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PARISH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CHRISTMAS 2012

As with every organisation in the Village, the Parish Council battled against the wind and rain during the summer and Picnic on the Green was not only wet, but extremely cold. So very many thanks to James and Carole of the Camden Arms for letting us move over to the pub for the tribute Blues Brothers evening, which was a roaring success. I would like to put out an appeal at this stage for the Musical Picnic June 2013. We would like to encourage local talent to get involved. This would be a form of self-promotion and no fee would be paid. If anyone or group is interested, please apply to the Parish Council office on 823193.



A highlight of 2012 has been the Pembury Gardeners' shows. Whatever the weather, an amazing array of blooms and vegetables were shown. All who exhibited should be proud of their hard work. If you have never been to a show look out for their dates in the PVN and appreciate all their hard work.

It has been encouraging to see the Tuesday Market go from strength to strength with so many bargains to browse or purchase from the stalls. Most stalls are for differing charities so any money raised is going to a good cause. The welcoming smiles of all who attend make you feel so comfortable and you can make new friends or have a good gossip with old friends.

The Civic Service for the Diamond Jubilee was so special and I think all who attended were thrilled by the infectious joy of all the Pembury School children who took part. To share their delight was a privilege. By the time you receive the PVN, Remembrance Sunday will have passed but again the commitment the uniformed branches put in to being on parade for this special day always makes me so proud that our future is in good hands and will be respected.

This has been a difficult year with the tragic loss of Kevin Lynes our County Councillor who sadly passed away in March. He worked so hard for us and is greatly missed. We welcome James Tansley who succeeds Kevin - already James is putting in a lot of hard work for Pembury.

We have some serious planning applications coming through that will need all our input; each one of us needs to make sure whatever it is, it's right for the Village.

We are so lucky to have such a lot in the way of groups, organisations and social events going on in the Village. But we must always try and pull together for the best outcomes that can be achieved by working in harmony and unity for our Village needs.

Our lovely chestnut tree on the Village Green was badly diseased and had to be felled. This was a sad moment for all of us but unfortunately had to happen.

There are four vacancies for the role of Parish Councillor. If you feel you have commitment, some time, and care for our Village, please give me or our Clerk a ring. I would be pleased to have a chat and reassure you that whatever time you could spare would be valued. During the year we have carried out weeding and clearing in various areas - are you able to help with this in the future? Good volunteers are so necessary to maintain our Pride in Pembury and all offers will be gratefully received.

Finally it leaves me to wish you all a really Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Thank you for all your help, assistance and support over this last year. You, the residents of Pembury are what make our Village so special. Sincere thanks must also go to my Councillor colleagues and staff of the Parish Council for their hard work.

Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst

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We are now entering the winter period (after a very brief summer!) and I would like to take this opportunity to write to you about Highways & Transportation's winter service provisions.

You may be interested to know that Kent County Council salt nearly 30% of all of Kent's roads, which is 1500 miles of road which need to be gritted when conditions require it; for comparison this is the equivalent of travelling from London to Gibraltar! We also work with local farmers and provide them with the necessary equipment in order to clear country lanes and act as extra manpower when we are fully mobilised during a snow emergency.

Please visit our website at www.kent.gov.uk for comprehensive information on our winter service provision. Once on our home page, click on 'Roads and Transport' located in the left hand blue side bar, and once this page is loaded click on 'Winter Service'.

This section will provide useful information on:

- Salt Bins (including locations) • Gritting Routes • How and when we salt the roads •
- Clearing snow in the community • The latest weather updates

It is also worth mentioning that our website provides a wealth of information on all aspects of highway management, from our tree policy to roadwork locations. It also allows you to report highway faults online... if you spot a problem please tell us, the sooner we know about an issue the sooner we can look to resolve it!



Please take great care on the roads this winter

For many people Christmas and New Year is the time for celebration that involves travelling to see friends & family and going out for Christmas shopping and Christmas parties. Highways & Transportation will be working hard to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible; however you can also help us in the following ways:

- Drive to the conditions of the road at all times, especially during times of rain, ice and snow
- If we do get snow on the roads, please don't make any non-essential journeys
- Please regularly check your vehicle to make sure it is roadworthy.
- Do not drink and drive, or drive under the influence of any substance liable to impair your judgement

Jonathan Dean, Highway Steward, Kent County Council Highways & Transportation

HOPE CHURCHES WINTER HELP

Extreme Weather Winter Help Scheme

HOPE - Pembury Churches Together are organising a Winter Help Scheme for times of Extreme Weather or Natural Disaster within Pembury.

If severe weather conditions prevent you from leaving your home for shopping, collection of prescriptions, keeping medical appointments or other such events, you may phone Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm Baptist Church Office 01892 825590 and outside these hours St. Peter's Vicarage 01892 824761.

If your Pembury based organisation would like to be part of this scheme please contact Helen Nevison at Pembury Baptist Church on 01892 825590

Helen Nevison

Community Worker, Pembury Baptist Church



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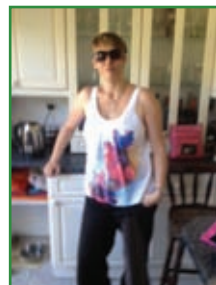
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NAOMI BOAKES

I am Naomi Boakes. I work in Pembury post office and have done so for many years now. There is a part of my life that I would like to share with everyone as I feel that especially with Christmas coming up it will be more and more noticeable to people.

Eight years ago I used to do kickboxing (which I absolutely loved) but as a result of doing this very strenuous sport I found I was struggling, mainly to lift my right arm and hold it up for any length of time. Well to cut a long story short, after seeing many specialists in many different fields I was finally sent up to Kings College Hospital, where I was diagnosed with FSH MD (Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy). As you can imagine my whole world fell apart; I became very depressed but I have a good network of people around me. Once I got over the initial shock and the feeling sorry for myself, I started to deal with what was to come. Since being diagnosed five years ago, my muscles are deteriorating quicker than I had hoped, which is why I felt I wanted to tell you all about my condition. To most people I look perfectly normal but if you look closer there are sure signs of muscle wastage, especially my right arm. I also have to walk with a crutch now, which many of my customers stop me in Tesco and ask what I've done. As I don't use my stick at work, many people think I've had a fall or something. When I'm out and about if I didn't have my stick for balance then I most likely would fall, and walking any distance is very painful; this is also why you only see me in the post office in the mornings now, as that is about all I can manage. The other part of my body I wanted to mention was my large stomach; this is a trait of many FSH people. We lose our stomach muscles so women with it always end up looking pregnant, which I have been asked many a time by customers if I am or not. I always laugh this off but actually it really upsets me. I try and hide it as much as I can which in the winter is easy with big jumpers.



