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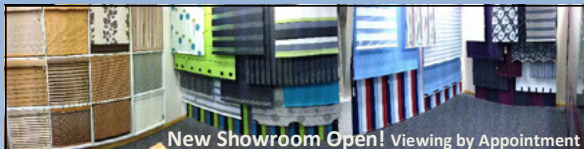
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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Spring edition of PemburyVillage News. As I write this, snowdrops are out in abundance, daffodils and crocuses are starting to poke their heads through, and now Storm Ciara and Dennis have passed we can hopefully look forward to some sunny Spring weather!

Onto local matters, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council received over 8,000 responses to their Draft Local Plan published last year; these comments are on their website www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan in the "Draft Local Plan Comments and Next Steps" Section. Due to the volume of responses, and the fact the Borough Council now have to review all of the comments, this may extend the timetable for the publication of the Pre-Submission Local Plan, currently scheduled for August – September this year. The Parish Council website will share information we receive regarding any timetable extension.



Our Annual Parish meeting is being held on Thursday 30th April at the Village Hall from 8.00pm. Please come along to meet your Councillors, hear what we've been up to this year and ask us any questions you want! We will also have Christopher Woodley, Chair of Brenchley & Matfield Parish Council, coming along to talk to us about his experiences of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will hopefully set us in great stead for creating one for Pembury! The doors will be open from 7.30pm with refreshments available, hope to see you there.

Lastly, I want to pay tribute to Parish Councillor Patrick Kirby, who sadly passed away recently. Patrick & I joined the Council at the same time (along with Alan and Louise) so always felt like one of the "new kids" with him. He was so passionate about putting something back into the village that he loved and was always coming up with great ideas at meetings and getting involved with projects. He will be sadly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his widow Heather at this difficult time.

Kind regards,
Katy Brooks

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OBITUARY – PATRICK KIRBY

It is with great sadness that I report that Patrick Kirby passed away early February. He was a much-valued member of the Parish Council until a couple of years ago when he first became ill. He contributed to Parish Council life in so many ways with his enthusiasm, rational thought and great ideas. Our thoughts go out to his widow, Heather who joined the Parish Council a few months ago.

Editor



PEMBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS... WHAT'S NEXT?

Last summer, Kent County Council (KCC) carried out weight-bearing tests on some of the lampposts along Pembury High Street to ensure they were capable of supporting the Christmas lights and hanging baskets.

It wasn't until 12th November, KCC finally got in touch with the Parish Council to advise that some of the lampposts along the High Street were unable to bear the weight of the Christmas lights. This was hugely disappointing to everyone who lives in the village – and it appears the papers thought so too. Pembury's 'Christmas Grinch' story caused a bit of a media frenzy, featuring on the front page of the Kent & Sussex Courier, and subsequently in local and national newspapers and radio up and down the country.

Pembury villagers refused to be beaten: within just 3 days you raised over £1000 to erect a Christmas tree on the Village Green. A Christmas light switching on ceremony took place on 6 December, with carols led by Pembury school choir and representation from all three local churches. It was a beautiful and moving event, one that everyone enjoyed, and we hope to repeat each year. We are so proud of our village and what

we achieved together - thanks to your donations and the hard work of the Parish Council team, Pembury retained its Christmas sparkle!

What's next?

KCC has told us all other lampposts carrying decorations or hanging baskets will need to be tested. As it stands, we are unable to use some of the lampposts in Pembury for lights or hanging baskets, and until we get the additional weight bearing test results back we don't know whether or not it will be resolved for next year. To keep up to speed with developments with this or any other issues affecting Pembury, join the Pembury Parish Council Facebook page for regular updates.

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PREPARING FOR EXAM SEASON

Exams are stressful. No point denying it. We might try to soften the blow but anyone who has sat an exam knows that it is make or break time. Exams are one of the bottle necks of life. However, surely we are presented with an obvious choice. Option 1 is to try really hard and get the best result you possibly can. Option 2 is to not really bother and as a result underperform. But of course it is not so simple. Human nature gets in the way.

We don't always do what we know to be the best thing for us. The classical Greeks were the first to identify this phenomenon, with Plato and Aristotle both being interested in our tendency to show a lack of self-command or *akrasia*. We know that 9th piece of cake will make us fat, but hey why not. We need to start revising a month before our exams, but procrastination seems easier.

Why? Revision can be boring.

The task can seem insurmountable. Some topics still seem challenging. The internet beckons...

We are also very good at lying to ourselves. Just one more episode of this series on Netflix to relax my mind before starting work. I need to make my room really tidy before I can think of revising. I revised for 30 minutes this morning - am I not the most virtuous student alive so I should go out as a reward? Such excuses are, I am sure, familiar to many.

We might lie to ourselves but it is hard to fool ourselves.

So how to beat this? Recognise the challenge of

revision and own it. There are no short cuts and modern exams really do require a lot of revision, and yes it can be boring at times. Remember that the exam season is for a short time only and there is much to look forward to once they are over.

Getting started, it can seem tempting to begin with the easiest topics. There is, however, a risk that you will give the most time to the things that you can already do.

A good challenge is to start with a topic that you really don't like. You will feel like you have made real progress that way.

Remember that every subject covers a range of different topics, naturally breaking it into manageable chunks for revision that are not so intimidating.

