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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Pembury Village News. As life is slowly returning back to normal for some, under Government distancing guidelines of course, I hope that the majority of Pembury residents are managing to get to see their loved ones again, and have been able to take advantage of the "Eat out to Help out" scheme at our village establishments.

This has been a very strange 6 months, but as I said last issue, I am overwhelmed by the compassion and support that the community in Pembury has provided for those needing it. According to a recent article by Janice Turner in The Times "A vast body of research into wars and natural catastrophes shows that when ordinary social patterns are shattered, people don't scrap in the street for food. The vast majority step up, organise and collaborate to care for the less able". This has most definitely been the case in Pembury, there have been countless examples of selfless behaviour, and I feel that as a village we are emerging from this as a more cohesive community (with thanks to all the various Pembury Facebook pages!) and one that we should all be proud of. On behalf of the Parish Council, thank you again to all those heroes that have helped out, with or without capes, you have made this village a lovely place to live.

Sadly, we recently took the decision to cancel the village Fireworks as we have no idea what social distancing guidelines will be in place at the time, but look forward to having our usual calendar of events next year!



We are still ploughing ahead with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, if you have any knowledge or expertise you can share with us, please contact the Parish Council office.

In due course we hope to be able to open the office again, but with current guidelines this may still be some time away, so please continue to get in touch with us via email – all messages left on the answerphone will be responded to.

Finally, we have some lovely images of Pembury in our centre pages, celebrating the beautiful village we live in. If you have any pictures you want us to include in future issues, please e-mail them to deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Kind regards,
Katy Brooks

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Any news items/articles/photographs for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded by **1st November** to the Parish Office, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4DZ; deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



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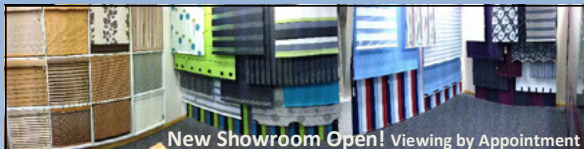
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RETURNING TO SCHOOL

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Making the transition from online lessons to learning back in the classroom is going to be an adjustment for the whole school community, so talking to younger children about what they are looking forward to now they are back at school will help to reassure and remind them what they have missed whilst not at school. For older pupils, the early mornings will have been more of a challenge and re-connecting with friends may take a little time.

As a parent, it is always a fine balance between giving your children independence whilst being there to support them. Just listening is important and discussion can always be picked up later, or even at the weekend, when there is time to talk, perhaps during a family walk or playing a game. Children are remarkably adaptable and hopefully they are beginning to settle back into the routine of school, so just be patient and give them the space and time to find their way.



Julie Lodrick
Headmistress
Kent College Pembury

WHATS SPECIAL ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

This issue features the second in our series about different roads in Pembury – last time it was the turn of Cornford Lane and this time Kingstoll Road and surroundings on page 17, which I'm sure you will agree make very interesting reading.

How about sending in an article about where you live and what makes it special. It can be for any reason – simply a great community spirit and a great neighbourhood is enough or perhaps the history of the area or scenery – anything that makes it special to you. Send contributions in to deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk. The deadline for the next edition is 1 November 2020.

PIPPINS APPLE WEEKEND : October 17th and 18th 2020

Pippins Farm is planning to have a weekend (Saturday and Sunday 10-4) with a display of the 25 to 30 apple and pear varieties grown on the farm. This is subject to Covid-19 rules and restrictions so it will not be a repeat of previous Apple Days (sadly no apple games!).

The aim is to raise some much needed funds for Hospice in the Weald.

There will be apples for sale but no tastings or active pressing. Fresh apple juice will be on sale (pressed the day before). There will be sign-posted orchard walks and hopefully some guided tours weather permitting. It is planned to have some simple refreshments.

There will be no entry fee. The entrance to the farm is off Maidstone Road – TN2 4AD.

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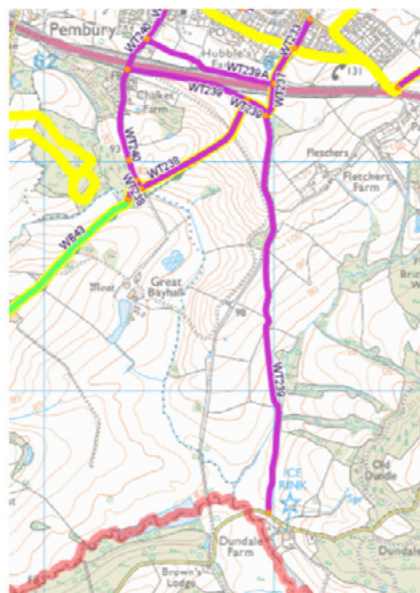
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OLD COACH ROAD

The Old Coach Road is a wonderful historic routeway from St Peter's Upper Church in Hastings Road. It used to be the coach road for the Marquis of Camden to get from Pembury to Bayham Abbey, near Lamberhurst, without having to pay the tolls on the Hastings Road.