My other reason for talking to you today was just to ask customers to be aware of my situation, especially at this time of year as the workload increases considerably. I struggle lifting parcels, so if I'm not smiley smiley, it's probably because I'm in pain, but I always try my best.

Naomi Boakes

KENT HIGH WEALD PARTNERSHIP



The Kent High Weald Partnership is a not-for-profit countryside management partnership working in and around the Tunbridge Wells area. Amongst the plethora of projects and activities that we undertake, we manage four nature reserves and carry out a variety of tasks within the green spaces of the High Weald.

It would be impossible to achieve the amount of work necessary without a huge donation of time and effort from local volunteers. As well as running regular Wednesday and Thursday groups, we also work with Friends of groups, local residents and corporate volunteers.

One such group is a Paddock Wood supermarket, which has recently initiated a scheme where each store can donate 250 hours per year to a good cause. The Paddock Wood store decided they would enjoy some time at the Cinderhill Community

Woodland, Matfield. This 12 hectare site boasts heathlands, grasslands, woodland, streams and a multitude of species to try and spot as you explore...as well as plenty of work for any group willing to come out and help!

On two foggy days in October the group got back to nature with some traditional woodland coppicing. This method of management involves cutting a suitable tree down to ground level where it will subsequently re-grow several stems; regenerating the woodland and ensuring its longevity. The most diverse habitat is a mosaic of different aged vegetation and so coppicing takes place on rotation in defined areas, with at least a year passing before the next area is tackled.

If you are interested in volunteering with KHWP or would like to know more about our work, have a look at the website www.khwp.org.uk or call us on 01580 212972.

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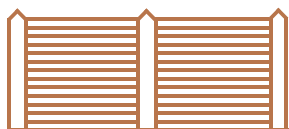


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TRAFFIC JAMS OCTOBER 2012

I have not arrived home yet; I am sitting in my car on the Pembury Road waiting for the new Blackhurst Lane traffic lights to turn green and allow a tiny dribble of cars through. We're off! I accelerate towards the junction but before I can pass, the amber light appears and soon the red; the traffic halts and all the drivers sit patiently again. It takes me more than twice the time to get home after a day in the Pembury surgery than it did a few months ago. Sitting in this new traffic jam has given me a chance to think about many things.



Journeys come to mind; I start to think of my journey home and realise I am stuck on the Pembury Road because of choices I have made. I could have chosen to drive through the Longfield Road industrial estate but didn't need to buy anything. I could have driven down Cornford Lane but didn't want to meet someone coming the other way. It may have been quicker going via Kipping's Cross. Whatever route I chose it would start at the same place and ultimately arrive at the same destination. Only the roads would be different and maybe the time taken. That seems very much like

life really; we all start at the same place by being born, and all end up in the same place after a certain period of time. It's what happens in the interim that really seems to matter. We all have a unique amount of time and I remember my Grandfather said, with a twinkle in his eye, that it is just the right amount to fit between our first and last breath, never too much and never too little. So time is a most precious possession. We may choose to give it to others as a gift, but wasting it is upsetting because we actually have no spare time to waste; we just miss out on something else. Sitting in the traffic means I have fifteen minutes less time with my loved ones, fifteen minutes less to enjoy being with them. That does make me sad.

Embarrassingly I know I have sometimes overtaken the queues of traffic in the past and pushed-in at the roundabout. I justified doing this by claiming to be in a hurry and needing to get home. The truth is that every driver wants to get home and I have just stolen a little time from the others by jumping the queue. So to anyone who has seen a big brown Land-Rover not waiting in-line I offer my sincerest apologies and promise not to do it again.

I have also had time to think about my surgeries and when they run late. It is nice to think I have generously given people my time; but as a consequence I have also taken some time from those patients who have had to wait to see me. I say to everyone I have kept waiting in the surgery that I am truly sorry because I have taken your time and wasted it.

So now when I sit in traffic I will think of how I can best use my time. I shall take a leaf out of the Rule Book of Saint Benedict. Benedictine monks organise their time around the hours; those daily pauses that punctuate the monastic day. The hours are not literal "sixty minutes" but times of being still and reflecting. The hour of Lauds is the first office of the day and is a time when the monks give thanks for at least waking up and think about what the coming day will bring. Vespers and Compline are at the end of the day when they give thanks for everything that has happened and pray for protection overnight until tomorrow comes. My journeys should now be much more rewarding as I take those moments to pause and to reflect, especially about which routes I should choose to take in my car and in life.

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BROWNIES



BRAINIACS On the 22nd September, Brownies and Leaders from Pembury arrived at Adamswell for a fun-filled day of scientific experiments. Very quickly Brown Owl Wendy was covered with 'elephants toothpaste' (foam in a bottle), shame the Leaders didn't think to wear lab coats like the Brownies! We all made things such as fudge, snow and enjoyed bubble wands. After all the excitement everyone headed to the camp fire, singing loud enough for the Scouts to hear at the other end of the field. Thanks to everyone who attended and the lab coats for protecting us.



GREAT OUTDOORS This term, 3rd Pembury Brownies have been busy earning the Great Outdoors badge, exploring Pembury. One meeting, the girls had to find their way back to the HQ from various landmarks in the Village, e.g. The Post Office and Library using a red on their map (not allowed to go down), some were green (they must go down), and others gold (extra points if they went down) - plus they had a certain number of footpaths they had to use. The girls had great fun working out which route to take, following the route on their map, and trying to beat all of the other groups! All of the groups except one (we think they got a bit lost!) were back within half an hour, very worn out!