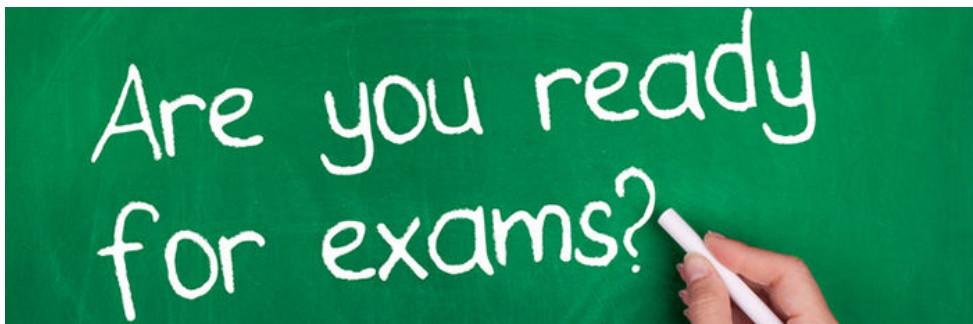
Topics, in turn, can be broken down.

Try giving yourself clear "if....then" rewards for each small unit of study.

For instance, if I can learn two poems, then I can go to the movies this evening. This also gives the benefit of genuinely allowing you to relax without guilt. Finally get rid of the distractions – your phone is possibly the ultimate procrastination tool.

Exams are not fun, but remember that it will all be over soon and you will have earned an amazing summer holiday. Good luck.

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PAPER ROUNDS IN THE VILLAGE

I, like many other boys in the village, did a paper round and the worst day of the week was always a Friday when the heaviest of newspapers, the Courier, was added to the delivery bag. I'm glad I don't do this now especially when I see the number of free magazines and advertising literature in with the papers.

However, many years ago, I think I started my paper round when I was twelve years old, and it was during one school summer holidays that my dad sprang a nasty surprise on me.

The chap who owned the paper shop had gone on holiday but had left one of his relations in charge who did not drive.

The owner of the shop, unbeknown to me used to deliver papers in his car to the far-flung outskirts of the village, which none of us at school could possibly do in term time.

These addresses included Kent College, Pembury Hall, Halfmoon Lane and the Isolation Hospital, round to Amhurst Bank Cottages and The Mill House in Redwings Lane.

Before the owner of the shop went on holiday he got one of the other paper boys who lived in Downingbury Road to deliver those papers for the princely sum of six shillings a week.

However, it soon transpired that some of the places were not getting their papers and when the shop owners came back from holiday, they investigated and found large numbers of the College papers and others hidden in bushes down by the Old Church.

The paper boy concerned was obviously dismissed from his job and unbeknown to me, my Dad volunteered my services which I wasn't at all happy about. This was to be done after my



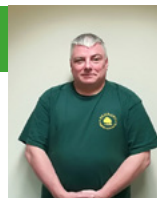
first round and only for the period of time the shop owner was away. I eventually gave in and so I set out rather reluctantly on my first morning. I knew the route well, but it was still something I did not want to do. First two mornings went well but it was bound to happen, I had a puncture and ended up walking nearly half the journey - hard work on Roley Hill. Dad came home and mended my puncture that night but next morning I set off with some of my friends on their bikes, most of which had no brakes, only a foot on the back tyre or on the ground would stop the bikes.

We used to have to travel down the very steep hill which goes down to The Mill House from Thirkell's Farm in Redwings Lane and we used to put our lives at risk (as you can imagine) to see who could go down the fastest! We could have ended up in the stream or like my friend Graham, who ended up stuck in a group of Hazel bushes, cutting his face and bending his bicycle forks, because he didn't negotiate the bend very well! Thankfully my paper round on those lanes did not last many days and I was glad to get back to my original round.

Hugh Boorman

SEASONAL GROUNDSMAN

I am pleased to report that our seasonal Groundsman - Darren Bowen, is joining us once again. He was a great addition to our team last year so we are looking forward to him working alongside Ryan and Darrell from March to November.





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CLLR SHELLEY HARRIS

After 7 years on the Parish Council, Shelley Harris has decided to hand in her resignation to focus on running her busy event management business. Shelley has been an active member of the Parish Council. Over the years she has taken on various roles including Vice-Chair of the Council, Vice-Chair of the Finance and HR Committee, a member of various working groups and committees and the council representative of the Village Hall and Pavilion Management Committees.

Chair, Cllr Katy Brooks, said “Shelley was always the first person I would look to for sage counsel, historical knowledge and experience, and generally knowing lots about the wide variety of topics that cross a Parish Council's path... She was always good-humoured, getting her view across tactfully, diplomatically, and

more importantly, succinctly!! She will be a loss to the Council, and we will miss her and her bubbly enthusiasm but wish her all the best in the future.”



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RECYCLING RESOLVE...

...one of our new year resolutions has been to take greater care over ensuring that we recycle as much as possible and especially now that we have a greater array of waste bins outside our house door. The green bin advertises that you can put your crisp packets in there but obviously all that waste has to be sorted. If you want to make sure your waste crisp packets go straight to recycling you can collect them and take them to any SE Rail station. We have delivered ours to Paddock Wood so we know it works!!!



Love our Village?

I'm sure many of you do love Pembury, it's a great place to live, but sometimes we just have to put a bit of effort into showing that love. Now that we are retired, we try to go out for a walk in the village every day. The other morning on our forty minutes' walk we collected six carrier bags of wayside rubbish – what a blight the rubbish is on this lovely place! Its great to have clean up days once or twice a year, but that is not enough. Please can I encourage any other walkers to take a bag and do a pick up occasionally. Or, if you cannot or have no time to walk, how about if each household makes itself responsible for cleaning up the pavement and gutter outside their own house – I feel sure this would make a huge difference and does not demand too much of any of us.

Heather Hughes



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PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Society staged its three traditional flower shows during 2019 and held a very successful Plant Sale on the Village Green in late May. It was unfortunate that having selected a few seemingly interesting venues for coach trip outings, all had to be cancelled at the last minute due to lack of support and interest.

The Spring Show was top class: the supply of vases nearly ran out and it took two National Daffodil judges over two hours to select the winners. Whilst floral art exhibits were again of a very high standard, there was hardly a vegetable to be seen and there weren't many entries in the cookery section.