Unfortunately, not all of the Coach Road is accessible to the public. Our article in the winter 2019 edition included historic maps rather than a public right of way map and we apologise for any confusion caused. The map printed here shows the public rights of way in the area.

The Parish Council own the northern part of the routeway, and residents are encouraged to walk this area. However, the southern section is in private ownership with no public right of way. The footpath diverts off and is clearly marked. You can access the Old Coach Road from Chalket Lane or the footpath opposite the Indian Restaurant in Hastings Road.



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The Surgery will be organising various flu clinics from September 2020 to December 2020 to patients who are eligible. Please check your eligibility below and for more details visit our website www.waterfieldhousepractice.nhs.uk

Due to complexity of social distancing, infection control, practicality, demand and availability of flu vaccines this year we will organise flu clinics in the surgery's car park in the month of September and October. No patient will be allowed to park their car in the surgery's car park during the flu clinic timing.

Please note that this year (as that of last year) we have three separate vaccines -

1. For those over 65
2. For those under 65
3. Nasal flu spray for children. Due to the varied delivery period of these three vaccines we are only able to organise clinics once the delivery date has been confirmed. Please check our website for flu clinic dates or call the surgery.

Eligibility:

- Adults 65 and over (born on or before 31.04.1956)
- People with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk groups from 6 months of age to 64 years)
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2020 (that is, born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2018)
- Frontline health or social care workers - the vaccination should be provided by your employers. Please note that the surgery will not be vaccinating this eligibility criterion.
- Carers
- Live with someone who's at high risk of coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list)
- Later in the year, the flu vaccine may be given to 50-64-year-olds. More information will be available later in the autumn

Please note that children in Primary School Years - Reception to Year 6 (Born between 01.09.08 to 31.08.15), and children in year 7 (Secondary School) will be vaccinated at school. Please check with the School Immunisation Team.

Booking Flu Appointments: These can be booked via Patient Access, myGP app or by calling reception during non-peak hours - between 10am to 1pm and 3pm - 6.30pm. No walk in appointments. Please come with your face covering for your appointments.

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Do you have some great ideas about what Pembury needs for young people just like you?

Now's your chance!

Pembury Parish Council is setting up a youth council for young people aged 13 to 17, living in Pembury. If there's something you'd like to change, or new things you'd like to see, this is your opportunity to influence what happens in your village.

If you're interested please email deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name, age, telephone number and address – and some of the things you'd do if you were on the youth council.

We will invite everyone who is interested to an open evening to find out more.

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- Redundancy
- Resignation
- References

How do I get help?

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It will be an independent space with its own entrance, kitchen and toilets and is intended for use by and for the community. A limited survey of the village has revealed several facilities that residents would like to see in Pembury. To support those ideas and to add weight to any applications we make for funding to build the hall, evidence of a more comprehensive survey is needed. It would greatly assist this community



project if you could complete the following survey. We only require your name and postcode. This information is only to provide proof that we have surveyed the whole village. You will not be contacted again by us and your details will not be passed to any third party.

Have your say

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Please tick any suggestions you would support and add any others you feel are needed in the community

New facilities already suggested	Agree?	New facilities already suggested	Agree?
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Carer's Support group		Children's Centre or another Mums and Tots group	
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Craft Club		Youth Club	
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KINGS TOLL ROAD – A WAY TO THE HIGH WEALD

Kings Toll Road is today's successor to the ancient road running from the old hamlet of Romford, previously known as Rumford, at its northern, Pembury, end to Kings Toll beyond the parish boundary towards Matfield. An early 19th century Ordnance Survey map shows the road as running from the then important hamlet of Rumford, where the local inn was the Foresters Arms, or 'The Peep and Slip-it' until 1917, to Fins Toll, now Kings Toll, on the Matfield Road.

The lane is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty along the northern edge of the High Weald. It is typical of such lanes; sunken between steep banks in some parts skirting both woodland and orchard, between properties the oldest of which is mid-17th century. It passes by Slowery Wood, which is covered with bluebells in the Spring.

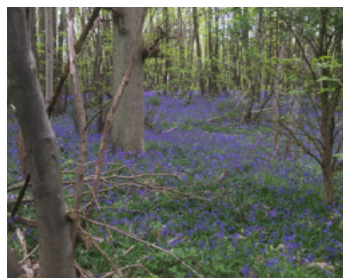
Today, activities along the lane include farming, orchards and a riding school as well as a sanctuary for young foxes. In earlier days there were also hop gardens. At least two of the present properties have converted oast houses.

The road is about three quarters of a mile long and remains a largely single-track lane. It runs approximately parallel to the A21.