Another evening (a rainy one, unfortunately!), we met on the Village Green. We walked down Chalk Lane and up over the meadows. The girls talked about the difference in sound between standing on Chalk Lane by the A21 and standing in the meadows. The girls also admired the view over the countryside. We stopped for a biscuit at the top of the hill, then walked back through the woods and village to HQ.

A few weeks later, we donned our headtorches to go for a night hike in the woods. Our route took us along a stream and up some hills - it was a bit of an obstacle course in the dark! Safely back at HQ, we sang some songs and warmed up.



BEST FOOT FORWARD Guides and Senior Section in Pembury are celebrating after a double victory in the annual county 'Challenge Invicta' hike. This is an 8 mile hike, during which the girls have to plan their route, and then have 6 hours to complete it. The route includes 7 challenges, for example crawling blindfold round a trail fishing clues out of cold baked beans...

This year the walk was held in the Headcorn area. The Guides won by 3 points, the Senior Section by 5. The weather was warm and sunny, which added to the enjoyment of the day.



BOOKLOVER At the beginning of this term, 3rd Pembury Brownies earned their Booklover badge and the Girlguiding/Soroptimists Reading Challenge badge.

The week after, we met at Tunbridge Wells library, where we were given a tour of the children's library. A librarian talked about different types of books, her job, and about how the library works. She gave the Brownies a worksheet with different activities on it to complete, such as finding specific books, which the girls really enjoyed.



TRIP TO LONDON On 6th October, Pembury Guides, Brownies and Rainbows went on a District Away Day to London.

We caught the train from Tonbridge to London, and once in London we travelled by boat up the River Thames seeing the London landmarks. After lunch in the park it was time to head to the Cutty Sark. Here we watched a short film about the Cutty Sark, dressed up in outfits, found out about the crew; tried to steer the ship ourselves, and looked around the deck of the ship and the crew's quarters - we had a challenge to see how many girls could fit into a crew's wardrobe!

We then took part in a craft activity at the Cutty Sark where we had to make a picture of the lines of the ship using black tape, wool, string and gold tape. The pictures were then put together to make a huge collage for the public to view and enjoy.

After a brief visit to the shop, we boarded the boat back down the Thames. Finally arriving in Tonbridge about 6pm, having had a brilliant day.



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GAMES MAKER - OLYMPICS

A day in the life of an Olympic Driver

Sunday July 29th 2012

We left Pembury just before 5am (too early for the trains) - Angela drove me to Excel, East London, for a 6am start.

I checked in through security, collected the keys and the paperwork for the BMW 3series and then made sure it was clean inside and outside and had plenty of fuel, all systems are go. It was now 7am, time for breakfast and collect packed lunch for the day (least said about the food the better!!)

Drove to Sheraton Park Lane Hotel (in Piccadilly) to pick up the Brazilian Volleyball Officials and took them to Horse Guards Parade. No problem with the traffic, all main routes have the Olympic lanes reserved for Official Vehicles (that's me). Unfortunately no chance of seeing any Beach Volley Ball as I had to wait with the car until our client rang to take his party back to the Sheraton and then return to Horse Guards Parade to take more Officials to the Savoy, another Olympic Hotel, and return with the main client back to Park Lane.



This was when my problems began. After dropping the client off I decided to refuel at a Park Lane Service Station, set the sat nav and got to within 200 yards - road closed due to Olympic Cycle race! Tried to navigate back down Park Lane but to no avail, Hyde Park Corner closed, Hyde Park closed, Oxford Street blocked, most of South Kensington closed, so eventually I arrived back at Excel depot two hours late.

The car and driver, before entering Excel, had to go through the VSA (Vehicle Security Area) manned by the Army, where I was searched and I mean fully searched. Me - head to toe; car - boot and bonnet up, underneath, inside and out. I parked the BMW in the underground car park, completed paperwork and returned to depot for further instructions and to return keys, checked out and finished shift at 6pm.

I returned on the train to Tonbridge where Angela picked me up and took me home to Pembury to watch the Olympics and the highlights on the TV.

Some of us did manage to sneak in and watch some Taekwondo at the Excel Centre while waiting for a job to turn up. Sadly for most of us no chance of seeing any live Olympic action only driving to the various venues, North Greenwich arena, (O2 Dome), Earls Court, Wembley and of course the Olympic Park.

After a 2 week break I went down to Weymouth and Portland for the Paralympic sailing where I did manage to meet some of the athletes while driving the WAV (Wheelchair Assisted Vehicle) and another BMW for the more able Athletes and Officials. These teams included the Spanish and New Zealand Sailing Team. I drove them around Weymouth and Portland to various locations.

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Heating worries cause extra hazards, with some residents using open fires and portable heaters to dry clothing.

If you have an elderly parent or neighbour, or know someone who lives alone and is more vulnerable, help them stay safe and independent by encouraging them to contact KFRS for advice.

If necessary, they'll arrange a free home safety visit, which takes about 30 minutes and includes, if needed, the fitting of free smoke alarms. Both the visit and equipment they fit are free.

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A CHANCE TO REMEMBER SOMEONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Rev'd Liza Waller, Chaplain at Hospice in the Weald invites everyone, not just those who have benefited from its hospice care, to celebrate the memory of loved ones by supporting this year's Light up a Life appeal.

Rev'd Waller says "Christmas is a special time of celebration and also of reflection. We welcome you to join us on this very special occasion when past friends and family members will be remembered through the lights on our Christmas tree. The annual Light up a Life services are an opportunity to remember someone and make a dedication to their memory whilst supporting Hospice in the Weald, a local charity with so much relevance to so many in this community."

There will be a dedicated Light up a Life Service at Hospice in the Weald on Saturday 8th December, from 6pm.

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APPLE DAY 2012

Sunday 14th October dawned bright and sunny for the annual Apple Day at Pippins Farm, hosted by proprietor David Knight for the community and to help raise funds for Hospice in the Weald. The good weather drew the crowds and while some walked from their homes, the traffic marshals found it necessary to extend the parking area.