It couldn't last of course, and the Summer Show suffered from the effects of the extreme heatwave with Sweet Peas being literally 'burned on the stake'!

The Roses however, loved the sunshine and lack of wind and rain and there were many quality exhibits.

The Autumn Show turned out much better than expected with the focal point again being the high standard of the Chrysanthemum exhibits. Dahlias created a riot of colour with more entries than usual whilst floral art never lets the show down! Vegetables never recovered from the summer heat with many exhibitors and gardeners in general reporting failures with their crops – even runner beans had given up by early September and carrots almost non-existent.

General gardening woes did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of members of Pembury Primary School Gardening Club and Pembury Rainbows and the Society is greatly indebted to their skills



and standard of entries and thank all participants, not forgetting their dedicated mentors.

The Society is most concerned at the continuing loss of members and whilst this appears to be a problem with many organisations, the harsh fact is that without increased support by exhibitors and visitors to events and new members, your village Flower Show, in the not too distant future will pass into the realms of yesteryear. Please do your personal best to prevent this happening by giving your support wherever possible.

The Spring (Daffodil) Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 28 March 2020 at 2pm.

Classes are 'open' meaning that anyone can enter even if not a member. If anyone would like a show schedule, please contact either Annie (82 4223) or Derek (82 2804).

Summer Show – Saturday 20 June 2020 – Village Hall 2pm

Autumn Show – Saturday 18 September 2020 – Village Hall 2pm



Pembury Parish Council's

Annual Parish Meeting



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Pembury Parish Council has had another busy year maintaining its facilities, delivering its services and organising several events for the village! We have also worked with residents and local organisations against inappropriate development in Pembury, including the Hendy Motor village on the Tesco site and the Draft Local Plan which proposes over 300 new homes on Metropolitan Green Belt.

Here is a snapshot of our work this year:

FULL COUNCIL

- 12 councillors were elected in May. We said 'goodbye' to some colleagues and 'hello' to some new ones!

COMMUNICATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE

- The Pembury Village News – delivered to every house in the village
- Well-loved regular events and competitions, such as the Picnic on the Green, Remembrance Sunday, Fireworks and Pride in Pembury and Scarecrow competitions
- The new Christmas Tree on the Green
- A new Carols on the Green event organised in partnership with the Churches and the School

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

- Managing open spaces including the recreation grounds and football pitches, allotments, burial grounds, Village Green, Old Coach Road, War Memorial
- Our annual Community litter pick was another great success!

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

- Reviewing all planning applications in the parish
- We appointed planning and transport consultants to help us object to the Hendy Motor Village
- We consulted with residents and responded to the TWBC Draft Local Plan
- Refurbishment of the bus shelter roof by Polley Close

FINANCE & HR COMMITTEE

- Overseeing the Council finances and human resources function.
- Our internal and external auditors have again given us a clean bill of health to our accounts and governance arrangements

Final accounts will be made available at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 30 April 2020 and will be published on our website.

ANNUAL COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/21

Working for Pembury People



TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET £281,064



£224,791

80% of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayers in Pembury. The Parish Council does not receive any portion of business rates nor government grants.



£37,223

13% of the budget comes from fees and services such as burials, advertising and sports pitch hire



£19,050

7% of the budget comes from donations and grants for projects

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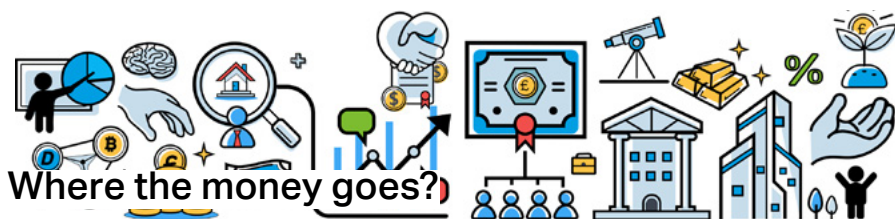
We save up some of our money for future projects in the same way you would. These are called "earmarked reserves". We get these reserves either by including them in the precept or by using any surplus at the end of the year. We also have a "General Reserve" as a contingency against future unknown occurrences. As the owner of several large buildings and a huge number of trees throughout the parish we cannot leave anything to chance. Below is a summary of the current reserves held:

Total Earmarked Reserves	£27,092
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Ring-fenced reserve: Donation to Pembury Scouts for disabled access to scout hut	£3,214
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General Reserves projection at year end	£70,000
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TOTAL PROJECTED RESERVES AS AT YEAR END	£100,306
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We maintain public open spaces and the play area in the village, which do not generate income as they are free for the public to use. We also organise free community events throughout the year. We will be starting work on a

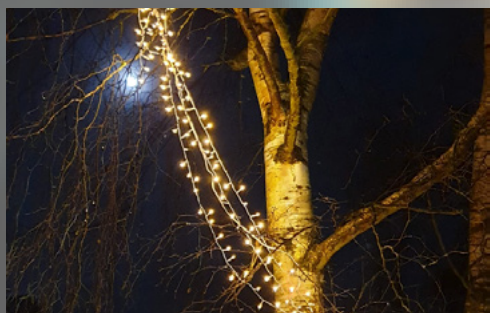
Neighbourhood Development Plan and more details will be shared with you all throughout the year. Grants are available and we will be applying for these to cover as much of the cost as we can.

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Civic Amenity Lorry £1k	Loan & bank charges £4k	Old Coach Road £5k (net cost £1.5k)	Events £6k
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Neighbourhood Development Plan £15k (net cost £6k)			

If you have any queries or comments regarding the budget please contact **Helen Munro, Clerk, Pembury Parish Council, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Pembury, TN2 4DZ** or email clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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CELEBRATIONS and COMMEMORATIONS IN PEMBURY

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th Anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. National events are taking place throughout the Country from 8th-10th May, with the Friday 8th May being a Bank Holiday. At the time of going to print the following have been arranged in Pembury:

THURSDAY 7th MAY – Kent College is planning a day of activities culminating with a traditional street party.

