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CHAIR'S REPORT EASTER 2013

As we started 2013 it came into my mind just how many challenges we are facing this year and just how hard it will be to combat some and achieve others. Our strengths are that we pull together and work as a Village and we are going to be doing that soon with the proposed development of our Green Belt!!! This land, at the end of Penn's Yard, is so special and if we lose it, Pembury will have lost its green boundary and could end up a suburb of Tunbridge Wells. It could lose its identity. Is this what we want? I don't think so, we are Pembury and proud of it!



The traffic lights on the Pembury Road are still a major stumbling block for drivers and that, with the back traffic from Knights Park is causing Pembury severe problems. My sympathies are for our residents and particularly the residents of Cornford Lane as their quiet rural lane has become a nightmare of a rat run for cars. The lane is being eroded and ancient hedges are being decimated. Hopefully the public consultation for the A21 will start on time in May and that work can start this year.

The possible school expansion? This is causing parents such a worry - that local children will not get a place due to a possible overflow from Tunbridge Wells; other parents are very positive about an expansion. The consultation period is now finished, so we await the next stage of this journey together. I think you will agree on all these issues we need to make sure we end up with what is right for Pembury for the future.

On a brighter note the spring flowers are pushing through and I think that just gives you hope that with a new season, better things are on the way.

Can I encourage all the gardeners of the Village to enter the Pride in Pembury competition this year? Last year's gardens were fantastic, so please enter even if you do all the work and your partner takes all the credit; it's the taking part that counts!

I reiterate my statement - we are a community, let's work positively for our wonderful Village.

Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst

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The volunteers of the Royal Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge Unit have been providing First Aid cover at local events including in Pembury itself for many years. During 2012, 20 local volunteers provided first aid cover at over 100 events ranging from village and school fetes, drama productions, football tournaments, music events, firework displays, the Tonbridge half marathon and the Olympic torch relay to name but a few. We not only provide cover at events, but our members are also on hand to provide ambulance support to the NHS.

St. John Ambulance volunteers come from all walks of life and undertake a variety of roles ranging from First Aider, Advanced First Aider, Ambulance Attendant to Youth Leader and/or administration and support. For each role, volunteers receive the training they require and are reassessed regularly to ensure skills remain at the highest standard. Meeting weekly to practice and develop our skills and knowledge, we are ready to help anyone who needs first aid whilst we are 'on duty'. In 2012, the members of the Royal Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge Division gave a combined total of 2,811 hours providing first aid cover at local events.

Being 'on duty' means always being ready for anything. As volunteers we never know what we will be called to deal with next. Our volunteers work well together as a team, enjoying each other's company and developing great friendships, usually over a cup of tea. That said, we are always ready to swing into action at a moment's notice. Members have recently assisted patients including a choking child, an asthmatic having an attack, some with fractures, head and spinal injuries and not forgetting those with sprains, strains and minor cuts. Whilst the more serious injuries are rare occurrences, our members were able to prevent the patients' condition deteriorating and assist their recovery or transfer to hospital.



Our members volunteer for any number of reasons including helping and supporting their local community, learning more about first aid, maintaining and developing their skills, meeting new people and supporting an organisation that may have helped them previously.

We would like to thank the people of Pembury and the Pembury Parish Council. We have been the nominated Charity of the Parish Council and have received very generous donations over the years.

These donations have helped us train our members, purchase first aid equipment and maintain our ambulance which allows us to continue with the provision of our services to the local community.

If you would like to know more about St John Ambulance locally or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email **Simon Ward** (simon.ward@sja.org.uk).

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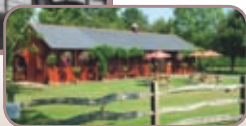
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WOODSGATE NIGHTCLUB

I was looking online for pictures of the nightclub that used to be the Woodsgate, in Pembury.

I used to go there back in the start of the 70s when I was training as a children's nurse with St. Georges C of E Children's society, in Chilston Rd, Tunbridge Wells.

Although my friends and I just about lived in the night club, I never actually saw it in daylight lol! We always went there by taxi too so we never actually walked and therefore, none of us ever remembered the route!

I would love to see any pictures of where I used to dance the night away and upon discovering the website I thought you were the best people to ask.

Hoping someone can refresh my memory and bring back a smile :-)

In advance, thank you for any assistance you may give.

S Rose

If anyone has information on the Woodsgate Nightclub, please email pvn@pembury.org



WOODSGATE SWIMMING POOL

Unfortunately, there are not many people left in the village now who will remember and who will have enjoyed the facility of the open air swimming pool which used to be situated to the rear of the Old Woodsgate Hotel and just off what is now Woodhill Park. It was a wonderful facility with a large fountain, grassed areas, spring board and diving boards, a refreshment area for ice creams and pop etc., and an upstairs sunbathing area. This pool used to get packed in the summer and I can only think of one other such like facility which was at Hilden Manor, which I think eventually was sold like Woodsgate for housing development.

Many people learnt to swim there and there was nothing better on a hot sunny afternoon than to just walk up the road and enjoy the pool. The facility I think was owned by a gentleman who also owned a shop in Tunbridge Wells. The local boys and girls used to go back up there after it had closed in the evenings, climb over the turnstiles and enjoy a free swim. I remember on one occasion the lights around the pool coming on and the owner appeared with the local policeman Mr Harry Edmondson.



Part of the facility became a night club for several years before it was sold for development back in the fifties or sixties, not quite certain when. There was quite an uproar in the village when people realised this facility was going. I shall never forget that this was where I first saw a girl in a bikini, I was only about twelve at the time and WOW....!

Does anyone recognise the people in the picture and have they any pictures that really show the features of the pool area and any detail of when it was built?