The road gives access to beautiful surrounding countryside along a number of public footpaths. At the Pembury end part of the circular Tunbridge Wells footpath leads upwards towards Henwoods Mount sports field giving spectacular views across the Medway Valley to the North Downs. Further along a second narrow footpath leads northwards through open fields and orchards to Snipe Wood. A third footpath beyond Slowery Wood leads across open fields towards Kippings Cross.

Because of its location relative to the A21, in recent times since the extension of the dual carriageway south of Tonbridge, it has unfortunately become a rat run for the main Hastings dual carriageway owing to the poor layout of the roundabouts and development at Kippings Cross. In spite of its traffic problems, Kings Toll Road remains an attractive access from Pembury for walkers, riders and cyclists to the superb countryside of the High Weald.

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PEMBURY'S GOT TALENT

Hello. My name is Maggie and I'm Chairman of Pembury Players. Many of you will know that we have been putting on a pantomime every January for almost 40 years. This year, as we may not be able to rehearse because of the Covid situation, we have decided to put on a revue instead.

This is where you, the great Pembury public, may be able to help. A revue is made up of songs, dances, monologues, poems, stand-up comedy - in fact, anything "bite sized" that will make people laugh or cry as long as they have a good evening.

Do you have a party piece? Have you always longed to "do a turn" in public? If so, let us know what you can do, on your own, with a friend or as a group or family, and we'll try to fit it in. Show dates are the 8 & 9 January 2021 plus a dress rehearsal on 7 January.

I know Britain's got talent, Simon Cowell told me, so shall we see if Pembury has too?

Contact me on 01892 824362 or e-mail margaretweaver@hotmail.co.uk

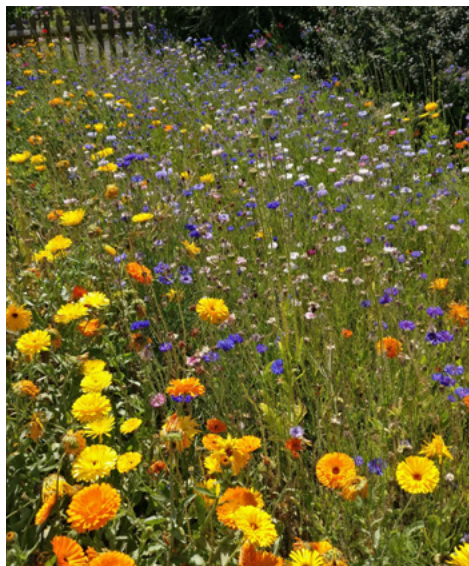
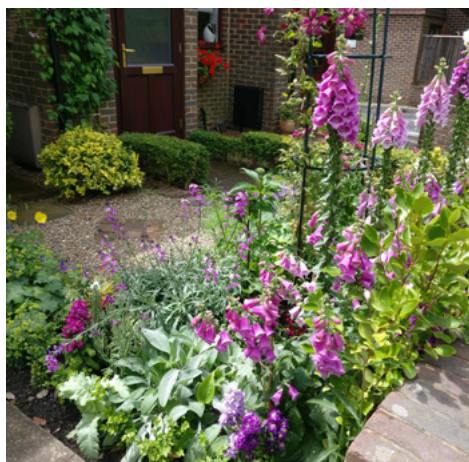
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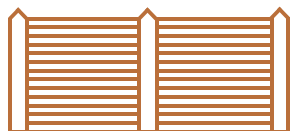
PRIDE IN PEMBURY

Sadly, we only received a few nominations this year but the gardens/containers that were entered were fantastic. We won't be able to hold a Winners' Tea this year for obvious reasons which is a great shame because it is always a lovely afternoon and a great opportunity for people to get to meet and chat to other like-minded people.

Children of key workers who attended school throughout the lockdown period continued the work of the School Gardening Club with Juliet Lewis Williams (see article and photos on page 32.)

Below are some photos of the gardens that were nominated:





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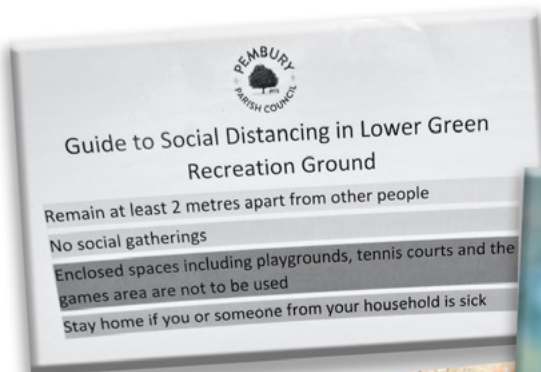
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PEMBURY IN LOCKDOWN

Pamela Vale Taylor kindly sent in 140 photographs which she took during lockdown and these are just a selection. I hope you agree they are a fabulous record. Many thanks Pamela.