The College would love to extend an invitation to any Pembury resident who would like to participate. They would especially like to hear from those who would feel able to share their experiences of VE Day, or post war Britain, with their students. This will take place between 2 and 4pm in the afternoon in the beautiful grounds at the College. If you would like to share in their VE Day commemoration please email Elizabeth Thacker at thackere@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk or call 01892 822006.

FRIDAY 8th MAY (Bank Holiday) – From 2pm onwards a celebration at the King William IV in Hastings Road. Entry is £5 with all proceeds being donated to SSAFA. At 3pm “A Pembury Toast” as part of the National Toast to the Heroes of WW2. This will be followed by music, a hog roast, salad and potatoes and a few surprises. You are invited to send in relatives’ photos from WW2 so they can be printed off to adorn their fences and

pub with personal history.

7pm – The Old Church plan to take part in the National “Ringing out for Peace” by ringing the Bells at St. Peter’s and the Upper Church bell will be tolled.

SATURDAY 9th MAY

Pembury U3A are planning to hold a 1945 Street Party in the Village Hall in the afternoon, which will be open to their members only.

SUNDAY 10th MAY

9.45am St Peter’s Upper Church will hold a special service with a commemoration at the War Memorial at 10.45am. It is hoped to include the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post.

Parties and Celebrations can still be organised from 7pm on Friday and anytime on Saturday in pubs, clubs, hotels, open spaces and in streets. I know of at least one street party that is being organised.

Organisers of all these events are encouraged to register their involvement on the website – www.veday75.org. They can also be entered on the Village Diary via events@pembury.org

Richard Snow



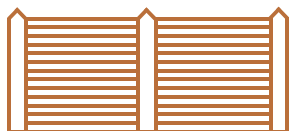
MEMORIAL WALL

Several memorial plaques have already been purchased and have been affixed to the Memorial Wall in Pembury Burial Ground behind St. Peter’s Upper Church.

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If you telephoned us to report this issue, please consider using our online fault reporting tool next time. It's been designed with the following in mind:

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CRICKET FOR ALL!

Fresh from our AGM in January and nets in full swing at Tonbridge School on Sunday afternoons, we look forward keenly to another summer of cricket at Chalket Lane.

Off the back of last winter's improvements, we hope to have our kitchen refurbished and to have kick started our fundraising activities for a new caged net facility before the outdoor cricket gets underway. Keep an eye out for various events and activities over the coming weeks, that we hope will help us on our way to reach our targets.

Both of our senior league sides gained promotion last summer, and we are optimistic of further progression again this year. Congratulations to new captains Garry Knight (1st XI) and Richard Bidder (2nd XI) who have been newly appointed, both bring a high level of experience and leadership to respective teams.

On Sundays we look forward to enhancing our offering under the guidance of Grant Peters, utilising the benefits of more social cricket, and to compliment the progression of our junior players into the senior game.

We are always keen to welcome new players of all ages and abilities, as well as social members to come along and enjoy the comfort of our facilities and further develop the atmosphere in the club.



Free Membership

For the 2020 season we are once again continuing our offer of FREE senior playing membership to new players.

All Stars Cricket returns for its third summer at PCC in 2020. This initiative has proved to be a huge success, and a very enjoyable and inclusive family activity.

All Stars Cricket gives girls and boys from the ages of five to nine the opportunity to enjoy a fun packed curriculum of cricket activities and games, providing the children with basic movement skills to begin a lifelong love of cricket and general physical activity. This will again run on Saturday mornings beginning in May, please look out for further information on our website and the various forms of social media in due course.

The Blue Caps (u-13) and Steelers (u-11) will once again compete in the Invicta Junior Cricket Leagues this season, and we will continue to coach junior hardball cricket on a weekly basis for ages 9 and above.

We are very keen to forge further links with local businesses to help us continue to evolve and indeed fulfil our ambitious plans for the

Cricket Club, details of the various sponsorship packages we offer can be found via our website.

Roll on the summer!

Richard Dawes (Club Captain – Pembury CC) – <http://pembury.play-cricket.com>



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SLEEPING BEAUTY

This year's pantomime saw Laurence Plumb's directorial debut for Pembury Players. Ably assisted by musical director Graham Hazelden, they produced a show with youth and zest. Ren McGuinness was most memorable as Fixit the jester: his songs with Rex Laws (a very confident, polished Prince Valiant) were show-stoppers. Sophie Hazelden (Briar Rose) had a song too, which she sung with aplomb. And with the title role, she got to sleep onstage every night!

There was a virtuoso performance from the accomplished Derek Hollweg as Dr Uranus. The three agents, Fern Jacob, Joseph Alfieri and Jess Hazelden, appeared frequently as continuity between the scenes and there was a true villain, Linda Bowen's Carbolic, worthy of much booing and hissing. But fear not: there was a good Fairy Queen, Hilary Smith, ably assisted by Fern Sneddon. Rich Lake was game as the dame, kept well in order by King Chris Tampsett.



Dinky the Dancing Bear (Jo Alfieri) was a tap-dancing delight, Dizzy Lizzy (Gilly Fry) performed wonders with hamsters and Maggie Weaver was in charge of the toads (and the costumes and the props, prompt, etc). Samantha Hodson and Lily Alfer managed to look beautiful all evening and Karen Sanderson Moss (Ariel) ensured a good, clean show, ably lit by James Drummond. Gilly Norman's artwork continues to impress. Ben Hazelden was backstage, with Alf, Bob and some other bloke. What fun. Now look out for "A Fete Worse than Death" at the end of June.

