops relentlessly, but I am always saddened when names are no longer used. Names are very important to us all; they are the first gift that our parents give us when we are born and we keep them our whole life. They are so important; the only time I can envisage giving them up is by the lady when she marries someone she loves. Even then, some choose not to and couples opt for a double-barrelled surname. If someone is blessed with a child then it is their special pleasure and privilege to choose the names for their baby, knowing that it will define them for the rest of their lives.

Names can give a clue to our background, where we come from and what our families used to do. It does not take much to guess what Mr Butcher or Mr Baker may have done. Mr Thatcher and Mr Cooper are a little more obscure. I have met several families from Africa where they give names that hopefully will reflect their child's character – like Grace, Hope, Patience and Mercy.

Names are universal; everyone has one no matter where in the world they come from. Throughout history, some of these names have been associated with goodness and cruelty; others with wisdom and treachery.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When we select a name it is very easy for our choice to be influenced by those people we have known.

Friends will often change our names. Nicknames have been around for centuries and examples are recorded from the 12th century. Nickname simply means an extra name. Our parents very rarely use them. To my mother, I am always 'Andrew'. My family name 'Cameron' is believed to be derived from the Gaelic nickname of Cam Sron, 'crooked nose'. Apparently my ancestors from the West coast of Scotland had very distinctive facial features! My maternal grandfather was John Clark and he was always known as Nobby. Nobody in the family was ever quite sure why – there were theories as to the origin – but to everyone he was just Nobby.

Names are so precious that some will try to steal them. Identification theft is where a thief takes your name and uses it to obtain by deception what is rightfully yours. It is nothing new, even though the internet and modern computers make it easier. I remember reading in Genesis the story of Jacob stealing his brother Esau's birthright. He wore a goatskin to cover his smooth skin to deceive his father Isaac, who was blind, into thinking he was his hairy older brother. Identification theft was going on thousands of years ago.

Returning to my desk and its fancy new printer, I understand the importance of protecting names to prevent mistakes, because sometimes your name is not looked after as it deserves. There is a tinge of regret that we are replacing names with barcodes on medical records, but I now view it as necessary to look after something that is so valuable to each of us; so precious that I was told at school that God has our names written on the palm of his hand – must be special then! I will, however, continue inviting patients into my consulting room by calling their names and hopefully getting the pronunciation right. Apologies to all when I haven't!

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Two years ago, P.Y.T.A won Tonbridge Carnival with its fairy wonderland float. It has raised money for local charities, play equipment in the Recreation Ground and also for DVD/TV combis for the Children's Ward at Pembury Hospital. P.Y.T.A also provided the huge clock in the Pavilion.

At P.Y.T.A we pride ourselves in teaching children confidence, self-esteem and valuable life skills through drama, movement, song and all types of dancing from street and breakdance to contemporary.

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In September 2012, we will be starting to rehearse a one hour Pantomime 'Cinderella in Rhyme' – written specially for us!

We offer a free trial night to see if you like us, so why not come along and see for yourself?

If you would like any more information, please call Dee on 01892 825773, 07833 666 018 or email [deeparrott186@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:deeparrott186@hotmail.co.uk)

**Dee Parrott**

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## PEMBURY GARDENERS' SUMMER SHOW

The Pembury Gardeners' Society held its Summer Show on Saturday 29th June 2012 at the Village Hall. Considering the weather conditions over the last few weeks, the quality of the exhibits was exceptional, with roses well presented.

Results of the trophy winners were as follows, with cups and trophies presented by our president Mrs Sarah Clarke to:

The John Gorrington Award for most points in 'Sweet Peas' to Mrs B Brown

The Doug Steward Cup for best 'Vase' in class 1 to Mr D Drury

National Sweet Pea Medal for best 'Vase' in all sweet pea classes also to Mr D Drury

The John Baggeson 'Rose Bowl' to Mr S Jones

The Society Award for best exhibit in 'Rose' classes to Mrs S Smout

The Helen Reeve Trophy in 'Floral Art' to Mrs A Purton

Certificate for Best Exhibit in 'Floral Art' also to Mrs A Purton

R W Smeal Cup for most points in 'Fruit and Vegetables' to Mr S Jones

The Mary Standen Cup for most points in 'Handicraft' to Mrs H Wood

The Miss Harthan Cup for most points in 'Cookery' to Mrs C Riley

The Maurice S Mephram Cup for best 'Junior Exhibit' to Oscar Riley

Junior Section certificates went to under 7 Imogen Riley and the 8-11s to Oscar Riley and Samuel Bowman



We would like to thank all the exhibitors and visitors who helped to make the show a success. The Autumn Show will be on Sunday 9th September 2012.

**J.C.Wood**  
**Show Secretary**

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## THANK YOU NORMAN DODD

Much of what is good about living in a village like Pembury can be traced to individuals who work altruistically for the community, often for little recognition. Norman Dodd is such an individual. Ten years ago Norman became the Chair of Governors at Pembury School, and he has fulfilled that role splendidly ever since. However, at the beginning of this academic year, Norman announced that he would be retiring; both the school and the entire community of Pembury wish to give huge thanks to Norman and wish him all the very best for the future.

During his tenure, Norman has become the backbone to the functioning of the school, involving himself in the day to day running, as well as leading the strategic direction of the school. Entirely voluntarily, Norman has helped to develop Pembury School into an excellent place for the children of our village to learn and thrive. His work, whether visible or behind the scenes, has been appreciated by everyone he has worked with: he is well known both locally and in the wider West Kent area for maintaining the highest standards, and he leaves a rich legacy for the school to continue to build on. And so it is with a heavy heart that the school is celebrating all the tireless work Norman has done over many years.

Most parents in the village will have met Norman at some point during their children's time at Pembury School, whether through the many presentations he has given, or on a personal level. Norman has been involved with all aspects of the school, whether attending the many hundreds of meetings required of a Chair of Governors, working alongside the Head Teachers on budgets, policies and so much more, or indeed working with the staff and children in very practical ways: he was a regular on trips to the swimming pool and on countless other outings where the children occasionally needed a guiding hand. Clearly, the central role Norman has performed has been to maintain a firm leadership over the governing body. His great experience has encouraged all school governors, both old and new, to speak up and voice their opinion such that the best decisions could be made for the good of our children.