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DR CAMERON

I am sitting down at last; the lights are turned down low and a record gently spins on the turntable. The soothing sound of Mozart fills the room. The work is done and now it is a time for rest. When I look down I don't see a body that I recognise; to begin with everything that close is blurred and I need to wear glasses to bring things into focus. When I do put my glasses on I discover a lot more wrinkles than were there before and are those grey hairs I see before me? This is definitely not my body, it couldn't possibly be; I am certain of that! From my memory and that appears to be failing too, I didn't think I looked so old. Probably it is true to say that I am not a scone of yesterday's baking. As we get older our energy levels seem to disappear as well, the garden that was manageable in the past gets bigger year by year and the grass grows more and more quickly. The shops move further away and steps are so much steeper, whilst the traffic drives at ever increasing speed and is far less tolerant.

Eventually coping with what we have to do in life proves too much; our minds and our bodies have had enough and we need to ask for help. A huge amount of support comes from the army of carers who visit so many people around Pembury. Their efforts are often unsung, but I admire their hard work, dedication and real kindness that I have seen first-hand. Sometimes all this support is still not enough and people need to move into residential care. I have just visited Cornford House at the top of Cornford Lane and its sister establishment, Hazeldene House in Romford Road. Hazeldene was originally the Priory but that was demolished and a brand new purpose built home has risen from the rubble. Both these residential homes have been built to give a safe haven for the many people whose bodies and minds have become so frail that constant care is required.

It is very easy to look at these homes and make a judgement on the lives of those living there; the constant need for support, their weaknesses and their vulnerabilities. To reflect on the value and worth of someone's life is understandable but it is a path fraught with dangers as history can testify. We can generally make assumptions about the quality of someone's existence based on our own experiences and more often than not those assumptions are wrong. We can decide a life has no intrinsic value and treat that person accordingly.



A story I heard many years ago about some African elephants helped me to understand how important these frail old vulnerable people are to all of us.

In February 2000 the BBC carried a report of a group of young elephants in Umfolozi Game Park in South Africa that were killing large numbers of rhinoceros. In the wild, elephants and rhinoceros would occasionally clash, but here the elephants were seen knocking over the rhinoceros, trampling on them and driving tusks through their chests. Conservationists were called in and saw that the young elephants that were causing such havoc were orphans; their parents had been culled previously to limit the population.

It was the old ones that were eliminated. Umfolozi approached Kruger National Park and asked for some of their old elephants and I understand Kruger sent ten old bulls. Immediately the killing stopped. I don't think there were any fights. I am not aware the old elephants actually did anything. What I do know is they were there with the young orphans and their very presence created a balance. It was the right balance. It created a harmony.

I think that in our society we need the elderly and certainly should put a far greater value on them. The old folks, the ones whose usefulness has seemingly expired, have a worth that is difficult to comprehend. If any of you have an elderly loved one who feels that life has little point; reassure them that they are like a wrinkling old bull elephant and are very important to us all.

So as I sit and listen to the music and contemplate a future where the only certainty is grey hairs and wrinkles; I shall relish the thought that we are all precious and have something to offer even if it is just giving of ourselves. Perfect harmony.

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH – SAIS MANDI

HOPE Pembury Churches Together together with Operation Mobilisation would like to thank Pembury for raising £4753.00 for the village of Sais Mandi in Pakistan. It is amazingly over target! This money was raised through an auction of Pembury Services, a Masquerade Ball and a Harvest Supper. HOPE is grateful to everyone who took part.



Half the money was sent in 2012 and this was used to create a computer centre with desks, computers and year's salary of a teacher! We have a dvd of this with students and it looks and sounds wonderful.

The toddler group, Little Rascals did a sponsored 'Ride On' and raised £175.00 which will be used to give children an education. The rest of the money has just been sent and will be used to create a sewing centre.

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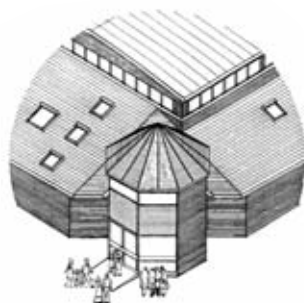
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Look forward to hearing from you. Contact details and deadline dates are on page 3



IN THE BEGINNING

Because the Old Church is the oldest standing building in the Village, most of us have tended to think, like me, that when it was built that was when the history of Pembury began – but let's think about it... There is evidence of an Anglo-Saxon Church having been present before the existing one was built, but who were the Lords of the Manor? Where was the seat of authority? Who ruled the roost?



At this moment in time, the first known record of Pembury, originally Pepingeberia is to be found in the 'Textus Rossensis' (C.1120) where it mentions the Manors of Pepenbury Magna (Hawkwell) and Pepenbury Parva (Bayhall) but we will refer back to these at a later date.

When William and his army of Infantry Men and Mounted Knights invaded England in 1066, his army numbered 12,000 against an estimated population of 1.5million and he obviously had to take control very quickly, the building of castles being one of the first priorities. But, did he create the Manors and what was the influence from Canterbury Cathedral, if any?

I will broaden the story in the next edition.

Hugh Boorman



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ALZHEIMERS

The Alzheimer's Society is looking for people to volunteer their time and skills at their centre in Tunbridge Wells. The centre is open 10:00 – 16:00 weekdays and they are looking for people who are good listeners, good at chatting and putting people at their ease. A commitment of a few hours per week/per fortnight would be ideal. The email contact is:
volskentmedway@alzheimers.org.uk

VILLAGE QUIZ

DON'T FORGET THE VILLAGE QUIZ -
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There is lots of fun to be had at the Village Quiz if previous years are anything to go by.....! Will you end up with the magnificent Parish Council winners' cup and a cheque for £300 for the team's chosen charity or will you go home with the wooden spoon?! Come and pit your wits against the best brains in Pembury!!

Book your teams of six with Janet Ditchett on 822586 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Numbers are limited. £20 per table. Bar available.

PEMBURY PAVILION

The Recreation Ground Pavilion seeks a new committee member. The daily running of the pavilion is undertaken by the Youth Football Club. The committee has a vacancy for an independent member to join us to help co-ordinate activities to increase the daily usage of the pavilion that has become an important village facility as well as helping us to maintain and improve the facilities on offer.

Want to find out more? Please call committee chairman Colin Forward on 825436 or email him colinforward@surf.free.co.uk

PRIDE IN PEMBURY?? OR NOT!!