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

The Society's committee have been following the various planning issues that are relevant to Pembury, and following the update by Sue Nuttall and Sarah Clark at the last meeting concerning the Tesco's site planning application for a car dealership by Hendy, and the Local Plan, we are delighted that the Head of Planning for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is coming to speak to us about the Local Plan.

So our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd April 2020, 7.45pm at St. Peter's Upper Church, at which Mr Stephen Baughen is our key speaker. Come with your questions, as we shall no doubt have an interesting Q & A session after his illustrated talk.

We are indebted to committee member Tony Nicholls, who has added details of interest concerning the Local Plan on our website www.pembury.org/society. Do take a look at the Local Plan sites, and infrastructure ideas there.

There is also a Parish working party to consider a Neighbourhood Development Plan, and this is being organised by the Parish Council. Members interested in being part of this should contact the Parish Office.

David Hanes, Chairman

FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

The Parish Church has been the scene of weddings over hundreds of years. For the Heritage Open Days on 19 and 20 September 2020, it is hoped to stage an exhibition of some of the more recent ones, illustrating the changing styles and fashions. Examples from the

early days of photography would be especially welcome. If you have pictures or memorabilia of family weddings that you would be happy to have included, please contact Margaret Pettitt – 53 Church Road, Pembury; 01892 822905 or email office@pemburychurch.net.



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BEATING THE BOUNDS

Have you ever heard of this? It's a custom that goes back pre- Norman Conquest apparently and was the day of the year – usually Rogation Sunday - when communities got together to walk around the boundary of their parish. In those far off days, of course, there were no maps and, in any case few people could read, so walking the boundary ensured that people knew where it was and also who lived within it. The walk was usually led by the parish priest and was an opportunity to pray for the wellbeing of people in the community and also to pray for the fruitfulness of the earth to produce good crops.

Our village boundary is now probably too long to walk in one go but on Rogation Sunday May 17th 2020 at 2.30pm we are proposing to resurrect the tradition and walk a proportion of the north boundary of Pembury.

We will meet at the Old Church (which is next door to Kent College) and, providing the weather and the seasons have been kind, we are hoping that our walk is going to allow us to see the full beauty of the bluebell woods and the orchards that lie close to that north boundary. The walk (of approximately 4.5 miles) will be led by Hugh Boorman who has lived in the village all his life, so he should have some interesting stories and history to give us.



As we arrive back at the Old Church at the end of our walk, refreshments will be provided.

We hope that this event will be a small fundraiser towards the Community Annexe that it is proposed should be built at the back of the Upper Church on Hastings Road. Adult walkers therefore £5 and youngsters under 16 are free.

Further details or to book on to the walk please call Heather Hughes on 01892 – 822764.



2nd PEMBURY RAINBOWS

2020..... The year of the rat and the year of exciting plans and adventures.

Rainbows celebrated Chinese New Year by making unique Chinese lanterns, using different techniques to decorate the windows of our lanterns. The girls loved it and it is always so rewarding being able to teach a young group about other cultures.

We are working a lot on getting to know about ourselves and each other this term. We have learned songs about making new friends, as well as finding out similarities and differences we have with other members of our unit. We created charts to show our relationships with people we know well, know a little, and don't know very well at all. But the most important activities we have taken part in, have been based around how rainbows fit in amongst the GirlGuiding community.

We celebrated a special day on February 22nd. It was called 'World Thinking Day'. In 1926, delegates from Guide and Girl Scout organisations across the world met for a conference. They decided

to create a day for Guides and Girl Scouts to celebrate being part of an international movement. Delegates chose to hold the first celebration on the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

And so, 'thinking day' was born.

Rainbows are looking forward to taking part in the Pembury Gardeners' Society shows this year, as well as embarking on sleepovers, outdoor activities and learning to look after our planet.

If you have a daughter who would like to join Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers, please register your interest on the GirlGuiding website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

In Pembury we have units representing all sections of guiding, and we always look forward to new girls joining us.

Toto/Amanda Baker
2nd Pembury Rainbows
2nd Pembury Brownies



STREET SIGNS

Our County Councillor Paul Barrington-King has been busy replacing your old and battered street and road signs in the village. This significantly improves the street scene and encourages our pride of place in Pembury. If your road needs a new sign, please feel free to contact Paul via his details at the back of this magazine.



Repair Café starting in Tunbridge Wells on 7 March 2020

Western society revolves round consumption. We increasingly buy more things and throw away more than ever. We use the luxury items we own for shorter times. As soon as these items show the slightest defects – such as a stool with a wobbly leg, a CD player with a lid that won't open or a woollen jumper with a hole in the elbow – we throw them away and buy a new product. Many things get thrown away within the space of one year, things which could get a new lease of life after a simple repair. The trouble is, lots of people have forgotten that they can repair things themselves or they no longer know how. Knowing how to make repairs is a skill quickly lost. Society doesn't always show much appreciation for the people who still have this practical knowledge, and they are often left standing on the side-lines. Their experience is never used, or hardly ever.

The Repair Café changes all that! People who might otherwise be side-lined can get involved again. Valuable practical knowledge can be passed on and things can be used for longer and don't have to be thrown away.

The net result of this is it reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products. It cuts CO₂ emissions, for example, because manufacturing new products and recycling old ones causes CO₂ to be released. The Repair Café teaches people to see their

possessions in a new light. And, once again, to appreciate their value. The Repair Café helps change people's mindset. This is essential to kindle people's enthusiasm for a sustainable society.

But most of all, the Repair Café just wants to show how much fun repairing things can be, and how easy it often is. Since starting in 2009, the number of Repair Café's has grown to over 2000 worldwide and the number is growing. Experience from other successful cafes has shown the aim is not to take away business from local businesses. Often staff or owners of local businesses can volunteer and if a larger repair is needed people can be given an idea of the cost and they may choose to get it repaired via the local business thereby boosting business.