On the way into the farm, folk could taste samples of a wide range of apples and pears, and buy those they liked by the kilo. Next door to the tasting was 'apple art' by Pembury Guides and Brownies; these were lovely pictures made using mainly apples within a wooden frame.



There were the usual games, such as apple bagatelle, a target board with holes of different sizes to aim

apples at, and ten pin apple bowling using fizzy pop bottles filled with water.

David's son Ed led orchard tours, Sally Leech was on hand to talk about beekeeping and explain the process of extracting honey, with some on sale, and apple pressing was going on in the big shed. Adults could obtain one free litre each of apple juice by taking suitable containers, while Pippins' own light and delicious cider was available for tasting and purchase.



Meanwhile, down in the old barn, food and beverages, including hot soup in four or five flavours, pasties, scones, cakes and desserts including apple flans and larger cakes to buy and take home were being served by Jill Noakes with volunteer help. Outside the oast a hog roast did brisk business.

Overall, with the entrance fee, food sales and a tombola, the event raised £2,821 for Hospice in the Weald, topping last year's total, of which £850 was from barn food sales alone. Special thanks to Jill Noakes who cooked much of the food being sold in the barn and to her Cornish friend for making the pasties.

Thank you to David and his team of staff and volunteers for an excellent day – you even organised the good weather!

Kathy Wallwork





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PRIDE IN PEMBURY AWARDS

It is always such a pleasure to judge the Pride in Pembury Competition. The standard of the gardens challenges the judges greatly as there are just so many wonderful displays. After the dreadful weather we experienced over the summer, everyone has to be congratulated on achieving a really high standard. The winners of the large commercial premises The King William IV Public House richly deserve winning the first prize as the frontage of the King Will was really spectacular throughout the summer. It is with very many thanks to Lynn and Dave that they hosted the Pride in Pembury Tea for the Parish Council. They were so welcoming and gracious with their time.



The list of winners is as follows:

Large Commercial Premises The King William Public House
 Runner up The Black Horse

Small Commercial Premises Pembury Chiropractics
 Runner up Ocean Fish Bar

Highly Commended Barnes Kingsnorth, Pembury Pharmacy, Nat West Bank

The Hospice in the Weald received an award for the outstanding beauty of their frontage; it really was so lovely at the Hospice in Maidstone Road.

Large Front Garden Andrea and Peter Chartres of Woodhill Park
 Runner up John and Pamela Beeney of Church Road

Small Front Garden Mr John Wooden of Henwood Green Road
 Runner up Lucy and Stephen Pelling of Sandhurst Avenue

Hanging Baskets Mrs Melanie Hambleton of Woodhill Park
 Runner up Burtons Solicitors of the High Street

Woodside Allotments Ms Sarah Burnham
 Runner up Mrs Shirley Smout
 Highly commended Jenny Fordham and David Tomlinson, and James Mills



Lastly we gave an award for best Visual Effect; the winner was the glorious Sunflower garden at the first house in Lower Green Road. Congratulations to Dana Summarsell and Andrew Saunby for making us all feel very happy at seeing these glorious blooms.

All these entrants put such a lot of time and effort into enhancing our Village; we truly applaud you all. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Thank you to my Parish Council colleagues who produced such amazing cakes for the Awards Tea, and most importantly gave of their time so freely, I am so grateful to them. Please can we do even better next year, and for the children, we would like to have the Best Scarecrow Competition so come on Mums let's start thinking now.

June Crowhurst

PARISH COUNCIL - PEMBURY FIREWORKS

"What a fantastic evening..." "The best yet..." are just two of the phrases used to describe Friday night's firework display. The Recreation Ground was packed with people enjoying what probably was the best display yet. The fireworks were very professionally set off and this year we had a new sound system company who MC'd the evening brilliantly. The football club organised the refreshments which were fantastic. Just under £2,500 was raised through bucket collections, half of which will go to St. John Ambulance who attend all our functions and the other half will go towards village projects. A huge thank you to all of you who came and supported the event and for digging deep in your pockets and giving generously.



Photo: Sarah Pomfrett

ALADDIN: PANTOMIME FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Christmas will soon be here and gone but luckily there's another village panto to look forward to in January – oh yes there is!



They're not quite ready yet; still using scripts in rehearsal as the picture shows, but on Thurs 10th/Fri 11th/Sat 12th January Pembury Players will be presenting Norman Robbins' excellent version of Aladdin at the Village Hall. As usual there will be a licensed bar for the evening performances.

This is another traditional panto from Samuel French publishers which Players performed a few years ago; so the plot should still be vaguely familiar. The scripted jokes are just as corny as you would expect, but with Maggie Weaver back in the director's chair there are bound to be a few new ones thrown in!

The story revolves around a quest by the evil Abanazer [Andrew Hawker] to find the magic lamp which would enable him to become ruler of the world. However his plans are ultimately thwarted by Aladdin [Lizzie Sparks] who also contrives to fall in love with the Emperor's daughter – the beautiful Princess Badroulbador [Hannah Tamblyn]. Aladdin's mum Widow Twanky [Derek Goodwin] does her best to help, but generally fails. Wishee [Patrick Gillan] and Washee [Karene Bloxham] ensure that the audience get a chance to participate too!

Tickets will be available soon after Christmas from Pembury Pharmacy, but don't worry if you haven't bought one in advance as they are generally available at the door!

BOWLS CLUB IMPROMPTU BBQ

A group of members had an impromptu DIY BBQ at the end of Final's Day on 8 September. Sue again was successful in beating Lesley in the Ladies Singles and our youthful octogenarian Arthur beat Phil our Club Secretary in the Men's Singles. Other finals were played over the course of the weekend and fortunately the weather stayed dry. The inclement weather during the summer months caused the cancellation of a number of matches with other clubs. However, we had a very successful Mixed Triples Turnaround Tournament on June 2, the day before the Jubilee celebrations and our Fun Ladies Day was played in dry weather, until a sudden downpour towards the end of the day saw thirty-six ladies running for cover. The Bowls Green is now being prepared for next year - a short summer season but an enjoyable one.