Due to irresponsible dog owners, we have had a lot of serious complaints about dog mess on our pavements, in the Recreation Ground and also in the Burial Ground. It's not your beloved dog's fault is it? Please take plastic bags with you when you set out for a walk, clear up the mess and dispose of it in the dog bins or well wrapped in a litter bin.

This is your environment please look after it. Dog mess can affect so many people - children, mums with buggies, wheelchair users, and older people's buggies.

We all want to enjoy our walks around the village and want the children to be able to play, so please help and keep our Pride in our Village.



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RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

On the morning of Thursday 24th Jan I set out with two of the usual Thursday Environmental Group, my good friends Michael W and Neil Franklin to look at footpaths to the North of the Village which were in danger of being lost due to water. It was purely by luck that we were that side of the Village but we were meeting with Jonathan Bibby from KCC to show him the problem. We had just started out across the fields, which already had one new lamb and ewe in it when we saw two little pairs of ears stuck up in the air by the field fence. When we investigated there were two lambs suckling the mother who was laying on her side but she had suffered a severe wound to her right eye.



When we investigated the ewe was dead but the lambs were still able to feed. Not knowing who owned the sheep we contacted the Parish Office to see if they could locate the owners. Unfortunately the Clerk had no luck so the RSPCA was contacted for advice. As the lambs were still feeding off the mother we moved on telling the Office we would return that way.



We returned about two hours later and when we got there the lambs were still trying to feed off the mother but she was now going cold and there was no milk flowing. We contacted the Clerk's office again but despite many phone calls, they had still not been able to confirm the ownership.

We were just about to leave, taking the lambs with us as we did not want to leave them there without food or to the mercy of the foxes at nightfall, when a tractor entered the very top of the field, which seemed a million miles away.

Despite our whistles and waving, it disappeared out of that field, across the lane and to the far side of the next field. We set off after him and caught up at the far side of the next field where he was feeding cattle. He returned with us to the lambs from where he made a quick telephone call and soon another tractor arrived. The mother was taken away by one tractor and the lambs taken away by the other to either be hand-reared or introduced to a new mum.

Whilst it was quite sad it all ended well.

Hugh Boorman

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Improvements and developments are taking place all the time to ensure that we are able to offer as wide a range of services as possible – an example of this is our recent Hospice in the Home Service which supports care for patients in their own homes and gives them, their carers and families the reassurance of 24 hour access to our skilled nurses and doctors.

The Day Therapy Centre, one of our core services, supports those patients living at home and offers a relaxed, safe and welcoming environment for up to 20 patients each day, 5 days a week. We can even provide transport support if needed. Our wonderful team of nurses, healthcare assistants and volunteers make sure that each patient's individual needs are met and we offer advice on symptom control, nursing care, an opportunity to meet and socialise with others as well as access to specialist therapies (Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy, Physiotherapy), spiritual and pastoral support, and numerous activities.

Day Therapy is a warm and caring 'space' where there is as much or as little going on as patients want or need. Arts and crafts, social games, professional talks, outings, and the chance for a bit of 'pampering' from our complementary therapists, manicurist or hairdresser! There are also daily papers and magazines if patients feel like catching up on the news and just relaxing. We make sure that everyone is offered a three-course lunch, tea, coffee or soft drinks during the day, as well as afternoon tea before they go home. The overall 'experience' is summed up by one of our Day Therapy patients:

"The first impression you get when entering the Hospice is one of happiness – strange as this may seem in a place dedicated to the caring of the dying. There is always something going on like making things or poetry readings or quizzes – people here intend to live forever! There is nowhere I would rather be. The staff and volunteers are delightful, dedicated, always cheerful, always helpful. If they can't do it they know someone who can! We are extremely fortunate to have such a facility in our area."

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PEMBURY AUTHOR COMES HOME

Editing the Pembury Village News for nine years has proved a good stepping-stone for author Alison Morton. She has gone on to write three novels and is currently drafting the fourth.

‘Words are my trade,’ says Alison. ‘I’ve enjoyed writing stories and plays since I was a little girl and during my working life went on to write reports, government papers and a masters’ dissertation as well as countless magazine articles. When I sold my translation business, I started on novels – a lifelong ambition.’

If Alison’s face seems familiar, you may remember she served on the Parish Council and coordinated events such as the annual fireworks, the picnic on the green and the Golden Jubilee events.

Alison will be talking in Pembury Library about her first novel, an alternate history thriller, on Tuesday 19 March at 7pm and would love to see old friends and new. Please drop into the library or phone them 01892 822278 or email: pemburylibrary@kent.gov.uk



PEMBURY PLAYERS

We meet every Thursday in Pembury Village Hall at 8pm and start rehearsals for a summer show in February and for the next pantomime in September. Being a Pembury Player is not just about acting! There are numerous jobs to be carried out including managing the wardrobe, obtaining licences, booking the hall, designing and building the sets, arranging the music and sound effects, maintaining and adjusting the lights, publicity campaigns, printing tickets and programmes. When the show is up and running we always need extra help with bar staff, stage crew and music.

But what we need most is a few more actors, especially adult actors!

So if you are interested in ‘treading the boards’ or helping out behind the scenes with scenery, publicity, etc., we would love to hear from you.

For more information about Pembury Players, please contact our Secretary,

James Whitehorn on 01892 824854 or james.whitehorn@virgin.net.



GARDENING & PLANTING BY THE MOON

This is the main story of my 2012 season – planting by the moon! Contrary to my first thoughts, it doesn’t mean gardening by moonlight, but according to a complicated calculation dictated, not only by the Moon’s cycle, but those of Venus and Saturn as well! I am no astronomer; all I could do was to do as I was told.

I give you October 5th - “Dig over and compost the soil today. Feel the harmony of the Sun-Moon trine. Dig up maincrop potatoes, lift and store beetroot around 12 – 2pm.”

Or more simply on June 29th “Sow flowers or plant trees around 10am.”