Currently, Tunbridge Wells does not have a Repair Café but it is coming. After an initial meeting of volunteers we have over 90 people wanting to help. Now all we need is people to bring things they need mending to the first one which runs 10am to 1pm on Sat 7th March 2020 in Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells. So if you have any textiles or clothes, bicycles, computers, small household electrical items or furniture / wooden items that need fixing, bring them along. The only thing that is a no no is microwaves ovens!

If you want to know more then please drop us an email on twellsrepaircafe@gmail.com. The first one takes place on Saturday 7 March and then the first Saturday of each month – Saturday 4 April and Saturday 2 May. Hope to see you there.



Love knitting?

Pembury Library is looking for enthusiastic knitters to start up a Natty Knitters Group. Natty Knitters is a great chance for knitters and stitchers to meet with like-minded people to have a chat, share projects, and learn new skills in a relaxed environment (beginners are very welcome). Come along for the whole session or just drop-in. It's free!

Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested.

By the time you read this article, the Library will have been closed for a month for refurbishment and is re-opening on 9 March.

It has had a fresh coat of paint, new carpets, new shelving and NEW BOOKS.

Why not pay a visit to see what else is going on?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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EASTER CHURCH SERVICE/EVENT TIMES

St. Peter's

Maundy Thursday 9 April 2020	8pm	'Re-enactment of the Last Supper'	Upper Church
Good Friday 10 April 2020	10am 11.15am 2pm	'Good Friday Service' 'United Service on the Green' 'The Last Hour'	Upper Church Old Church
Easter Sunday 12 April 2020	8am 9.45am 11.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Upper Church Upper Church Old Church

Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday 9 April 2020	7.30pm	'The Rule Breaker' is showing – a film made by Mandy Carr and David Dore with the introduction by Pastor Dan Foster. Event is free but any donations will be gratefully received for the Hospice	
Good Friday 10 April 2020	10am	Communion Service followed by a walk of witness to St. Anselms	
	11.15am	HOPE Pembury Churches Together Service on the Village Green	
Easter Sunday 12 April 2020	10am	Easter Celebration for all the family	

SCOUTS FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Twelve Scouts from the Pembury Magna Scout Group have been busy fundraising for their trip to the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland, in August.

Cake sales

The Scouts have been selling delicious home-made cakes at St Peter's Church and raised £250.

We are hoping to sell some more cakes in the coming months.

Christmas bag packing at Tesco

On one of the busiest weekends before Christmas, the Scouts helped with bag-packing at the tills at Tesco Pembury. Many thanks to Tesco for their support.

The event raised £365.

Jumble sale

We held a jam-packed jumble sale at the Scout hut on 23 November, selling second-hand clothes,

toys, books and games, plus teas, coffees and home-made cakes. Our total was a fantastic £640 – thanks to everyone who donated items for us to sell.

We have several other events planned for 2020 – keep an eye out for posters around the village.



COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Are you lonely? Well don't be, not on a Monday morning anyway. A group of very nice ladies run a coffee shop every Monday between 9.30 and 12.00 in the Pavilion just inside the recreation ground. More and more people come each week for a drink and a chat.

If you have a four-legged friend they can come too, dog biscuits are free!

The Coffee Shop started 5 years ago, since then we have raised a massive £6,035 which has all gone to help local groups and charities. The most recent donations include £300 each to the Pembury Cricket Club and Pembury Football Club, Royal British Legion and also £50 towards the village Christmas tree.

Best of all it has been lovely to get to know local people and watch them get to know each other and see friendships grow.

We have people of all ages turn up, some who have taken the children to school, some are retired, it's a good mix.

I see ladies with babies walking around the village, and I know from experience that Monday's can be a bit depressing when you realise you won't



be getting any 'grown up' conversation for a while. Now I am not promising deep, intellectual conversations, but a chat to someone over a coffee and a slice of cake can't go amiss can it? If you prefer you can take a piece home for later.

The cakes and scones etc., are almost all home-made by the volunteers, and we have two new ladies namely Heather Eastoe Kirby and myself Maggie Weaver. We are also blessed with Alan Moxon who volunteers each week to set up and take away the tables for us!!

Why not check it out? It might not be your thing, but it can't hurt to come along and see, we don't bite.....well most of us don't!!

See you there on Monday?

Maggie Weaver (new volunteer!)

MY PLOT SPRING 2020

It has been a very long, wet winter, but on the 1st of February, in a brief bright moment, I visited my plot to check on the wind damage. I straightened out the covers, replaced various bits and returned some gale-delivered trophies to my neighbours. But what gave me great joy was to realise that I had fresh food to harvest too.

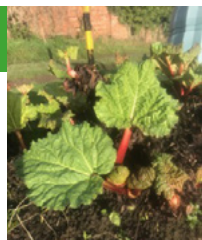
As you can see, I did not weed for the camera – No Gardeners' World preparation on my plot! And actually, this is five crops for the price of four; the



Kale has Lamb's Lettuce under the netting as well. We love Lamb's Lettuce and it's often in the bags of mixed leaves from the supermarket. Why buy?

I have got it wild since some went to seed a few years ago and it pops up

somewhere reliably twice a year. I find that it favours shade [hence growing under this netting] and likes it under the fruit bushes too.



The leeks and chard are no surprises, but rhubarb in February has got to be a treat.

I may be late to the party, but I have only just realised that all the 'oniony-type-things' are useful because they fill the gaps between 'real' onion availability. I always thought "they're not as good as" but I was missing the point. My onions from last year are gone, but my leeks are still there. By the time we've eaten them, they'll be chives and the perennial bunching, Welsh onions. And spring onions through the summer until the proper onions are back. That's clever.