We still have a presentation evening with a fish and chip supper, a quiz night, and Christmas party to look forward to.

HORSE CHESTNUT TREE

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I don't think I have ever known any other issue in the village to attract so much comment and criticism but I can understand why because the tree on the Village Green was our focal point and centrepiece. However, a little background information might make the decision to fell the tree more understandable. When the tree had its first severe cutback after the 1987 hurricane, disease had already begun its attack.

I am fortunate enough to have read the specialist report from front to back and having seen the extent of decay in some of the heavy limbs once they had been cut down, realised that the right decision had been made. The photograph below shows this decay. Arbortree carried out the difficult job of felling the tree very professionally. After seasoning, we are hoping that part of it can be made into a bench.

I would also remind readers of the tragic event, approximately ten days before the felling of our tree, in Kew Gardens of all places, where a young New Zealand woman, resident in London was killed by a falling branch from an identical tree; whether it was diseased or not I do not know.

Let us look forward to the planting of a new specimen tree, perhaps an English Oak, hopefully, next year which we can all watch as it flourishes.

Hugh Boorman





Pembury School – Poetry Anthology

A lady visited the office recently asking if her granddaughter's poem, written for a competition several years ago, could be published. It seemed particularly poignant at this time – for obvious reasons.

"Pupils in Year four entered a poetry competition to have their poems included in a 'Growing with Trees Anthology'. The Anthology, published as a 'Big Book' was produced to celebrate the National Year of Literacy with a view to its use in schools during Literacy Hour. There were over 2200 entries so Pembury was very proud that two of its pupils had their poems published". One of them is below:

The Conker Tree

I am like a conker tree
I live on the Village Green in Pembury,
I've stood here for many years,
Through sadness, laughter and tears,
As the village changes all around me,
I shall remain the same old tree,
In the spring my leaves unfold,
Although I am so very old,
In summer I do provide,
Thick leaves where children hide,
In the Autumn I have conkers,

And children under me go bonkers,
In the winter when it's snowing,
The roots under me keep on growing,
For many more years I will remain,
And the seasons will come again and again,
I will stand here as proud as can be,
In the middle of Pembury.

Helen Boorman – aged 8
written in 1999

CROCHET

My name is Emma and I am a Crochet Addict. I was taught by a very good friend back in April and, after the initial awkwardness of trying to negotiate both yarn and hook, became rather er...hooked (pardon the pun)!

Back in the summer (which seems such a long time ago now) it occurred to me that the Tuesday Market would be the ideal venue to start a local crochet group. For those who don't know, the market runs every Tuesday morning at the Pembury Village Hall from 9am until 11.30 during term time. There is a wide range of stalls and tea as well as a café area selling tea, coffee and the most delicious cakes.

So in the middle of September after the schools had gone back, 'Stitch and Yarn' began a group for anyone who would like to learn to crochet or has an existing project be it crochet/knitting or sewing of any kind. 'Stitch and Yarn' has since become so popular there have been many requests to run an evening session as well, for those who are unable to come on a Tuesday morning. With that in mind, from 14th November, we will be meeting at The Camden Arms from around 8pm every Wednesday evening.

If you'd like to join us at either session you are more than welcome. Just turn up or for any enquiries, please get in touch with me – Emma on 07742 369085.

Emma Spink



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PEMBURY U3A - A NEW YEAR STARTING

The Pembury U3A year starts in September, just like the schools.

Our September meeting is an open meeting with free entry to show all the activities available and allow people to join and then sign up in their chosen 'Interest Groups'. However, new members are welcome at any time and introductory coffee mornings are held three times a year.

The 'Interest Groups' are the backbone of the organisation. They are run by members for members and allow people to share their knowledge and creative abilities with others in a friendly way, usually in their own homes. The groups range in size from about 4 up to about 12. Larger groups meet in the Village Hall, the Upper Church Meeting Room or the Scout Hut – or our wonderful diversity of pubs in the village!

So what do they do? Let's classify them simply. The 'serious' side is covered by the Book Circle, French, Spanish, Italian Conversation groups, Poetry Reading, History, Art or Music or Jazz Appreciation, Science and Technology, Human Behaviour Studies and Play Reading. There is also a very successful Family History group. Individual help is available to those wanting to explore computers and the internet. The inverted commas indicate that these groups very often dissolve in laughter but none the less a lot of learning takes place.

Another side is Crafts which include Wood Carving, Watercolour painting at various levels of experience, Quilting and Patchwork, Crochet, Embroidery, Flower Arranging, Sugar Craft, Digital Photography and Bead Jewellery making.

Physical wellbeing is encouraged with Walking Groups split into long walks, medium walks, short rambles and lastly from the car to the tea room walks. There are also Table Tennis, Croquet and Ten Pin Bowling groups. I think Darts goes in here too!

Lastly, but important for their mind-exercising function, are the games groups such as Chess, Mah-jong, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Standing rather alone are the Wine Appreciation Groups which definitely learn a great deal about wines but probably forget it by the end of the evening!

The common thread to all our activities is that learning is fun. It keeps you busy; you meet lots of other like-minded people and make very good friends. The spin-off is that people get together to go on holiday together, go to the theatre, meet for supper and life is richer because the community is strong and we care about each other.

Janet Richardson
Chairman



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PEMBURY GARDENERS

The Pembury Gardeners' Society held its 68th Autumn Show on Sunday September 9th at the Village Hall. The show was a success with an increase in the number of entries and people attending the show, Trophies were presented by Cllr. Mrs June Crowhurst, Chairman of the Parish Council.

The following trophies and awards were presented to the following:

The George Sturgeon Cup for Vegetables Mr. B. Fryer.

The H. Bishop Cup for most points for Vegetables Mr. S. Jones.

The Kathleen Mephram Memorial Salver for Floral Art went jointly to Mrs. A. Purton and Miss. M. Pettitt.

The Society Certificate for best exhibit in Floral Art Mrs. A. Purton.

The John Baggesson Cup for Chrysanthemums Mr. R. Bloec.

The Bernard Reeve Challenge Cup for most points in Chrysanthemums Mr. R. Bloec.