I tried to do as I was told but a lot of the time it just wasn’t possible, for example the weather was poor or I was at work;

April 2nd “Sow lettuce between 8 and 9am” - working

May 26th “Sow lettuce thinly where it can benefit from afternoon shade from taller plants” – pouring or simply irrelevant; March 13th “Graft during the waxing Moon”

All the same it was funny to text a couple of interested friends with instructions like ‘Mate your farm animals today!’

Every day specially favours a broad type of crop, hence ‘root days’ ‘flower days’ ‘leaf days’ and ‘fruit days’. Each type lasts 2 to 3 days each, so approximately two rotations per month and it’s never too long to wait before the next good time.

So did it work?!! Well who knows? I didn’t do a proper ‘half of my allotment following Moon planting and the other half as normal’ experiment...

...but I did have a pretty good year overall, despite the difficult weather and contrary to some other people’s feeling that it ‘was a bad year’.

Will I do it again? Yes. And if anyone would like to be on my text hotline for occasional bulletins on the day’s hot gardening tip, let me have your phone number.

Caroline Mazzey



PEMBURY PANTOMIME - ALADDIN

Hello Boys and Girls!!! Boooo!!! The opening lines in this year's Pembury Pantomime, with audience response which was very much a Village production. Abanazer (Andrew Hawker) the wicked uncle is on the trail of the magic lamp that will bring him untold fortune. He did not reckon on the residents of Pembury in the form of Aladdin (Lizzie Sparks), and his mother Widow Twanky (Derek Goodwin), and the beautiful Princess Badroulbador (Hannah Tamblyn). An hour of fun and laughter with the antics of Wishee Washee (Patrick Gillan) who plays to the audience at all times, including falling into the washing machine when working for Twankey's laundry. The cast did us proud and showed what talent we have in the Village. They played to full houses for every performance. An event not to be missed and we very much look forward to the summer production. And oh what pantomime will we get next year in January 2014?!

Janet Ditchett



ALADDIN ACCORDING TO ZAC WILLIAMS

In Jan 2013 Pembury Players put on the pantomime Aladdin at the Village Hall. Zac has always loved drama and having fun and said he wanted to be in it. Zac has just turned 18 and has a diagnosis of fragile X syndrome, autism and learning difficulties.

This is the panto according to Zac:

"I was always ready and waiting to go to rehearsals, and very excited when Patrick came to pick me up. Patrick played Wishy Washy. My part was very important as I was the Emperor's guard and wore a blue and gold tunic.

I had to learn 'dancing in the street' by David Bowie, so my mum downloaded the song onto my iPod and I learnt all the words.

When the show started I was very nervous but really looking forward to it. I am not very confident with talking so I make up for it with actions. My most important job and my favourite part of the show was getting the audience involved in the sing a long, Head, shoulders, knees and toes. There were a lot of people in the audience and they laughed, clapped and cheered. I also had to arrest Aladdin and make sure he didn't get away.

I enjoyed every performance and didn't want it to end. It was great fun. At the end of the performances all the cast went for fish and chips at the local fish and chip shop.

I miss not going to rehearsals and I am looking forward to when everyone meets up again"

Zac Williams



GARDENERS

Flower Shows 2013

All at the Village Hall – 2pm

Spring Show 30th March

Summer Show 29th June

Autumn Show 8th September

AGM at the Baptist Church Hall

on 2nd May - 8pm

Floral Art Group 2013

All at the Baptist Church – 8pm

4th March

8th April

13th May

3rd June

1st July

5th August

2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

John Wood

GARDENERS' SOCIETY

Pembury Gardeners' Society will hold its Spring Show on Saturday March 30th at the Village Hall from 2pm. There will be spring flowers - daffodils, tulips as well as cooking and floral art; there are also classes for the children.

Schedules are available from the Show Secretary on Pembury 824877 or the Secretary on Tunbridge Wells 531725.

The Society Shed on Woodside allotments will open on Sundays from the end of February from 10am to 12 noon.

The plant sale is at the end of May.

John Wood
Show Secretary



SHORT CIRCUIT RACING - PEMBURY

Good afternoon

I am writing to you in the hope that some of your readers may be able to assist me in a historical project to locate as many old short circuit racing sites in the UK. The village of Pembury had two known tracks, the first of which was very short lived; in fact the first and only meeting held there was never completed due to the field being too boggy. This was at Kippings Cross and is believed to have either been the field opposite the Blue Boys or the next field along and the meeting was, I believe, in 1974.

The second site was a bit more established and ran for a year or two in 1975/76. This was down Chalket Lane toward the end where the lane turns sharp right. I understand the field was filled in with backspill from the A21 so it looks very different today but I understand that the same site was used for scrambling in the 50's and 60's.

If any readers have any recollections they could share of these sites I would love to hear from them. The Holy Grail is always looking for photographs or programmes and again if anybody has anything they would be prepared to scan etc., I would love to hear from them.

I can be contacted by email at john.homewood@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 07504201818 - unfortunately I have no other phone at the moment but if someone wants to text me I will phone them back!!

John Homewood



CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

On a very wet, windy winter's night just before Christmas a large group of about 70 villagers met to sing carols on the Village Green. The Village Green, however, was waterlogged, so huddling in and around the bus shelter and under the street light the singing began with gusto under the direction of St. Peter's Vicar, Douglas Robertson. Douglas' enthusiasm was infectious and carols were sung with great fervour for about 40 minutes until the carol sheets became too soggy to read. The Chairman of the Parish Council then generously handed round home-made mince pies and the spirit of Christmas was much in evidence.

Next year, hopefully, with better weather conditions, the Salvation Army Band has agreed to accompany the carols.

Barbara Russell



GUIDING IN PEMBURY - CAN YOU HELP

Could you make a haggis fridge magnet? Have you ever abseiled? Would you paint your feet to make footprints? Would you help others to do these things? Would you like to make friends with those who would do these things with you?

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Pembury desperately need more adults to keep their units running. We have over 120 girls in Guiding in Pembury but need more leaders for Rainbows and Guides before the units close - or stop taking new members due to high numbers. If you would like to learn more or are interested in helping, please get in touch on 01892 822373.