A tree is being planted at the school which will be enjoyed by future generations. This will be a long-lasting expression of the gratitude for all the work Norman has done, and also the high esteem with which the children, staff and governors of Pembury regard him.

It is fitting that we celebrate Norman's untiring commitment. He has worked hard for the good of our children, and this sterling effort has made him a real pillar of our village. While the school will inevitably rejuvenate, Norman's retirement will mark the end of an important and proud era at Pembury School.

**Dean Armstrong**  
**Pembury School Community Governor**

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## ST. PETER'S, PEMBURY – YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Many thanks to all those who attended the Thanksgiving Service for the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen in the Upper Church, when we welcomed the Mayor, our uniformed organisations and representatives of many other village organisations. I enjoyed planning the event with the Parish Council and making it a memorable occasion, especially for the children. It was also a celebration of our community.

St. Peter's is your Parish Church. We are a growing church worshipping in two buildings – the ancient Old Church, near Kent College, and the Upper Church, near the Village Green. Our Mission Statement is "to share the love of God, spreading the Good News of Jesus and following his example of loving service."

Serving the community of Pembury is a priority. Did you know that those who live in the village are entitled, by law, to be baptised and married in their parish church and to have their funerals conducted by parish clergy?

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**Vicar of Pembury**

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE



Rev'd. D Robertson and Pembury Parish Council organised a service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and over 50 children and leaders from Guiding and Scouting were delighted to join members of the community and the choir from Pembury School at St. Peter's Church on Friday 15th June.

The uniforms and flags made a colourful background at the service, which had standing room only! Many thanks to all the children, parents and leaders who supported the event.

**Moirá Allan**  
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For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4th June, Cornford Park residents all gathered at the end of the road. Four gazebos were erected and two BBQs lit. As the tables filled with salads, cakes and plenty of drinks, there was a buzz of excitement. Did you watch the Pageant? Wasn't it a marvellous sight? Pity about the rain! The children played various ball games and tried their hand at giant Jenga. Great excitement as the chocolate fountain appeared and fun had by all with some sunshine and intermittent rain. As darkness fell, the cry went up 'let's start again tomorrow and finish off the food!'

Next day, the BBQs were lit once more; more sausages, ribs and burgers were cooked and more drink consumed. A few pictures taken the day before were passed round. Later that evening, weary residents made their way home. It had been great fun.

What do we do with all the food left in the freezer and not yet cooked?

A month later the call went round, we are going to cook the meat left from the Jubilee and resume the party but call it an 'Olympics' party this time. Up went the gazebos and the salads and puddings arrived to accompany the pork spitroast, burgers and sausages and, of course, plenty of fresh French bread.

A great party that went on into the evening.

Cornford Park does seem to know how to have a good time, with good company and plenty of chatter. Long live England and our British friendships!

I wonder when the next party will begin...?

**Janet Ditchett**



## HERONS WAY JUBILEE PARTY

A belated celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee took place with a party in Herons Way (no's 17 to 49) on Saturday 14th July 2012. Virtually all the residents attended along with their families and, although the weather was against us, a good time was had by all.

Two previous dates were cancelled, but with good humour and help from the residents to erect several gazebos, it was decided to go ahead on the 14th whatever the weather. Plenty of food was prepared together with a BBQ. One family offered to play their guitars as an attraction to deviate from the weather! The sing-along folk and country music was well received and a collection box raised £50 for Hospice in the Weald.



**Geoff Hooker**

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<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00am - 6:00pm
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## THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A combination of 70 stewards, 2000m of barriers, 63 lamppost banners, over 25,000 people, great weather and the Olympic Torch Relay added up to a fantastic atmosphere in Royal Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday 17th July 2012.

The Olympic Flame arrived in the borough shortly before 11.30am and made its first appearance to the gathered crowds carried by Torchbearer Giovanni Merlo, an Italian sports writer and President of the International Sports Press Association. The Mail on Sunday's Chief Sports Writer, Patrick Collins, met Giovanni at the first of the flame's 'kiss-points' and took the next leg of the route. Croydon Junior Long-Jumper Elliot Safo, Olga Bogoslovskaya (a Silver medallist in the Barcelona Games) and Samantha Wheelwright from Orpington (who teaches dance to disabled children) were the next three Torchbearers. Hubert Wolf took over and was then followed by David Adams from Tonbridge, who tirelessly supports 'Walk the Walk', a breast cancer charity. David took the flame along Mount Pleasant and passed it to Alex Gerrity from London, who ran the length of the High Street.

Local girl, Nessi Burns, had the momentous task of carrying her Torch along the Pantiles, to the delight of a huge number of people who had packed in to the historic location to witness the event. Sam Hayes from Tonbridge took over and then handed the flame to champion cyclist, Emily Barnes from Dormansland.

After the Torch Relay had moved on, many visitors stayed to enjoy the atmosphere in the town. The entertainment in Calverley Grounds drew many people and performances by The House of Curious Engagements, Rock Choir and the Kent Cultural Baton were warmly received.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leader, Councillor David Jukes, described the day, "It was fantastic – a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The people of Tunbridge Wells did us proud, turning out in such great numbers."

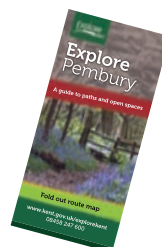


The Torch Relay proved the perfect overture to what has become TeamGB's most successful Olympic Games in over a century, finishing third in the medal table with 29 Gold, 17 Silver and 19 Bronze.

We are all hopeful that the infrastructure investment will bring great benefits to East London and the other Olympic event areas, and that the huge wave of enthusiasm accompanying the Games will carry into the future, leaving a legacy of pride in achievement and inspiring the competitors of the future. If London 2012 serves to make the nation healthier and more active, it will have done its job.

## EXPLORE PEMBURY

New, full-colour 'Explore Pembury' footpath maps are available from the Library and the Parish Council Office. A donation of £1.00 is requested.