The NCS Silver Medal for best Vase in show Mr. D. Drury.

The NCS Bronze Medal for runner up Mr. R. Bloec.

The Geoff Baxter Cup for Dahlias Mr. I. Johnson.

The Society Cup for most points Mr. D. Parkes.

The NDS Silver Medal for Best Vase Dahlias Mr. I. Johnson.

The NDS Bronze Medal for runner up Mr. I. Johnson.

The Society Cup for Cookery Mrs. J. Aust.

The Geoffrey Theobald Cup for Handicraft Mrs. L. Greenham.

The Arthur Bromwich Cup for Junior Exhibitors went jointly to Imogen Riley and Edith Wallwork.

The Banksain Medal for most prize money over all 3 shows Mr. B. Fryer.

The Dr. D. Waterfield Cup for most points over all 3 shows Mr. B. Fryer.

The Dr. D. Waterfield Plaque for the runner up Mr. S. Jones.



The Committee would like to thank all who attended the show and who helped with setting it up. Schedules for the 2013 shows will be available in December by ringing the Secretary on Pembury 824223 or Show Secretary on Pembury 824877. The next show is on Saturday March 30th 2013, we hope to see you there.

John Wood
Show Secretary

BUTTERFLIES

I don't know how many of you read or watch the nature columns or programmes but our butterflies, both in numbers and species are declining rapidly. Because, depending on species, different butterflies have varying egg laying times and hatchings throughout the year and this year's weather has brought about a huge decline in numbers.

If you are now planning and planting next year's garden please talk to your garden nursery supplier regarding the best plants he can supply for a continuous food supply of nectar-producing plants from spring to autumn. It is preferable to create islands of flowers and if you have a large garden one huge flower bed away from buildings or shade if possible.

Let us all do our bit before we get to the point where future generations of children can only look at pictures of what we enjoy now.

Hugh Boorman



PEMBURY AFTERNOON WI

After our Christmas celebrations we will be looking forward to next year; our January meeting is a New Year party to which visitors are invited to attend.

We will be making plans for the future and looking back to our achievements.

During the year our members have participated in many WI events - a residential weekend at Denman, the WI College in Oxfordshire with a choice of 8 workshops, a daytrip to France as well as some excellent speakers at both our WI and at District Meetings. We have participated in competitions and learned new skills.

In August we enjoyed a cream tea in the Pembury Pavilion and met Grahame Regan the new Community Warden.

The January meeting will be on the 10th in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm - starting the 2013 programme of speakers and social activities. Don't forget there's always plenty of time to make new friends during refreshments.



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CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?



2. Name the popular red Christmas flower?

3. Which ocean is Christmas Island in?

4. Which country does the Christmas tree originate from?

5. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?

6. How many of Santa's reindeers can you name?

7. Name the three main items which make up 'Egg Nog'?

8. How do you say Happy Christmas in Spanish?

9. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?

10. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?



Answers: 1 – Charles Dickens; 2 – Poinsetta; 3 – Indian Ocean; 4 – Germany; 5 – Panettone; 6 – Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Donner & Blitzen; 7 – Sugar, milk, eggs; 8 – Feliz Navidad; 9 – Hogmanay; 10 – White

CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Cheese Sables

6 oz Self Raising Flour
4 oz Butter
4 oz Strong Cheddar Cheese – finely grated
pinch salt and pepper

1. Pre-heat oven to gas mark 4, 180° or 170° fan
2. Sift flour, salt and pepper into a bowl
3. Rub the butter (taken straight from the fridge) into the dry mix
4. Work the mixture until it resembles fine breadcrumbs
5. Add cheese and knead together to form a ball
6. Roll out on a floured board to about ½” thick
7. Stamp out shapes using biscuit cutters (stars, crescents etc) and place on a baking tray
8. Brush with beaten egg and cook for about 10-15 minutes until lightly browned
9. Allow to cool slightly on the tray then place onto cooling racks



Stem Ginger Shortbread

4 oz butter, at room temperature
2 oz caster sugar
5 oz plain flour
1 oz ground rice or rice flour
2 tspn ground ginger
2 oz crystallised ginger finely chopped

1. Pre-heat oven to gas mark 3, 170° or 160° fan oven
2. Sift flours together into a bowl with the ground ginger
3. Cut butter into small pieces and rub into flour to resemble fine breadcrumbs
4. Add sugar and mix together
5. Stir in ginger and knead together to form a ball
6. Roll out on a lightly floured board and either cut out into shapes or fingers
7. Place a baking tray and refrigerate for about an hour
8. Bake the shortbread for about 15 minutes
9. Leave to cool slightly then place onto cooling racks



THE JON HAMILTON BIG BAND COMES TO PEMBURY

This 17-piece Big Band is coming to play for listening and dancing at St. Peter's Upper Church on Saturday February 9th 2013.

The Band, based in Tonbridge, was formed in 1988 by John Hamilton Puxley as a 'Rehearsal Band', so as to provide an opportunity for musicians, normally restricted to playing with small groups, to participate in music in the 'Big Band Style'. The Band specialises in music from the Big Band 'Swing Era', playing numbers made famous by the all-time greats - Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Buddy Rich, Count Basie, and, of course, our own Ted Heath.

The band regularly plays locally on Monday nights at the Woodman pub in Ide Hill, which is a well known supporter of live jazz and swing music. Other venues have included The Hazlitt Theatre (Maidstone), The Trinity Arts Theatre (Tunbridge Wells), The 100 Club (Oxford Street), the Medway Jazz Festivals and the River Festival in Maidstone. The band has also undertaken two tours of France, playing at a number of venues.

So make a date for your diary to come and hear, or dance to, such Swing classics as Pennsylvania 6-5000, In The Mood, Big Swing Face and more.



The Community event at St. Peter's Upper Church will start at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7pm. Some seating will be café style, and the usual wine, beer, and juice bar will be open from 7pm with crisps etc. available. Tickets at £8 for adults and £3 for those aged 5 to 15 will be on sale at the Pharmacy and Post Office from early January.