Moirá Allan

Pembury District Commissioner.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were joined by members of the Trefoil Guild for their Christmas Carol Service on 2nd December.

We were treated to the Rainbows singing 'Jingle Bells' and a very entertaining version of 'Twelve Days of Christmas' by the Guides.

Over 50 girls and their families attended and the retiring collection for the Hospice in the Weald raised £140.

Many thanks to those who attended.

Moirá Allan

Guide District Commissioner



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PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

As I write this there is a layer of snow on our bowls green making it look very pretty. Spring can't come soon enough as that's when we start bowling again. In the meantime we are enjoying social activities within the clubhouse and at Christmas forty members attended our annual party with a variety of main courses and desserts, games, raffle and presents from Santa aka our club Secretary Phil.

We are a very friendly club and would welcome more people from the Village and surrounding areas – instruction given and the new season starts in April.

For more information regarding the outdoor bowls club see our website:
www.pemburybowlsclub.co.uk

Barbara Scholten
Committee member



PEMBURY AFTERNOON WI

The New Year has started well with all existing members renewing their subscriptions, plus two new members. For £33 members can attend all meetings which give the opportunity for friendship and learning. The subscription also includes a copy of the national magazine WILife delivered to every member. Our 2013 programme is now published with information of the extra activities organised within our district; details of which can be found on "FOR YOUR DIARY" page 35, or visit our link on the Pembury Village Website.



January, the first meeting of the year, was a happy social occasion. Prior to business, our President awarded the Competition Cup and the President's Cup for 2012, followed by a party tea and table games.

All meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Thursday each month at 2.00 pm; 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)

Margaret Buss
Secretary

PEMBURY U3A SUGAR CRAFT GROUP

When your son or daughter gets married and you want to do something special for their wedding, what do you do? Apart from panic.

Four members of Pembury U3A bravely decided to design and decorate the wedding cakes. The courage needed to embark on such a responsibility is amazing.

Their approaches and design ideas were very different, some used bought cakes, some made their own fruit cakes and one learner cook even decided that she wanted three different cakes - a sponge, a chocolate cake and a fruit cake!

One design required learning how to achieve a professional standard of basic icing - smooth, no ridges or bubbles! She then used fresh flowers on the day with stunning result. How calm and collected she must have been with all the usual dramas of a wedding erupting around her!

A second decided to use bought cakes which were already covered in marzipan and iced. This meant that she could concentrate on the delicate task of cutting petals, shaping each one, joining them together to make the flowers and buds and painting in the details. Then doing the same for the leaves and additional foliage. Many, many hours of patient careful work go into each spray. The result is of course unique and very specially suited to the bridal couple.



The third U3A member made one fruit cake and bought the second. The flavours and cost are about the same but the home made cakes tend to be deeper. She then did all the icing and made the flower sprays for both cakes. The work has to start well in advance of the chosen day but luckily the sugar flowers keep excellently - unless dropped or squashed by a moments inattention.

For the last wedding celebration, our trainee had to wait to get a place on the sugar craft course so another member helped her by giving her a lesson at home. Then with a bit of trial and error

and a lot of determination and persistence the three tiers of sponge, chocolate and fruit cake but identical icing and flower sprays emerged. The accompanying photograph shows how professional and lovely the end result was. It was designed to match the ivory roses in the bride's bouquet which was then placed on the table next to the arrangement to complete the presentation. What an achievement! And how very proud the family must have felt.

The sugar craft groups started about 5 years ago and now continue as a workshop with the members helping and learning from each other. Only members of Pembury U3A can attend. A short waiting list sometimes exists but new groups are formed regularly and many members have now learnt the skills and enjoyed creating something very special for their families whether for weddings, anniversaries or birthdays. Pembury U3A contact details appear in the list of village organisations at the end of this magazine.

Janet Richardson,
Chairman

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - 1939 TO 1945

ASHFORD, Vincent William Godbeer

S/202223 Private, Royal Army Service Corps. Son of Ernest and Ada Ashford of Cockfosters, Barnet, Herts. Husband of Joan Margaret Ashford. Died Aged 28 on 15th June 1940 and is buried in Grave 802 in the old churchyard by Pembury School.

BASSETT-BURR, Richard

C/JX 160461 Ordinary Seaman Royal Navy. Son of Mr and Mrs W. Bassett-Burr, 10 Elmhurst Avenue, Pembury. His father was a road-sweeper. Richard was known as "Dick Bassett". He died on H.M.S. Hermes, Aircraft Carrier which was sunk by the Japanese Air Fleet south-east of Ceylon on 9th April 1942. He was aged only 18, and is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

BROWN, Herbert Frank

824284 Gunner, 2 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery. Son of Frederick George and Rosalie Mary Ann Brown of Church Road, Pembury. Frederick worked at Pembury Waterworks. In 1940 Rosalie is shown as living at 4 Camden Avenue, Pembury. Herbert's sister Rosie taught at Pembury School. He died on 29th May 1940 aged 26 and is buried at St. Riquier British Cemetery.

CAVIE, Jack George

1330185 Sergeant, 10 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of George and Lilian Eliza Cavie of Hubbles Farm, Pembury. He was born in Tunbridge Wells and educated at Pembury School. He worked with his father on the farm. He was one of the first members to join the Tunbridge Wells A.T.C. Squadron and was very popular with his wide circle of friends. He joined the R.A.F. in 1941, He was killed aged 20 on 27th September 1943. They never found out what happened to him, and he was originally reported missing. He is buried at the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Belgium.

CLIFTON, Joseph Edward

2664651 Guardsman 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Went to Pembury School, and had one sister Joyce. Lived in Elmhurst Avenue, Pembury. Son of Edward Frank and Florence Annie Clifton of 43 Elmhurst Avenue.. They worked at Pembury Brickyard. Joseph was a roundsman for J. Sainsbury Ltd at 62 Mount Pleasant Tunbridge Wells. He died sometime between 16th and 17th March 1943 aged 21. He is remembered on the Medjez-el-Bab Memorial.

COLE, Robert Philip

believed to be T/70456 Driver, Royal Army Service Corps attached to the Royal Artillery. He died on 26th April 1941 and is remembered on the Athens Memorial, Greece.