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## THE BELLS, THE BELLS!

On Friday 27th July 2012, as part of the Olympic celebrations, people across Britain were encouraged to ring a bell – any bell – from 8:12 to 8:15am. The Church bells at St. Peter's Upper and Old Church were rung. Did you hear them?

At the Upper Church, a total of 11 people took part and the three minutes passed very quickly.

We then enjoyed coffee and croissants before leaving to continue the rest of our day, after an early and noisy start!



**Moira Allan**

**Pembury District Guides**

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## PEMBURY KIDS OLYMPITHON

On Sunday 8th July 2012, 65 children aged 3 to 11 took part in the St Peter's Kids Olympithon in Pembury, to coincide with the arrival of the Olympic Torch in the county.

In teams of three to five the children collected flags of Olympic nations from stations around the village. There were two routes, one with seven stations; the other with eight.

The Winners' medals were presented by Luca Russo, England U21 Cross-Country runner. Each participant wore a commemorative T-shirt and the event concluded with a BBQ.



Inside the church there was table football and table tennis.

Organiser, Gill Betts, commented, "The event was even more successful than we anticipated" and the Vicar, Rev'd. Douglas Robertson, said, "It was great to see so many children having fun and looking forward to the London Olympics."



## BROWNIES OLYMPICS

To celebrate London 2012, 3rd Pembury Brownies have completed an 'Olympic' amount of activities for their On Your Marks Girlguiding UK badges.

We kicked off the Olympic theme by enjoying an instructed sports evening with mSPORTi, taking part in sports such as hurdles, running, relay, throwing, jumping and curling. We also visited Next Dimension Gymnastic Academy, where the Brownies experienced gymnastics and tried out lots of apparatus, including the bar, trampoline and horse and earned the Agility badge. We also went swimming at Carrotty Wood, where we earned the Swimmer badge.

Brownies thought about Olympic culture and values by inventing their own Olympic sports; designing their own sports kits; making their own Olympic torches; planting flowers in the shape of the Union Flag; making their own mottos and mascots; making their own Greek pots; making a Gold medal for another Brownie; and taking part in lots of Olympic-inspired team games. A Brownie parent also kindly visited us for an evening, where she demonstrated Zimbabwean dance – Brownies got the chance to try dancing Zimbabwean style, and got to handle traditional Zimbabwean musical instruments.

We all had great fun earning these badges as well as helping to commemorate this very special year. Go TeamGB!



**Wendy Plane, Brown Owl**

## BROWNIES TRIP TO HASTINGS

On 14th July 2012, 3rd Pembury Brownies enjoyed a trip to Hastings.

We set off from Tunbridge Wells at 9am and were greeted in Hastings by a big downpour!

Macs on, but determined to not let the rain spoil our day, we went for a wet stroll along the beach. We enjoyed a round of Pirate golf (complete with explosions!) and the sun luckily began to reappear. After a ride on a miniature train and a cable car up the cliffs, we had a picnic lunch and sang some songs. Next we visited the Sealife Centre, where the girls enjoyed seeing 'Nemo' and 'Dory' and lots of interesting creatures.



Just as we tucked into our well-earned ice-creams after a visit to the adventure playground, the rain began to fall again! Macs back on, we visited the souvenir shop and all too soon it was time to head home.

Arriving back in Tunbridge Wells, the girls were absolutely exhausted, but we all had a brilliant day. A big thank you to all the leaders and parent helpers who were there on the day and of course to the Brownies, who were very well-behaved.

**Wendy Plane, Brown Owl**

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## AMBERSIDE DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

For many years, Amberside Dance Studio has produced a big dance show every two years to showcase its pupils in all classes. Having produced a mega show three years ago, which included the recently formed Drama and Singing classes, it was decided to have separate shows for dancing and drama in alternate years.

So, at 5pm on Saturday 14th July, Amberside Drama Productions presented a selection of scenes, each from very different shows and stories in their first major drama show. Much skill and talent were displayed by the actors, and the show was very enjoyable.

The show began with a scene from *Little Women*. Now, a wailing air raid siren announces World War Two and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, with the Pevensie children arriving at Professor Kirk's country house as evacuees. The scene ends with all four children passing through the wardrobe, which was cleverly made by Steve Robinson. The back of the wardrobe was decorated with pieces of tree to resemble the wood in which the children find themselves, and this, apart from an old fashioned street lamp, is all the scenery that was used: the story needs nothing else – a well-played scene.

After the interval, the cast gave a good rendition of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, as a prelude to an extract from the *Wizard of Oz*, which cheered everyone, with cute Munchkins dancing around. After the seriousness of Act One, the *Wizard of Oz* was light and colourful. *Oz* was followed by *Popular*, sung and danced in green dresses, including the *Wicked Witch of the West*, and was very good.

One young actress covered the moving of props by reciting, very sweetly, *Has Anybody Seen My Mouse?* After recorded songs such as *It's a Long Way to Tipperary*, the curtains opened to show a Post Office and general store in *An English Heaven*, set in World War One.

The Finale cheered everyone, with the Company singing Gary Barlow's Jubilee Anthem, *Sing*, which rounded off the show very nicely indeed and had the audience clapping in time.

Amberside Drama Productions and its parent company Amberside Dance Studio seem to go from strength to strength, providing an outlet for the talents of young dancers from the age of three to young adult.

Thank you to Kimberley Godsall for directing the show, Steve Robinson for the wonderful wardrobe, Sue Godsall for help with props and costume, and James Whitehorn of Pembury Players for the lighting. And not forgetting many thanks to the cast for all their hard work making the show what it was.

**Kathy Wallwork**

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## VILLAGE MARKET

The village market will be open again from 4th September 2012, every Tuesday 9-11.30am.

We have a wide range of stalls, many of which support charities such as Diabetes UK, Headway, Pembury Football Club, St Peter's Church and Kent Air Ambulance.

In the foyer you can find a colourful display of garden plants and, nearer to Christmas, holly wreaths.

Inside you will find handcrafted crafts for every occasion, you can even order a personalised card of your own design, and handmade jewellery and earrings.