Caroline Mazzeo

1ST PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

So, we've arrived in a new decade and we're ready for another amazing year of Scouting!

The Beavers had a busy term in the run up to Christmas, making poppies as part of our remembrance reflection and taking part in the annual village parade and service, at which all Beavers conducted themselves brilliantly. We had a 'glow' night to brighten up a dark winter evening, playing glow-stick skittles and following a fun glow-stick trail in the woods. The colony has also been exploring what makes up a community and donated a large quantity of Christmas food for the Baptist Church collection, which was distributed to families in need within the village. Our first 2020 activity is experimenting with gardening, using flower bulbs and pots kindly donated by Notcutts Tunbridge Wells. With so many outdoor adventures to look forward to, it's shaping up to be another fun-filled year! If your son or daughter would like to join the colony please contact pembury.beavers@gmail.com.



Last term the Cubs enjoyed a varied programme of exciting games, crafts and activities, including a trip to the Pembury Old Church as part of their 'Faith' Badge. Our new vicar, Richard Worssam, gave the Cubs a guided tour and even allowed them to ring the bells! The Cubs and leaders learned about our Old Church's long history!

The term ended with a trip to Hollywood Bowl.



With both packs the Cubs numbered almost 40; not sure what the staff thought, but it was an impressive sight!

The Scouts had a fun-packed weekend trip to the log cabin at Broadstone Warren in November, a cozy old hut with a log burner. No room at the inn for the leaders, however, who had to camp outside in the cold! All activities involved mud to a greater or lesser degree, but everyone had a terrific time. Activities included wide game in the dark, crate stacking, air rifle shooting, grass sledging and campfires. We are now into our busy spring term programme.

The Explorers Unit (ages 14-18) is growing apace, now two Scout Troops are feeding into it.

With ably bolstered leadership the year ahead will be packed with activities. They risked life and limb (and locals) on the ice rink in December.



PEMBURY U3A (UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)

Pembury U3A has a membership of over 300 and 60 plus interest groups. However, do not be alarmed by the title. We do not give out degrees or have exams, phew!! It is a group of like-minded souls who share their knowledge, interests and enthusiasm with others of a similar ilk.

There is a monthly meeting in the Village Hall with an invited guest speaker - subjects have included Carriage Driving, Teddy Boys and Mini Skirts, Pembury Natural History and a younger (than us) man who walked, solo, across Africa.

Our members have also made a number of trips further afield including a visit to the city of Oxford, the Postal Museum at Mount Pleasant and to the opera at Glyndebourne. Future outings include Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey), which is already fully booked.

A river trip at Henley on the Thames and a visit to Kew Gardens.

Another group are taking a holiday on a river cruise down the Danube (again fully booked). Also our walking groups are going to North Norfolk for a few days walking the Coastal Path. The U3A is a worldwide organisation and Wednesday 3rd June 2020 is 'promote a U3A day'. Pembury U3A will be taking part in this with events throughout the village.

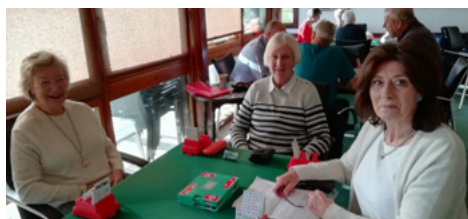
For more information, please, look at our website www.pemburyu3a.org or request a leaflet by email to membership@pemburyu3a.org or call Rick on 01892 825719.

Michael Cartwright
Chairman

BRIDGE INTEREST GROUP

Why not play bridge this winter? Bridge is exercise for the brain. Use it or lose it! It is also a great social pastime. The Bridge Interest Group is going from strength to strength. We have recently moved from the small room at the Village Hall to the Cricket Club on Chalket Lane, as we were outgrowing our old venue. The day and time have not changed. It is still 10 am – 12.30 pm, but not bank holidays.

The emphasis is on enjoying bridge and providing a safe venue for learning and experimenting. You don't need a partner as we have 2 experienced players who will make up numbers and help with bidding and play. So just come along and give us a try.



We have recently started a teaching program, also at the Cricket Club, but on Tuesdays, 2.30 – 5 pm. This is following the English Bridge Union's programme, designed to take beginners to 'gentle duplicate' standard over a 30-week course. If you have some experience of bridge, you could benefit from coming along to some of these lessons and I can let you have a copy of our schedule. The next course for beginners will probably start next September, but come along on Mondays and get a flavour of bridge whilst you wait.

If you have any queries about the interest group don't hesitate to contact me. My contact details are: Peter Kent; email address - peterkent1949@gmail.com; phone number 01892 231896.



INFORMATION AND BOOKING FORMS FOR 2020 TRIPS

BIGGIN HILL MEMORIAL CAFE

Thursday 26th March 2020

Cost £15

DENBIES WINE ESTATE

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2020

Cost £26.25 including tip for driver

RIVER LEE BOAT CRUISE

Tuesday 14th July 2020.

Cost £28.50 to include cream tea and tip for driver

TOUR OF ROMNEY MARSH CHURCHES

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Cost £23 including tip for driver

CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Likely to be Sunday afternoon 22nd November 2020 and likely to cost in the region of £37. If you are interested in this trip please send a stamped addressed envelope marked 'Classical spectacular' to reach Heather by the end of March if possible.

Rev Heather Hughes, 7 Henwoods Crescent, Pembury, TN2 4LJ or hand it to one of our committee on any of our trips

If you would like to receive details of these outings together with booking forms please contact Sue Giles on 823318.

The Out and About Club is organised by St Peter's Church and is committed to offering opportunities to get 'out and about' to those who may have no other means to do so – i.e. they have some difficulty walking, or have no transport of their own. In the event of a trip being over-subscribed, members should note that priority will be given to those in the greatest need of this service, rather than the order in which the bookings are received.