CROSSLEY, Edward Forbes, was actually Edmund.

174670 Pilot Officer, 57 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. He was the son of Edmund Thomas and Georgina Forbes Crossley. He was born in April 1910 in Chorlton, Lancs. Husband of Doris Edith Crossley of Fairfields, Pembury. Doris was born "Whiting" of Old Place, Henwood Green Road, Pembury. Edward had ginger hair and a moustache and worked in the Public Assistance Department, Kent County Council. They lived at Fairfield, Lower Green Road, Pembury, and had a son called David. He had lived in Pembury about six years. He was a volunteer Warden in the Civil Defence Service. He joined the R.A.F. as a Navigator in 1942. He died 19th April 1944 aged 34, leaving one daughter. He was a Navigator on a Lancaster Bomber, and is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

FENN, Peter

918518 Sergeant, 38 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Sydney James and Nellie Winifred Fenn. He was an old Skinners School boy, and then worked in the Town Clerks Department in Tunbridge Wells for several years. He lived at "Ravilious", Lower Green Road, Pembury with his parents. He was a Sergeant-Observer in the RAF and had been with this branch of the service 18 months. He was killed in action on 20th November 1941 aged 22 and is remembered on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. *continued*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - 1939 TO 1945

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HIDE, George Henry- 6396186 Lance Corporal, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Son of George and Elizabeth Emily Hide. Wife of Lilian Louisa May Hide of Pembury. They lived in Canterbury Road. He died, aged 17 between 29th May 1940 and 25th July 1940. He is buried in Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Netherlands.

MEPHAM, Arthur George- 6300402 Sapper, 554 Field Company, Royal Engineers. Youngest son of Benjamin and Clare Minnie Mephram of 29 Gladstone Road. His wife was Margaret Ann Mephram of Whitehill, Crowborough, and they had one son, Terry. They lived at 9 Downingsbury Place, Pembury. He was employed by Messrs. Dewhurst, Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells. Arthur George was nicknamed "Nobby." He had been two and a half years in the army. He died aged 21 on 30th October 1944 and is buried in Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery. His name also appears on the Tunbridge Wells War Memorial.

Richard Snow

WANT AN ALLOTMENT...?

As a member of the allotment committee and a tenant for many years, I have been asked to write a short piece on the allotments as it would appear we have a few plots vacant.

My own plot was overgrown when I took it over 20 years ago but with a bit of work it soon took shape. I started by cutting down all the grass and brambles, then removing the weeds, (these can be composted). To save work temporarily covering part of the plot with black polythene is a good idea. A weed-killer can also be used to kill the weeds; this may need repeating two or three times to kill plants like docks. Don't be in too much of a hurry to plant the whole plot - take your time and only plant the area you can keep under control. Then move down the plot bit by bit - this way it is easier to control.

I have found most plot-holders are willing to pass on any advice if this is needed. If you don't know, just ask. Someone on the plots will know the answer.

The best way I have found to help break up the soil is plant potatoes and follow on with cabbage. Runner beans are expensive in the shops but a packet of seeds is reasonable to buy and will grow well.

One other way to get information is to join the local Garden Society. They have a shed on the allotments which is open on Sunday mornings from 10am to 12noon. All types of fertilisers and composts are stocked and are cheaper than the garden centres.

Vacant plots are available for Pembury residents at an annual cost of £15 for a half plot. Please contact the Parish Council for more details – 01892 823193.

John Wood



PEMBURY TREES - LONDON PLANE

This young Plane tree is close to Kent College on Pembury Hall Road and in the field opposite, there are two bigger specimens. Closer into the village there is a set around the boundary of the cemetery behind Pembury School.

The London Plane has no real connection with London except to be an almost perfect street tree – found in cities across the temperate world. Somehow it copes with all the abuse of living with its roots under concrete, in sooty polluted air and having routine massive surgery to its branches - and yet it is the tallest tree to live in the British Isles. What made it seem a likely choice two hundred years ago, when many of our urban trees were planted?

They always look lovely in the winter, hung with 'Christmas baubles'. Unfortunately for some though, the baubles break up into seeds which cause irritation to eyes, skin and lungs.

Caroline Mazzezy



EVENING WI EVENTS

Meetings held on the first Friday of each month in Pembury Village Hall at 7.45pm

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| 5 April 2013 | SAY CHEESE – Plus tasting
David and Eleanor Robins
Competition – Cheese Board |
| 3 May 2013 | ANNUAL MEETING AND RESOLUTIONS
Competition – Quiz |
| 7 June 2013 | TALK ABOUT
BEDGEBURY PINETUM
Mr Chris Reynolds
The Tolliday Cup Competition
(An arrangement of fresh flowers –
max height 18") |
| 5 July 2013 | THE MAFIA AND I
CONQUERED MOUNT ETNA
Ann Chance
Competition – A Holiday Postcard |



Flower of the Month competition every month with money raised being used to provide cards and flowers for members

Jane Jones

RECIPES

Sausage and Leek Hash

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 6 sausages
- 6 cooked potatoes – sliced
- 12oz cooked leeks – sliced
- 1 tbsp creamed horseradish sauce
- 4oz mature cheese – grated



1. Heat oil in large frying pan and add sausages; fry for 8-10 minutes until browned. Remove sausages and slice on the diagonal and set aside
2. Turn-up heat and add potatoes and leeks to pan. Stir and continue cooking until potatoes begin to brown
3. Toss sausages back into pan along with the horseradish and cook for 2-3 minutes stirring
4. Remove pan from heat and sprinkle on cheese and season to taste

Cheat's Hot Cross Buns

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| 500g pack white bread mix | 85g/3oz currants |
| 2 heaped tspns. mixed spice | 100ml/3½ fl. oz milk |
| 50g/2oz golden caster sugar | 1 egg |
| 50g/2oz butter – chopped | For crosses |
| 50g/2oz mixed peel | 3 tbsp plain flour |