Seasonal vegetables, locally sourced, and free-range eggs from Pepenbury, groceries, toiletries or, if you have a sweet tooth, delicious cakes and savouries (all homemade) and a selection of jams and marmalades are all on offer.

Our local artists' watercolours and driftwood pictures would make unique Christmas presents.

The market also has bric-a-brac stalls where you can often find a bargain, books for those who like a good read, hand-knitted baby jackets and a selection of goods made from honey from our stallholders' own hives.

Our local councillors Mrs June Crowhurst and Mike Tompsett are on hand most Tuesdays to answer your queries. The Courier rep is usually also present, if you have anything of interest for the Pembury page in the local paper.

A Town and Country Housing rep attends the last Tuesday of every month to deal with any problems.

In November we begin our countdown to Christmas with a Christmas Market – offering a free homemade mince pie with every tea or coffee purchased.

If you haven't already been along to the market, please visit to see what we have to offer or call in for a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Maybe you have some items to sell?

Our tables are very reasonable at only £2.50 per morning and can be booked by calling either

**Karol on 01892 823413 or Jean on 01732 357820.**

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## PEMBURY U3A WINE APPRECIATION SUMMER CELEBRATION

In mid-July every year, all our wine appreciation groups come together to hold a joint celebration.

We take it in turns to act as hosts. This year we persuaded Peter Jervis of Downingbury Farm and Shop to let us meet there, imagining a lovely candle-lit summer evening spent by the orchards and soft-fruit fields.



Peter provided the wines, cheeses, snacks, pheasant and salmon patés and biscuits. He stocks a very good selection of wines; red, white and rosé from the Rhône valley and the southern areas of France, all at very reasonable prices. The cheeses are from Kent and Sussex and are of many different combinations of flavours – all delicious.

Naturally, with our summer being the wettest for many years, our plans did not go unchallenged and we did have to make a dash for cover. However, the U3A rose to the occasion as usual and we all had a splendid time. Peter told us how he sourced his wines, so I think next year we are hoping to form a group to travel to France to explore possibilities ourselves!

Next year we will continue to hold our wine appreciation sessions each month; there seem endless possibilities in choice of vineyards, grapes, blends, climates, geology and traditions – a very satisfying prospect!

**Andrew Richardson**

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## PEMBURY AFTERNOON WI

As you may have read in the last issue of PVN, Pembury is lucky to have two WIs, so there is a choice of afternoon or evening, or both! You could be a full member of one and a dual member of the other.

We meet in the afternoon so as the winter evenings approach, and if you are reluctant go out in the dark, do think about joining us. We have around 20 members and meet the second Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

Our programme includes speakers and social activities, but always with refreshments and plenty of time to make new friends and catch up with the village gossip!

Many of our members also participate in the programme organised for all the local WIs at District level. We also actively support events, workshops and sub-committees at Federation level. You will find plenty of things to interest you.

Do come and meet us at any meeting – you will be most welcome – or contact our President

**Amanda Everett (01892 823280)** or our Secretary **Margaret Buss (01892 822530)**.

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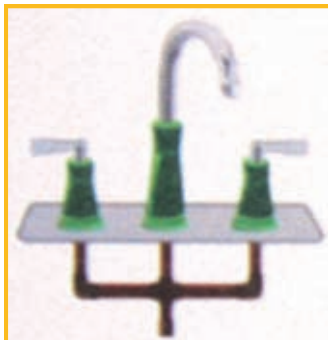


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- Free litre of fresh juice per adult (own container) •
  - Juice and Cider tastings •
- Apple Tastings and displays (approx. 50 varieties) •
  - Orchard Tours •
- Pick Your Own and Farm Shop •
  - Apple Games •
  - 'Apple Art' display •
- Hog Roast and homemade refreshments •

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**I have just had an official letter telling me my benefits might be capped.  
I'm really worried about how I'll manage if they cut our money – we can  
only just afford the rent and other bills now.  
What is happening and what should I do?**

From April 2013, there will be a limit on how much money you can get from some benefits.

This is called the Benefit Cap. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

is writing to people who might be affected to tell them about the changes.

You are only likely to be worse off than before if you're getting Housing Benefit.

This is because your Housing Benefit will be cut if you're getting some benefits that,  
together with your Housing Benefit, take you over the cap.

**The cap is expected to be:**

- £500 a week if you're in a couple, or a single person, and you have dependent children •
- £350 a week if you're single and don't have children or have children who don't live with you. •

**You won't be affected at all if you qualify for one of the following:**

- Working Tax Credit •
- Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance •
- Employment and Support Allowance, if paid with the support component •
  - Industrial Injuries Benefits •
- War Widows or Widowers Pension. •

**There are also some benefits which won't be counted when working  
out whether you're over the cap. These are:**

- Council Tax Support, which replaces Council Tax Benefit from April 2013 •
  - Pension Credit •
  - State Retirement Pension •
- One off payments, for example, Social Fund loans •
- Non-cash benefits, for example, free school meals. •

It's important that you find out now if you might be worse off after the cap starts next year,  
so you can plan how to deal with it. You can get more information about the Benefit Cap on the  
Citizens Advice website [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) or the government website [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).

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## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Sharon Gills, responsible for the Hospice in the Weald shop in Pembury, tells us why the shop is key to raising funds for Hospice in the Weald and why they are proud to be part of the village community. "At Hospice in the Weald we all enjoy the community spirit of the village and the support we get in our Pembury shop. We have a constant stream of regular and new customers popping in to find one of the many fantastic bargains in our shop.

Hospice in the Weald needs to raise £5 million each and every year and our shop in Pembury is a vital component in raising the funds needed so we can continue to provide care free of charge.

We are always looking for new ways to raise more money in our shops – look out for our new range of everyday essentials on sale now.

One of the most enjoyable things about being based in Pembury, and having a shop on the High Street, is how the village really makes us feel part of its close-knit community. Some of our volunteers enjoyed manning the tombola at the Pembury Fun Day. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise over £200 for the Hospice.