Committee members:

Rev Heather Hughes, Pauline Hawker, Sue Giles, Valerie Marianni, Jan Greenacre and Vicky Beadell

The Out and About Club does have a wheelchair for use by anyone wishing to come along to a trip but who may not, for any reason be able to undertake the walking involved. If you require the wheelchair, providing you are able to climb the steps onto the coach and providing there is a spare member of the committee able to push the wheelchair, then you are most welcome to use it. Please telephone to enquire.

Our trips and events are organized on a non-profit making basis.

If you have mobility or other difficulties and need a seat towards the front of the coach, please advise when booking and we will do our best to ensure your needs are accommodated.



Lower Green Recreation Ground Tennis Courts

**Free of charge to
Pembury residents – no
need to book!**

Tennis Coaching has priority during their booked slots

All other use is on a “first come first served” basis

Please report any problem with the courts to the Parish Office
Phone 01892-823193 or Email deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am

CAB – Pembury Library. If you wish to make an appointment with the Citizens' Advice Bureau, please email advice@catwd.org.uk, clearly stating Pembury Library in the subject line.

Community Coffee Shop – Pembury Pavilion, Recreation Ground – Mondays 9.30 - 12noon

'The Shed' Youth Café – at Pembury Baptist Church – Fridays 6 – 8pm (school yrs 7-13) term time only

MAR			
6 th	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
7 th	Pembury Evening WI Jumble Sale	2pm	Pembury Village Hall
14 th	First Aid Refreshers	2-3.30pm 4-5.30pm	Pembury Scout Hut. £10 + booking fee. Contact jimcasasportell@gmail.com
26 th	Out & About – Coach Trip	1-4.30pm	Biggin Hill Memorial Museum, Chapel & Café. Cost £15 Contact Sue Giles 823318/Heather Hughes 822764
28 th	Pembury Gardener's Society	2pm	Spring Show – Village Hall. Contact Derek Parks 822804

APR			
3 rd	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
5 th	'The Rule Breaker'	6 – 7.30pm	Pembury Baptist Church. Film by Mandy Carr/David Dore. Free admission. Donations to the Hospice in the Weald
6 th	Pembury Parish Council meeting	7.15pm	Parish Council Offices, Lower Green Recreation Ground
6 th	Floral Art	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
7 th	U3A	2pm	Pembury Village Hall
22 nd	Pembury Society	7.45pm	St. Peter's Upper Church. Speaker - Stephen Baughen Head of Planning for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
25 th	T J Johnson & his band – Jazz & Blues	7.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church. Contact Pauline Hawker 824327
30 th	Pembury Parish Council meeting	8pm	Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall

MAY			
1 st	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
4 th	Annual Parish Council meeting -	7.15pm	Parish Council Offices, Lower Green Recreation Ground
5 th	U3A	2pm	Pembury Village Hall
7 th	Pembury Gardeners' Society AGM	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church Hall
15 th	Village Quiz	8pm	Pembury Village Hall
17 th	Walk – Beating the Bounds	2.30pm	Meet at Old Church
23 rd	Pembury Gardeners	8-11.30am	Plant Sale – Village Green

JUN			
1 st	Pembury Parish Council meeting	7.15pm	Parish Council Offices, Lower Green Recreation Ground
1 st	Floral Art	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
3 rd	National U3A Day	Various	Various locations in Pembury
5 th	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall

Richard Snow is responsible for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at www.pembury.org.

The diary serves two purposes. Firstly, to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid clashes. Secondly to enable everyone to know what is happening in the village. It is important that information is sent to Richard at events@pembury.org with date, times, title of event, venue and contact details. Please note that to view the calendar you must be using a recent version of Firefox, Google Chrome or Internet Explorer (IE11 or later). Computers running Windows XP will only be able to view the calendar using Firefox or Google Chrome.

Organisations – please contact me with your dates for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine: deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

CRIME REPORT

Happy New Year and I hope that you all had a peaceful Christmas. Unfortunately, the latest reported crime figures for October, November and December 2019 do not make good reading compared to the previous quarter. Maybe it has a seasonal influence, but the last total is nearly 30% higher. The worrying bit is that of the increase in violent crime from thirty-eight up to fifty-four.

The one issue that we do not want, neither does anybody else, is that of knife crime or drug related crime and thankfully neither have been itemised in this report.

Whilst any crime is worrying, one of the other main concerns is that of theft offences which rose from twenty to thirty six, and again whilst I suspect this was mainly related to Christmas and the fact that people probably leave themselves more vulnerable, this is not acceptable and we must all do our best to prevent it happening. Please do not make it obvious to the would-be thief that you are out and that your house is unoccupied.

Regardless, I do not think that any of us will find these figures acceptable and we must all work together and with the Police to drag them back down.

The other day I had a very interesting discussion with a young lady from the Parish who said that our crime figures per quarter were not too much to worry about but I wonder if her response would be different should she be on the receiving end of a crime.

Let us all work together and please inform the Police, who need all the help we can give them, if you see anything which is an issue of concern.

Hugh Boorman

CRIME FIGURES

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crime	Burglary Residential	Burglary Business & Community	Theft Of Motor Vehicle	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Oct-19	18	2	1	0	5	13	0	4	43
Nov-19	20	2	1	1	2	14	2	5	47
Dec-19	16	1	1	1	2	9	3	1	34
Oct to Dec 2019 total	54	5	3	2	9	36	5	10	124

Total recorded crime						
Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst & Lamberhurst	Brenchley & Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park	
Oct-19	43	14	21	22	59	71
Nov-19	47	13	23	20	85	110
Dec-19	34	22	16	11	72	91
Oct to Dec 2019 total	124	49	60	53	216	272

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