1. Heat oven to 220°C/fan 200°/gas mark 7
2. Tip bread mix into a bowl and stir in spice & sugar; rub in butter; stir in peel and currants
3. Mix milk with 100ml. water and beat in egg and pour into dry ingredients. Mix to a very moist dough
4. Leave for about 5 minutes then cut into 10 equal pieces and roll into bun shapes (this is easier with oiled hands)
5. Space buns apart on two greased baking sheets, cover loosely with cling film. Leave in a warm place until risen about half again in size (anything from 45 minutes to 1 hour)
6. Make the crosses; mix flour with 2½ tbsp water to make a paste. Pour into plastic food bag and snip the corner; pipe crosses on each bun
7. Bake for 12-15 minutes until risen and golden



LOVE WHERE WE LIVE AWARDS

We're pleased to announce that the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) Love Where We Live Awards will be back again this year. The awards celebrate the people who make our borough a great place to live. They recognise individuals, groups and organisations who are dedicated to helping others in our community, the environment or accomplishing personal goals. The awards are not just about great achievements or overcoming adversity, but also the little things that can go a long way.

There are eight awards categories this year including the Ethical Business Award, Individual Hero Award, Best Group Award, Charity of the Year Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Sports Achiever of the Year Award, Safer Community Award, and Young Volunteer of the Year Award. The winner of the ninth award, the Love Where We Live Award, will be chosen by a panel of judges as an overall winner from the other eight categories.



Full details about the awards and how to nominate can be found online at www.LoveWhereWeLive.co.uk and in the Spring edition of Local magazine. Nominations will be accepted online or by post from 18 March. If you would like a form posted to you, please contact Hilary Wells on 01892 554270. In the meantime please have a think about the person, group or organisation who you think deserves to be recognised for their hard work, commitment and contribution to your community.

'As a volunteer I had no thought of receiving an award. I was very surprised and delighted when I learnt that I had been nominated for a Love Where We Live Award. As the winner I was particularly pleased to highlight the community spirit within my home village.' (Individual Hero Award winner 2012)

COMMUNITY WARDEN NEWS

Sadly, our Community Warden, Grahame Regan, has now left his position in Pembury; he has been offered a job by Kent Police in his old role but as a civilian.

He had a tremendous reputation as a police officer – a role he carried out for 30 years and has been an excellent Community Warden for Pembury. We were sad to see him go as he brought a different aspect to the role of Warden and had a professional way of dealing with matters.

There are no plans at the moment to recruit new Wardens. The Community Wardens are currently going through a restructure and there will be changes in the role. With regards to Pembury, the Community Warden from Sherwood will cover on a part time basis and all issues will be dealt with either by him or a member of staff from the Community Safety Unit.



TACKLING RURAL CRIME

Although Tunbridge Wells remains the safest area in Kent, there has been a slight increase in rural crime across the borough recently, including burglaries of sheds and outbuildings. The Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Unit (CSU) is therefore reminding residents to look out for and report anybody or anything that seems out of place, even if you have not been a victim of crime.



This could include:

- An unfamiliar or suspicious activity or vehicle.
- Items, such as tools, that have been left in an unlikely spot.
- A person that you feel uncertain about.



Information you provide could be crucial in helping to prevent or solve a crime.

Bogus callers at home and distraction burglary are also an increasing concern. Always act with caution when approached by traders selling services at the door, or anyone who claims to be calling in an official capacity, such as from a utility company. Always check a caller's identification is valid by telephoning the company or agency the caller claims to be from, and don't let anybody in if you're unsure. Remember that nobody has automatic right of entry to your home, no matter what the circumstances.

For advice on securing and protecting your property, you can contact the Community Safety Unit on 01892 526121. Call the Police on 999 for emergencies or 101 to report other non-urgent police matters.

CRIME REPORT

Unfortunately the reported crime figures were not so good at the end of 2012. Figures for Oct, Nov and Dec were 56 which is far too high when compared with the previous quarter; July, August and September being 44.



The figure for violent crime rose from 8 to 20, which is very worrying when we don't know whether it relates to domestic problems or violence on the streets or is drink-related. Criminal damage actually went down from 11 to 8 and burglary from dwelling went down from 6 to 4.

We have to make things hard for all criminals but please make sure that access to your homes front or rear is as difficult as it can be for any would-be intruder. We must get our crime figures down and if you have any ideas let's share them.

I would like to raise another issue which I consider to be a crime and that is dog fouling. Ninety nine per cent of our dog owners have a respect for non-dog walkers and go out prepared to pick up what ever their dog leaves behind. Unfortunately there is still this small percentage that persists in making life a misery for other walkers by allowing their dogs to foul footpaths, playing fields and even the cemeteries which the groundsmen have to mow.

I am determined this year to catch someone and let the courts deal with them. They have been warned.

Be careful out there

Hugh Boorman



CRIME FIGURES



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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	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Fraud & Forgery	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
October 12	9	1	1	0	3	3	0	1	18
November 12	7	2	3	1	3	2	0	0	18
December 12	4	1	1	3	2	8	1	0	20
October - December 2012	20	4	5	4	8	13	1	1	56

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
AMBERLEAZE DRIVE	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BELLFIELD ROAD	2		0	1	1	0	0	0	4
BRICKFIELDS	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
BULLS PLACE	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CORNFORD CLOSE	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CORNFORD LANE	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ELMHURST AVENUE	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
GREENLEAS	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HALF MOON LANE	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	0		0	0	1	1	0	0	3
HIGHFIELD CLOSE	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	2
KINGS TOLL ROAD	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
KNIGHTS RIDGE	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1		0	0	2	0	0	0	3
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	2
OLD CHURCH ROAD	1		0	1	0	0	0	0	2
PEMBURY ROAD	4		0	0	0	5	1	1	11
ROMFORD ROAD	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
STONECOURT LANE	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THE GILL	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	3		2	0	0	6	0	0	11
WOODSIDE CLOSE	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME	20	0	5	4	8	13	1	1	56

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 2nd January 2013 at 09:00 hrs, and is therefore subject to change

CAB - BENEFIT CAP

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?