We are always seeking volunteers to join our team. If you have ever thought about helping in a Hospice in the Weald shop, whatever your background and however much time you can spare, there will be something to suit your interests. Just give Chris a call on 01892 820550 and he will answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the shop soon!

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## KENT HIGH WEALD PARTNERSHIP

The Kent High Weald Partnership's mission is 'to link the local community and countryside by raising awareness and encouraging action' and these principles underpin all the projects we manage.

This means KHWP get involved in a huge variety of activities in the Tunbridge Wells Borough, often with a strong community focus. Recently, we have been working on an urban wildlife gardening scheme with Town and Country Housing and created a wonderful natural garden for the Bridge Trust in Southborough.

Our forest schools education programme has been a great success with the kids from Sherwood School. This is a great way of getting youngsters out in woods to enjoy themselves in a natural setting and learning some basic survival skills under careful supervision. We hope they leave with fond memories of spending some time in completely natural surroundings and connecting with the environment, ultimately for the benefit of future generations.

We have also worked at a number of school grounds including Oakley School, where a walk in fruit cage with raised beds has been created to augment the established home grown produce area maintained by the pupils. Also, a quiet corner of St. Peter's playground has been transformed by the addition of some locally sourced and crafted oak benches and stools.

With National Play Day on 1st August 2012 and our summer activities programme, which includes everything from pond dipping and wild craft workshops to bat walks and much more, we endeavour to get children engaged with their local environment and to treasure it.

For the latest information on our projects, events and task days, please visit [www.khwp.org.uk](http://www.khwp.org.uk)

**Ian Johnstone**  
**Countryside Officer**



## R.N.L.I.

Lifeboat fundraisers from Pembury were presented with awards for their outstanding achievements at a special ceremony held at the RNLI HQ, Poole, Dorset on 17th June 2012.

Pictured are, left to right, Mike Horswill (bronze), Andrea Chartres (silver), Yvonne Horswill (bronze), Paul Crook (silver). Kate Sayers, who was unable to attend the ceremony, has also been given a silver award.





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## CHICKEN AND LEEK PIE

1 ½ lb cooked chicken  
4 rashers streaky bacon  
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped  
1 large leek, peeled and thinly sliced  
2oz butter  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Good pinch mixed herbs  
Tin chicken soup  
12oz shortcrust pastry



1. Cut the chicken into small pieces and put into bowl
2. Melt the butter and fry onion and leeks until soft
3. Cut bacon into small pieces and dry fry
4. Mix leeks, onion and bacon with chicken and add herbs and seasoning
5. Pour in soup and mix well
6. Roll out pastry and line a 1 ½ pt pie dish
7. Add the filling and cover with a pastry lid, seal down firmly, cut an air vent in the pastry
8. Cook for about 45 minutes at 190° or gas mark 5

Serve with baby new potatoes and vegetables of your choice

**Karol Young**

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## ROCKY ROAD SLICE

4oz butter  
3oz chopped walnuts  
1 ½ tbspn cocoa powder  
¾ packet digestive biscuits, crushed  
4oz caster sugar  
1 bar milk chocolate  
1 egg lightly beaten  
1 pkt mini marshmallows  
3oz desiccated coconut  
4oz glace cherries, halved  
2oz flaked almonds  
small bar of white chocolate



1. Combine butter, cocoa and sugar in a saucepan, stir until dissolved, pour in a bowl and stir in egg, coconut and walnuts
2. Press mixture into 8" x 11" tin and refrigerate until firm
3. Melt half the chocolate over hot water. Remove from heat and stir in marshmallows
4. Spread over base and sprinkle over cherries
5. Melt remaining chocolate and drizzle over cherries
6. Melt white chocolate and drizzle over the top of the milk chocolate
7. Refrigerate until set before cutting into small pieces

**Karol Young**

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## QUESTION TIME FOR PEMBURY 2012

The Pembury Society is a village organisation whose aims set out 'to promote and protect our village and develop a community spirit, ensuring that the issues faced by our village are heard in the right quarters'.

In line with these aims, last year we ran a 'Question Time for Pembury' where a panel of prominent community personalities jointly took to the chair and answered questions raised by our Pembury Society members. It was a resounding success! The questions were challenging, with an atmosphere of lively debate, with the best interests of Pembury always at their heart.

Our panellists last year covered political, social and educational spectrums of our village, which was much appreciated by our audience of 90-strong, allowing for a wider perspective on solutions and outcomes to the issues we face.

Due to its success, we will be running this event again on 18th October 2012 at The Pembury Village Hall from 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

Our panellists this year will again cover the local and borough political spectrum, as well as local education, crime and medical issues. So far, our panellists include Councillor Mrs June Crowhurst (Chairman of the Parish Council), Councillor Mr Mike Tompsett (Independent Councillor for Pembury), Mr Matt Topliss (Vice Principal of Skinners Kent Academy), Ms Flo Panel-Coates (Director of Nursing at Pembury Hospital).

All are welcome to attend the AGM. We will encourage those non-members attending to join our Society to enable us to continue to run these sorts of events in our village in the future.

We would welcome your questions or comments prior to the meeting so we can use them to start our panel debates. Please send these to the email address below:

[membspemburysoc@aol.com](mailto:membspemburysoc@aol.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Lea Owen**

**Chairman, The Pembury Society**

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## KEN WATTS MEMORIAL SEAT

It is the intention of the Pembury Society to close the donations to the Ken Watts Memorial Seat by the end of September this year.

So far we have received the magnificent sum of £250 but, with your generosity, we are aiming to push that up to £450.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your cheques payable to The Pembury Society (with a note identifying it for the Ken Watts Memorial Seat) and send it to: Hugh Boorman, 52 Henwood Green Road, Pembury TN2 4LH.

We will acknowledge your donation. It would be good to get the seat installed on the Village Green before the winter sets in.