Numbers of tickets will have to be limited, so get yours early to make sure you hear this great band play sounds of the Swing Era in Pembury.

Derek Hollweg

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Day service took place at St. Peter's Church on 11 November to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. It was very well represented by the uniformed troops and the church was packed to the rafters.



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CRIME REPORT

Here we are again, Christmas already. Please remember that the figures you see here are for July, August and September 2012 and that the figures for October, November and December 2012 will be released by the Police no later than the second week in January 2013 for publication in the Spring Edition of the Pembury Village News.

Criminal damage is still very much a troublesome feature with an increase from eight reported instances up to eleven, an increase of thirty odd per cent.

But the most worrying crime is that of burglary which has risen from one in the previous quarter to six in this report, and I am given to understand that there were even more after these figures were reported.

As previously stated, due to conditions within the Freedom of Information Act, the Police are not allowed to identify the roads in which these offences took place, although it is easy to work out from the report chart.

Just be aware and alert, even if you see something in the village which is suspicious, report it to the Police. Even if it comes to nothing you have done your bit.

Look after each other and if you know someone who is alone check every now and then that they are okay.

The good news is, albeit a small amount, the overall crime figure is down by one, from forty five to forty four, just over two per cent.

Have a great Christmas and be careful out there.

Happy Christmas

Hugh Boorman



CRIME FIGURES



Corporate Development
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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	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	Fraud & Forgery	Total recorded crime
July 12	5	1	0	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	18
August 12	2	2	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	13
September 12	1	3	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	1	13
January - March 2012	8	6	1	5	1	1	11	8	1	2	44

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A21 A	0			0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
AMBERLEAZE DRIVE	0			1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
BATCHELORS	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BRICKFIELDS	0			0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
CHALKET LANE	0			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CHURCH ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ELMHURST AVENUE	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
HENWOODS MOUNT	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
HIGH STREET	1			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
OLD CHURCH ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
PEMBURY ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
PENNS YARD	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
POLLEY CLOSE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RIDGEWAY	0			2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SNIPE CLOSE	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
STONECOURT LANE	0			1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
THE GROVE	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
WOODHILL PARK	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
WOODSIDE ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME	8	6	1	5	1	1	11	8	1	2	44

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 1st October 2012 at 08:30 hrs, and is therefore subject to change

PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU!!!

Pembury Scout Group is going places but we need help to get there, could you help?

We have a Scout troop, two Cub packs and a Beaver colony full of young people who get to enjoy scouting; learning and developing into young adults by doing activities and having fun!!

None of this can happen without the invaluable time and energy given by our adult volunteers whether they are leaders or occasional helpers. We have enough young people on the waiting list to open another beaver colony tomorrow if we had leaders to do so. Could you help??? Contact me on msusherwood@aol.com if you think you can.

CUB TRIP – STEPS 2 SCOUTS

Older Cubs from Penn Pack attended a fun packed day organised by Kent Scouts to whet their appetite for the move up to Scouts and the fun to be had there! They enjoyed taking part in over 50 activities like climbing, archery, fire lighting, survival skills and even the opportunity to practise their mechanical skills by changing a wheel on a car! Activities were based around the numerous and diverse number of badges that could be gained in the Scout section such as Master at Arms or Electronics. A good day was had by all with lots of tired Cubs at the end of the day. A big thank you to Kent Scouts for organising the day and all the adults who helped on the day. If you would like to join the team at Pembury Scout Group then do get in touch – it's good fun!!



Michelle Usherwood - Group Scout Leader

ROTARY IN SOUTHBOROUGH AND PEMBURY

On 4 July Rotarian Colin Bothwell handed over the Presidential Collar to Rotarian Peter Cornish who will lead Rotary activities in Southborough and Pembury for the next Rotary year ending on 30 June 2013. At the same meeting Melanie Knight accepted the office of Senior Vice President – the first female in the Club's forty - year plus history to accept this office.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL - The Club's entry 'Rotary to the Rescue' in the Dragon Boat Festival held at Bawl in September finished a very creditable 24th out of 51. The Club's nominated charity for the event was the Breast Cancer Tissue Bank in the UK – a very worthy cause that aims to establish a tissue bank of all breast cancers. The Club has pledged upwards of £2000 to the Charity. If any reader wishes to support this initiative you can do so by donating on line at www.justgiving.com/teams/R2R2012.

EDUCATION FOR LIFE - During the first term of the new academic year the Life Education Classroom with a specialist teacher arrived at Pembury Primary School on Monday 10th September for three days. Lessons covered were – Meet the Brain (Year 3), It's Great to be Me (Year 4), Friends (Year 5) and Decisions (Year 6). These age specific programmes aim to provide children with an understanding of themselves, how their bodies function and how to keep safe and healthy. They aim to aid children acquire decision-making skills with regard to their health and building self-esteem. As the mobile classroom returns to schools year after year, children build on this knowledge to establish, in the long term, a positive approach to drug prevention.

SHELTER BOX - Update - Since its small beginnings in 2000 the Rotary ShelterBox Charity has grown to the extent that it is now regarded as a first responder to disaster worldwide, be it tsunami, cyclones, monsoon floods, landslides, explosion etc. ShelterBox are alerted via text and e-mail from AlertNet and the Global Disaster Alert & Coordination System (GDACS); and aims to have aid in an affected country within 48 hours of disaster striking, providing families with emergency shelter and life-saving equipment as quickly as possible. Central geographical locations around the world allow ShelterBox to have aid within close proximity of disaster prone countries areas. Any reader can log on to www.shelterbox.org to learn more about the work of this worthwhile Rotary charity.

ROTARY SHOE BOX SCHEME - Again this year our Club will send upwards of 200 shoe boxes filled with toys and necessities for needy children and adults to central European countries for the 2012 festive season.

ROTARY – DO YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE? - We would be pleased to welcome any reader to our meetings (Wednesday Salomons Centre 7 for 7.30 pm). If you are interested in helping communities both locally and internationally and wish to learn more about Rotary and its mission of Service above Self, please contact Bill Bullen 01892 529214 or alternatively speak to any Rotarian known to you.

FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up to date information on events see the online diary at www.pembury.org.

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

Town & Country Housing Group – Clinic – last Tuesday in the month.

CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

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DECEMBER

8th	Light up a Life	6.00pm	Hospice in the Weald (Outside)
13th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Christmas Lunch at Camden
15th	Over 60's Christmas Dinner	1.30pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
15th	Children's Christmas Fun	10.30am to noon	Baptist Church (5-11's)
16th	Reindeer Ramble	5K walk	Eridge Park - Hospice in the Weald
16th	Nine lessons and Carols	6.30pm	St. Peter's Old Church
22nd	Churches Together Carol Singing	4.00pm	Tescos Pembury
22nd	Carols on the Green	5.00pm	Pembury Village Green
23rd	Morning Service	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
23rd	Children's Carol Service	4.30pm	Pembury Baptist Church
23rd	Nine lessons and Carols	5.00pm	St Anselm's Catholic Church
23rd	Carol Service for all	6.30pm	Pembury Baptist Church
23rd	Carol Service	6.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
24th	Christingle & Crib Service	3.00pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
24th	Crib Service	4.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
24th	Christmas Vigil Service with Carols	5.00pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
24th	Midnight Eucharist	11.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
24th	Midnight Mass	11.30pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
25th	Mass of the Dawn	8.00am	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
25th	Holy Communion	8.00am	St. Peter's Upper Church
25th	Christmas Day Celebration	10.00am	Pembury Baptist Church
25th	Holy Communion	10.00am	St. Peter's Old Church
25th	Family Communion	10.00am	St. Peter's Upper Church
25th	Mass of Christmas Morning	10.00am	St. Anselm's Catholic Church

JANUARY 2013

4th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Watercolour Artist - Village Hall
5th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
9th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	1 Hastings Road – 'Doing it Ourselves'
10th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	New Year's Party Village Hall
10th	Pembury Players Pantomime	7.30pm	Aladdin by Maggie Weaver
11th	Pembury Players Pantomime	7.30pm	Aladdin by Maggie Weaver
12th	Pembury Players Pantomime	2.30pm and 7.30pm	Aladdin by Maggie Weaver
14th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office, Recreation Ground
15th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Pembury Village Hall

FEBRUARY

1st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Motoring to Racing Driver - Village Hall
2nd	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet opposite Camden Arms
5th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Pembury Village Hall
6th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
			Capel Garden Nursery – 'Planning a Small Spring Garden'
9th	Swing Music with Big Band	7.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
11th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office, Recreation Ground
14th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Wind of Change - Pembury Village Hall

MARCH

2nd	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
4th	Floral Art Group	8.00pm	Baptist Church
6th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	AGM and Bring & Buy

PEMBURY SOCIETY 2012

On a dismal night in October the village hall was buzzing with the expectation of the Pembury Society AGM followed by 'Any Questions' Pembury style. About 70 people packed the hall. After a very short summary of last year's minutes and the financial statement the committee were re-elected on block. The chairman Lea Owen controlled the meeting admirably and introduced her panellists adding a bit of humorist history about each of them and got the discussion under way.

The first question asked John Kennedy, the Director of Nursing at the new Hospital at Pembury, how he was going to lose 200 staff in the budget cuts without affecting patient care. He assured the meeting that clinical staff would not be affected and the front of house team would remain. The reduction would be achieved by increasing efficiency in the running and offering voluntary redundancy to anyone who wanted to leave. In that case he was asked what would go and replied by saying it would not affect patient care in any way.



Speed indicators in the village was the next subject to be aired, they cost £60,000 each so with the limited number they are moved round to spread the use. Inspector Simon Wilshaw for the Kent Police said they are a welcome safety measure and it is unfortunate that not all prime locations can be used all the time. Pembury is a village surrounded by bypass roads so is sometimes seen as a rat run at busy times, the use of 20mph restrictions is an option that could be considered.

The next speaker complained about the frustration of not having any clear access into Tunbridge Wells to visit the shops with delays and roadworks on the two major roads into town. Matt Topliss Vice-Principal of Skinners Kent Academy explained that the school is planning to increase its pupil intake from 400 to 1000 after all the planned building is completed. It was therefore necessary to improve the Pembury Road junction as part of the planning permission.

Another questioner wanted to know if it was possible to have toilets at the Recreation ground now it is so well used. The Parish Council have looked at this and the cost is enormous. However, if the residents got up a petition it would be helpful and can be looked at as a future project for the village.

Finally the subject of roadworks came up again because of the plans to dual the A21. The disruption has already started with drainage works being carried out before the Major Works hopefully in 2016. We shall have to wait and see.

Many thanks to all the speakers and also to Lea who controlled the meeting very skilfully.

Janet Ditchett

CHURCH SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD 2012

St. Peter's Upper Church and Old Church

16th December	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Old Church
23rd December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Upper Church
24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service	Upper Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Upper Church
25th December	8.00am	Holy Communion	Upper Church
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Old Church
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Upper Church

St. Anselm's Catholic Church

2nd December	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service To which all the Pembury Churches invited
23rd December	5.00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
24th December	3.00pm	Christingle and crib service for Children
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas with Carols
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December	8.00am	Mass of the Dawn of Christmas
	10.00am	Mass of Christmas Morning

Pembury Baptist Church

15th December	10.00am	Children's Christmas Fun (5 to 11's)
23rd December	10.00am	Morning Service
	4.30pm	Children's Carols by Candlelight
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Reflection
25th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Celebration.

CHURCH TIMES

Pembury Baptist Church

Romford Road

Sunday 10am and
Café style 6.15pm

Contact 825590
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

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

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Henry Paul Funerals Service of Remembrance



St. Peter's Upper Church,
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Thursday 13th December 2012

7.00pm onwards

PLACING OF GOLD STARS WITH YOUR OWN PERSONAL MESSAGES TO
YOUR DEARLY DEPARTED | LIGHTING OF CANDLES | CAROL SERVICE
SOLOIST | PIPER | RELEASING OF BALLOONS | REFRESHMENTS

The service will be conducted by
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