During 2013, there will be a limit introduced 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 have 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 or the government website www.direct.gov.uk.

Contact our advice lines for help.

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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.

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

MARCH 2013

5th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Pembury Village Hall
6th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	AGM & Bring & Buy - Meeting Room
11th	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm	Parish Council Office
14th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall Meeting Room - Quiz
18th	Parish Council Annual Mtg	8.00pm	Pembury Village Hall

APRIL 2013

2nd	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Pembury Village Hall
3rd	St. Peter's Mothers Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Room 'Sow a seed' Discussion
5th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall - Cheeses by D & E Robins
6th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Bo-Peep Corner
11th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall - 93rd Birthday Party
15th	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm	Parish Council Office
15th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	8.00pm	AGM Pembury Village Hall
21st	White-water Rafting Day		Pepenbury Sponsored event Lee Valley
27th	St. Anselm's Spring Fair	12.00noon	St. Anselm's Catholic Church

MAY 2013

1st	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	Music with Robin Apse Mtg Room
3rd	Evening WI	7.45pm	Annual Mtg with Resolutions - V Hall
4th	Pembury Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane
7th	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Pembury Village Hall
9th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Annual Mtg with Resolutions - V Hall
13th	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm	Parish Council Office
16th	Pembury Society	8.00pm	Village Hall with Lord Moynihan
17th	Pembury Art & Crafts Exhibition		St. Peter's Upper Church
18th	Pembury Art & Crafts Exhibition		St. Peter's Upper Church
19th	Pembury Art & Crafts Exhibition		St. Peter's Upper Church
31st	Pembury Village Quiz	8.00pm	Pembury Village Hall

JUNE 2013

4th	Pembury U3A	8.00pm	Pembury Village Hall
5th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	Kent to London - Meeting Room
7th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Bedgebury Pinetum Village Hall
17th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Council Office

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES 2013

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

24 March Palm Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	Upper Church
9.30am	Procession from Village Hall to Upper Church with Distribution of Palms, followed by passion Narrative	
11.30am	Matins	Old Church
5.30pm	Service at Old Church led by Kent College	Old Church

25 March Holy Monday

9.15am	Morning Prayer	Old Church
1.00pm	Prayer during the day	Upper Church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Upper Church
8.00pm	Holy Communion	Old Church

26 March Holy Tuesday

9.15am	Morning Prayer	Upper Church
1.00pm	Prayer during the day	Upper Church
7.00pm	Reflection followed by Compline	Upper Church

27 March Holy Wednesday

9.15am	Morning Prayer	Upper Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	Upper Church
1.00pm	Prayer during the day	Upper Church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Upper Church
7.00pm	Reflection, followed by Compline	Upper Church

28 March Maundy Thursday

8.00am	Morning Prayer	Upper Church
7.00pm	Pesach Meal followed by Holy Communion with Washing of Feet	Upper Church

29 March Good Friday

10.00am	Good Friday Service	Upper Church
11.15am	Walk of Witness, Pembury Churches together with Ecumenical Service on the Green	
12 noon	Hour at the Cross	Old Church

30 March Holy Saturday

4pm	Creation of Easter Garden	Upper Church
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31 March Easter Day

6.30am	Dawn Service followed by breakfast	Upper Church
9.45am	Family Communion	Upper Church
11.30am	Holy Communion	Old Church

ST. ANSELM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

24 March Palm Sunday

9.15am	Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass
11.00am	Said Mass

26 March Holy Tuesday

8.00pm	Mass for the people and address
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27 March Holy Wednesday

8.00pm	Tenebrae Service
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28 March Maundy Thursday

8.00pm	Solemn Mass of the Last Supper and Foot Washing followed by Watch till midnight
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EASTER CHURCH SERVICES 2013

continued

29 March Good Friday

- 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
- 11.15am Walk of Witness – Pembury Churches Together
- 1.30pm Stations of the Cross
- 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 6.30pm Maria Desolata

30 March Holy Saturday

- 10.00am Children's Easter Workshop
- 8.00pm The Easter Vigil

31 March Easter Day

- 9.15am Solemn Mass, Blessing of Garden and Maria Consolata
- 11.00am Said Mass
- 6.30pm Stations of the Resurrection

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

29 March Good Friday

- 10.00am Reflections Service
- 11.15am HOPE Pembury Churches together Walk of Witness from Baptist Church to Village Green followed by joint service on the Village Green

31 March Easter Sunday

- 10.00am All-age Easter Service
- 6.30pm Easter Sunday Café-style Service

SOME RENEWED FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF PEMBURY

I grew up near Tonbridge, and, spent a lot of my childhood with friends in Pembury. More recently, my children were all born in Pembury Hospital – and I will always be grateful for the excellent care they and their mother received. For all these reasons, some of my happiest memories are of Pembury – particularly of long summer afternoons playing on the green - and of pacing earnestly around the hospital on a cold February night awaiting the birth of my elder son. So it was both an honour and a pleasure to have the chance to represent the village on the County Council.

Much has changed over the last thirty five years. When I was growing up, there was no by-pass and no North Farm estate. The village, in my memories, was smaller and more rural. However, despite all the changes that have taken place, Pembury has successfully retained its identity. This is in no small measure due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the local people. It is also a delight to see the churches continuing to play such an important role in local life, to which I am very grateful to the Rev'd Douglas Robertson, Father Ed Tomlinson, Rev'd Dave Baxter and their teams.

Looking ahead, I am sure that Pembury will continue to evolve. But in doing so, I believe strongly that it should remain a village – and that its particular character is not lost. This does not mean standing in the way of progress, but in ensuring that change suits the village and its residents. I am prepared to take a stand against developments which do not do this – such as Co-op's proposal to site a store on the High Street, opposite the green (now, thankfully withdrawn) and, currently plans for development on green belt land at Penn's Yard. I have also ensured that the village's voice is heard in Maidstone on issues, such as the proposed expansion of the Primary School, which will impact on the community as a whole.

I am looking forward to adding to my very happy memories of Pembury in the years to come – and am looking forward to working to ensure it remains one of Kent's best villages.

James Tansley

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