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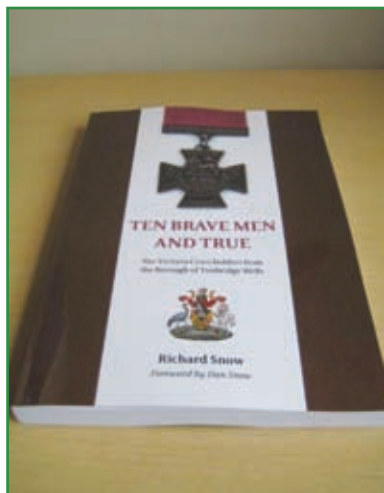
## TEN BRAVE MEN AND TRUE

Pembury resident Richard Snow has just had a book published. It is called *Ten Brave Men and True*, and tells the life stories of the ten Victoria Cross Holders of the Borough, who are all remembered in the Victoria Cross Grove in Dunorlan Park.

The book is 343 pages of A4, with over 200 photographs and is published by *Tommies Guides of Eastbourne*.

The stories range from the very first Victoria Cross winner (Charles Lucas) in the Crimean War to John Brunt of World War Two, who has a pub named after him in Paddock Wood. They also include Pembury's own V.C. Matthew Charles Dixon, who lived at Woodsgate and has a brass tablet in St. Peter's Church.

The book has taken 5 years to research and each story has a foreword by a member of the respective V.C.'s family. The book itself also has a foreword by TV Historian Dan Snow.



Richard is donating all the profits to Help for Heroes, as the production costs have been kindly sponsored by Denise Barnes, Knight Frank Estate Agents, Cripps Harries Hall and Kent County Council.

The book, at a special price of £15.99 (RRP £19.99), is available from Richard at 1 Cornford Park (Tel: 825428).

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## CRIME REPORT

Over halfway through the year already and the good news is that the reported crime figure for the months of April, May and June 2012 have shown a 13% drop from 52 for the previous quarter to 42. Unfortunately the persistent number of theft of items from cars and criminal damage remains with us. Although I have mentioned before the risk of leaving items on display on seats in the car, it still happens, although some thefts are wiper blades or door mirrors.



Criminal damage is like a cold that will not go away and unless you wrap everything up in cotton wool, I suspect it will persist. If anyone has any bright ideas on how to prevent it happening, please give me a ring or let the Police or Grahame (our Community Warden) know.

Without causing alarm, the report of violent crime is somewhat worrying; more so because I never hear anything about it until I receive these figures, so I do not know if it is street violence or if it takes place in any of the pubs or in the home. I have asked the Police if they can give me some indication and I am awaiting a reply.

**Hugh Boorman**

# CRIME FIGURES



Corporate Development  
Business Information Unit

## Recorded crime in Pembury

If a road name does not appear in the table below, it is because no crimes have been reported to Kent Police in that road during the specified period

Crime type by reported month	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Fraud & Forgery	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
April 12	2	0	1	2	5	6	2	0	18
May 12	5	0	2	1	1	6	0	1	16
June 12	4	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	11
April - June 2012	11	1	3	5	8	12	2	3	45

Crime type by road name	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Fraud & Forgery	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
A21 A	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	0		0	2	0	0	0	0	2
BELLFIELD ROAD	1		1	0	1	0	0	0	3
BRICKFIELDS	3		0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CHALKET LANE	0		1	0	0	1	0	0	2
GIMBLE WAY	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
GREENLEAS	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
HALF MOON LANE	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HERONS WAY	0		0	0	0	0	1	0	1
LOWER GREEN ROAD	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	0		0	0	1	6	1	1	9
PETERSFIELD	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RIDGEWAY	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
ROMFORD ROAD	1		0	1	0	0	0	0	2
SANDHURST AVENUE	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SNIPE CLOSE	1		0	0	1	0	0	0	3
TONBRIDGE ROAD	4		0	1	0	3	0	0	8
WOODHILL PARK	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME	11	1	3	5	8	12	2	3	45

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 2nd July 2012 at 10:30 hrs, and is therefore subject to change

## COLD CALLER INFORMATION

Kent Trading Standards advise you to be wary when dealing with traders at your door. Consider carefully whether you want the goods or services offered. In most cases, if you agree to buy anything costing over £35 from a trader at your door, the law gives you a 7 day 'cooling off' period to change your mind. The trader must give you a written cancellation notice if you agree to have work done. Failure to give this notice is a crime.



If you are considering work in or on your property, it is always best to get at least a couple of quotes from traders. You can find reputable traders on the 'Buy with confidence' good trader scheme, which is run by Trading Standards. You can visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) for a list of traders or phone 0845 404 0506.

If you do not want to buy goods or services at the door, there are a selection of notices at Pembury Library that can be displayed on your front door. Please take one.

If you are suspicious of any persons calling at your home, you should contact the Police on 101 or, in an emergency, 999. If you are worried or not sure what to do, please telephone Trading Standards on 0845 404 0506.

Contact Grahame Regan KCC Community Warden on 07813 694 138 or at Pembury Library between 2pm and 3pm every Wednesday at the 'Community Drop In'.



## FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up-to-date events, please see the online diary at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)

**Village Market - Village Hall, Tuesdays 9am-11.30am, term-time only.**

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

**CAB Pembury Library, alternate Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am.**

**For more up to date information on events see the online diary at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org).**

### SEPT

1st	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane
3rd	Pembury Gardeners' Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
4th	Pembury U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Signing on Event
5th	St Peter's Mothers' Union	8pm	A Meditation with Music
	St Peter's Church Meeting Room		
7th	Evening WI – Village Hall	7.45pm	A Japanese Garden
9th	Pembury Gardeners' Autumn Show	2pm	Village Hall
10th	Pembury Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Pembury Council Office, Recreation Ground
13th	Afternoon WI - 50 Ways to Tie a Scarf	2pm	Village Hall
16th	Hospice in the Weald Family Fun Day	10am	Fun Run, 10K Run, Lower Cricket Ground, TW
16th	Pepenbury Challenge		35K and 100K Cycle Challenge
29th	Rebecca Hollweg in Concert	7.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church

### OCT

1st	Pembury Gardeners' Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
2nd	Pembury U3A	2pm	Village Hall
3rd	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8pm	A Country House Christmas
	St. Peter's Church Meeting Room		
5th	Evening WI – Village Hall	7.45pm	Dressing the Stars
6th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet opposite Camden Arms
8th	Pembury Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
11th	Afternoon WI – Singalong Event	2pm	Village Hall
13th	Pembury Churches Together	6pm	Harvest Supper at Baptist Church
18th	Pembury Society AGM	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
25th	Goudhurst District WI Conference	7.30pm	Pembury Village Hall – Flower Arranging
27th	RNLI Autumn Fayre	10am	St. Anselm's Catholic Hall

### NOV

2nd	Evening WI – Village Hall	7.45pm	Dispatches from the Front WWII
3rd	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane
5th	Pembury Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
6th	Pembury U3A	2pm	Village Hall
7th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union		
	St. Peter's Church Meeting Room	8pm	Journey to Prison
8th	Afternoon WI	2pm	Village Hall
9th	Pembury Fireworks	7.30pm	Recreation Ground
11th	Remembrance Sunday	10.45am	St. Peter's Upper Church

### DEC

1st	St. Peter's Christmas Fayre	10am	St. Peter's Upper Church
1st	St. Anselm's Christmas Fayre	2pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
1st	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Bo-Peep

## THE MEMORIAL'S TALE

During last autumn's Heritage Open Days at the parish church, the interest shown by visitors in the monument to a member of the Spencer-Churchill family on the interior wall of the tower prompted renewed curiosity, some research and the discovery of the following story:

The inscription is The Right Honourable Lord George Henry Spencer-Churchill, 3rd son of George, 4th Duke of Marlborough, born 18.5.1796, died Tunbridge Wells 30.5.1828

There is no known connection with the illustrious family of the Dukes of Marlborough. Mary Standen, in her village history, writes that Lord George Henry Spencer-Churchill, known as Henry, married Elizabeth Martha Nares of Biddenden on 13th July 1824, and quotes from the Maidstone Journal, which states that Henry died on 30th May 1828.



The reason for the interment in Pembury may be due to two factors; At this time, Tunbridge Wells was not a parish. Holy Trinity, the first parish church, was completed in 1829, becoming a parish in 1833. Up until then, the town lying at the meeting point of three parishes (Speldhurst, Frant and Tonbridge), burials took place in one of these parishes. Even after Holy Trinity became a parish there was little burial space, which led to the early establishment of Woodbury Park Cemetery for the town.

The choice of Pembury for Lord Henry's interment, in preference to these more usual parishes, may have been the result of friendship between him and the Woodgate family – one of whose members, Stephen, was vicar of Pembury from 1804 to 1844. In the book 'A history of the Woodgates of Stonewall Park and of Summerhill in Kent and their connections' by Gordon and Giles Woodgate, a letter from Stephen's wife, Frances, written on 9th May 1828 is printed, in which she writes, "our poor friends are removed from Hastings to the Wells. Mr Woodgate finds Lord Henry much alter'd since he saw him at Hastings, and I thought her looking sadly..."

This was three weeks before Lord Henry's death at Cumberland Villa in Tunbridge Wells. This building survives; an elegant and grand house on the corner of Cumberland Gardens and Cumberland Walk.

Thus the few words of this memorial lead to a tale of romance and tragic early deaths.

**Margaret Pettitt**

## REBECCA HOLLWEG SINGS AGAIN FOR PEMBURY

The next village event at St. Peter's Upper Church will be a return of singer/songwriter Rebecca Hollweg on Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm.

Rebecca last sang at St. Peter's in 2008 when she performed a jazz-influenced mix of songs to an enthusiastic audience. This time, she will focus more on her own folk-cum-country style of composition, and will be accompanied by her husband Andy Hamill on bass and harmonica and Julian Ferraretto on violin.



Rebecca has been singing with her own group for some 15 years now and released her first album 'June Babies' in 2001 and the second 'Orange Roses' in 2008. Key review quotes include "Absolutely stunning" - Aled Jones on BBC Radio 2, and "There is something of Joni Mitchell in her soaring vocal line" - The Sunday Times.

She has played large-scale theatre venues round the UK, twice as support artist to Roger McGuinn of The Byrds and once for Paul Carrack. Gigs in London and around the UK include regular appearances at London's South Bank Centre and she has performed at the UK festivals Belladrum (2009), Latitude (2010) and Moseley Folk Festival (2011). She has also played at festivals in France and Crete, as well as gigs in Germany and Holland.

Her music has folk, country, jazz and pop influences and she is an accomplished singer working with a band of exceptionally good musicians. She accompanies herself on acoustic guitar and her husband Andy Hamill is a highly-respected bass player who has worked and recorded with many big names including Rumer, Mark Murphy, Omar and 4Hero. Violinist Julian Ferraretto has been in demand as a soloist and ensemble player both in and out of the UK Jazz scene since arriving from Australia in 2002, and has appeared with his own group at venues such as the Royal Festival Hall and several international jazz festivals.

Tickets, including a first drink from the bar, are £10 for adults and £5 for under-16s. These are on sale now at the Chemists and the Post Office, or phone 01892 825032.

### CHURCH TIMES

#### **Pembury Baptist Church** *Romford Road*

Sunday 10am and  
Café style 6.15pm

Contact 825590  
[pemburybaptistchurch.org](http://pemburybaptistchurch.org)

#### **St. Peter's Church** *Hastings Road and Old Church Road*

##### **Upper Church**

Sunday 8.00am and 9.45am  
(with Junior Church)

Wednesday 10.00am

##### **Old Church**

Sunday 11.30am

Contact 824761  
[pemburychurch.net](http://pemburychurch.net)

#### **St. Anselm's Catholic Church** *Lower Green Road*

Tuesday Mass 12.00 noon

Wednesday Mass 7.00pm

Thursday Mass 10.00am

Friday Mass 9.00am

Saturday Mass 9.00am

Sunday Solemn Mass 9.15am

Sung Mass 11.00am

Evensong &

Benediction 6.30pm

**All are welcome**

Contact 825009  
[stjustusandanselm.org.uk](http://stjustusandanselm.org.uk)

# YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

## PARISH COUNCIL



**Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst**  
44 Elmhurst Avenue, TN2 4DA  
Tel: 824 873  
Chair of Parish Council  
*Chair of Amenities, Christmas Lights and Pride in Pembury Working Group*



**Cllr Mrs Sally Osborn**  
34 Canterbury Road, TN2 4JT  
Tel: 822 726  
Vice Chair of Parish Council  
*Vice Chair of Audit, Finance and Personnel Working Group*



**Cllr Sean Cawley**  
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10 High Street, TN2 4NY  
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*Vice Chair of Environment/Environmental Issues (inc. Allotments & Burials) Working Group*



**Cllr David Coleman**  
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*Chair of Planning & Highways Working Group*



**Cllr Mrs Janet Ditchett**  
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*Vice Chair of Amenities, Christmas Lights and Pride in Pembury Working Group*



**Cllr Patrick Gillan**  
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**Cllr John Hine**  
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**Cllr Paul Roberts**  
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*Chair of Audit, Finance and Personnel Working Group  
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**Cllr Mrs Chris Snow**  
1 Cornford Park, TN2 4PW  
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*Chair of Public Relations Working Group*



**Clerk to Pembury Parish Council**  
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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cllr Paul Barrington-King, 22 The Coppice, TN2 4EY  
Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst, 44 Elmhurst Avenue, TN2 4DA  
Cllr Mike Tompsett, 14 Gimble Way, TN2 4BX

Tel: 825 144  
Tel: 824 873  
Tel: 822 711

## COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr James Tansley  
KCC, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ Tel: 08457 247 247

James Tansley, the new County Councillor for Tunbridge Wells East, grew up in Sevenoaks Weald, went to school in Tonbridge and after spending many years overseas with the Foreign Office, settled in Tunbridge Wells with his wife, Blaithin, and three young children in late 2008. He now works as a supervisor for the Financial Services Authority. James views education, transport and improving the efficiency of local Government as his main priorities as a Councillor. He is also fully committed to seeing Pembury retain its identity as a separate village while continuing to benefit from its proximity to Tunbridge Wells.

# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

## AGE CONCERN

Mrs Sandra Springett. Tel: 522591

## AMBERSIDE DANCE STUDIO

Principal: Victoria Mustill-King. Tel: 724777

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Ed Tomlinson. Tel: 825009

## CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Simon Bishop, 18 Cornford Park. Tel: 822302

## FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

Chairman: Mrs S. Clarke, Little Stanton, Romford Road.  
Tel: 823932

## GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Mrs M. Allan, 9 Henwood Green Road. Tel: 822373

## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Maidstone Road. Tel: 820500

## KENT COLLEGE

Headmistress: Mrs Sally-Anne Huang. Tel: 822006

## KENT COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

Headmistress: Mrs Ann Lawson. Tel: 820204

## LABOUR PARTY

Dave & Sally Osborn, 34 Canterbury Rd. Tel: 822726

## LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

David Mills. Tel: 825577

## LITTLE RASCALS

c/o PBC Office. Tel: 825590

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TW District. Tel: 0845 6037882

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Janet Ditchett. Tel: 822586

## OUT AND ABOUT CLUB

Sue Giles. Tel: 823318

## PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL CLUB

Colin Forward. Tel: 825436

## PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Office. Tel: 825590

## PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

Phil Griffin. Tel: 01892 823129

## PEMBURY BRIDGE CLUB

Geoff Plummer. Tel: 824652

## PEMBURY COMMUNITY LINK GROUP FOR

## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Graham Hayler. 9 The Gill. Tel: 824680

## PEMBURY COMMUNITY WORKING PARTNERSHIP

Parish Office. Tel: 823193

## PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Sandy Crouch, 7 The Forge, Five Oak Green.  
Tel: 834166

## PEMBURY DAY CENTRE

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## PEMBURY ECO GROUP

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## PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Sunday Secretary: Phil Craxton. 823928

Chairman: Andy Rice-Tucker. Tel: 822483

## PEMBURY FOOTPATH WALKERS

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## PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

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## PEMBURY PAVILION BOOKINGS

Gillian Mayrick. Tel: 824852

## PEMBURY PLAYERS

James Whitehorn. Tel: 824854

## PEMBURY SCHOOL

School Office. Tel: 822259

## PEMBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Chair: Jo Alfieri. Tel: 824603

## PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

Teacher in charge: Rachel Teigen. Tel: 825580

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## PEMBURY SOCIETY

Chairman: Lea-Ann Owen. Tel: 822929

## PEMBURY TENNIS CLUB

Mrs S. Smith, 2 Ridgeway. Tel: 822405

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Membership Secretary: Andrew Richardson. Tel: 824012

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Karol Young. Tel: 823413

## PEMBURY YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY

Dee Parrott. Tel: 825773

## PEPENBURY

Principal: Mr Roger Gibson, Cornford Lane. Tel: 822168

## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PCSO Nick Brown. Tel: 07772 226001

## ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHBOROUGH & PEMBURY

Secretary: Nigel Stratton. Tel: 822936

## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Peter Chartres, 54 Woodhill Park. Tel: 823759

## SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS

Nick Harrison. Tel: 07549 747529

## SCOUT & GUIDE HQ MANAGEMENT TEAM

Nick Harrison. Tel: 07549 747529 and Moira Allan, 9  
Henwood Green Road. Tel: 822373

## ST. ANSELM HALL ENQUIRIES

Janet Ditchett. Tel: 822586.

## ST. PETER'S MOTHERS' UNION

Secretary: Mrs M. Adams. Tel: 822769

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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## THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Fr. Ed Tomlinson, 31 Henwoods Crescent. Tel: 825009

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Housing manager: Eleanor Dench.

Tel: 0845 8731 321

## TREE WARDEN

Caroline Mazzezy. Tel: 822493

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS ACCESS GROUP

Gill Pavely. Tel: 822605

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS & DISTRICT VICTIM SUPPORT SCHEME.

Tel: 513969

## VILLAGE HALL

Manager (bookings): Rachel Windus. Tel: 822837

## WHEELCHAIR LOAN (24 hour maximum, for Pembury Residents)

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