They said ALL you needed to go to the grocery store were some gloves and a mask... they lied, everybody else had clothes on.





HOSPICE IN THE WEALD
Supporting Life
Honouring Death

In light of the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) latest guidance from and the NHS. In some additional precautionary patients, families, carers. Our focus remains on Hospice care.

In light of this we have shops as an additional We will continue to re the latest guidance from Health England and with Hospice in the Weald is further implications of





Shop Closed

at situation regarding (virus) we are working to the Public Health England. In some instances, we are taking steps to safeguard our members and our workforce, providing outstanding

we decided to close this precaution.

main up to date with the NHS and Public Health to reassure you that we are well prepared for COVID-19 (Coronavirus.)



When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh. Stay strong



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RIAAN KRUGER

Riaan is a Pembury resident and a talented amateur photographer. These amazing photos were taken by Riaan in and around Pembury over the summer.



Peacock, Newbars Wood, Pembury



Peacock, Newbars Wood, Pembury



Peacock, Newbars Wood, Pembury



A prickly situation, Newbars Wood, Pembury



Mr Nosey: the Ruddy darter, Newbars Wood, Pembury, Kent



Common Hawker, Newbury Wood, Farnborough



Six spot Burnet, Newbury Wood, Farnborough

MY MOBILE PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

Combine lockdown life, a mid-life crisis and the local scenery and you may find many images coming to the fore. From my first Kodak 110 folding camera, to many years on a point and shoot or mobile phone to recently on mirrorless, mine has almost exclusively been of the local butterflies.

Covid fever might be to blame for my latest obsession with the 85mm portrait lens my generous partner gave me for the significant birthday. I've cautiously expanded my view to include dogs and the odd human too. But, for me, the simple strategy of taking a good picture on my mobile phone has influenced my style on the Nikon Z50. It is just three C's:

Concept:

What has caught your eye and imagination? Don't worry about what someone else might want to see. Ask yourself the question: Will I remember why, when and where I took this picture 5 years down the line?

Composition:

Make sure your subject is clear and the background (and sometimes middle ground) support the concept. Mobile phone cameras are set up to have as much as possible of the picture in focus. Take time and think about where to position the subject so that the whole picture makes sense. Don't worry about the thirds rule too much. You can always crop the picture afterwards.

Colour:

Colours and light play a big part in making a photo pop. Most mobile phones and apps like Instagram will allow you to adjust things like the exposure and contrast a little. Unfortunately, there is not much they can do if your photo is dull and dreary to start with. Try to have the light soft and over your shoulder to avoid harsh shadows on your concept.

Simple, clear and colourful is best. Maybe that is why butterflies make such fabulous subjects!

Riaan Kruger



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SURREAL CRICKET SEASON OF 2020!

With all of the various uncertainties through the pandemic, the chances of any form of Cricket Season this summer at times felt very remote.

However, after receiving the green light to commence restricted cricketing activity at the end of June, as a committee we studied the various guidelines laid out for us by the ECB and formalised our plans to start junior coaching and adult practice in the hope that both would lead into some form of competitive cricket later in the summer.

The response we have received from the junior section in particular has been excellent, with over 60 boys and girls taking part in hardball cricket coaching in this abbreviated sporting summer. Sadly, due to the restrictions, timescales and resources, we haven't been able to run softball cricket "All Stars" for age groups 5 – 8 this year, however this will return, bigger and better in 2021!

The middle of July and the go ahead was indeed given for matches to be played (within the guidelines) and despite some indifferent performances in the newly created Kent County Village Corona League, it has been great to see some cricket played at Chalket Lane.

At the time of writing we are just going through some extreme temperatures (as can be evidenced in the pictures below) but it's been a faultless start for our u13s (Blue Caps) and u15s (Steelers) in the Invicta Junior Cricket Leagues, playing some good cricket and most importantly with smiles on their faces. What has been most encouraging is that many of the players have played up an age group, plus we have been able to give plenty of players their first experiences of match cricket.

In light of this success and the level of interest this summer, we are delighted to confirm that we will be re-introducing our u15 (Colts) team into competitive cricket next summer, and we are already looking forward to (assuming we are allowed) starting indoor training early in the new year.

All of us at Pembury Cricket Club are extremely grateful for the continued support of our sponsors, even more so this summer.

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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.

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



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Find out what we've been up to, and read about the safety precautions we have in place, by visiting hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk or call us on **01892 618773**.

AN UPDATE FROM PEMBURY VILLAGE HALL

Our lovely village hall re-opened its doors at the beginning of July, in line with government guidelines, and a few regular small groups have been meeting since then, although it seems it will be some while yet before we are at full capacity – probably well into the new year as things stand.

However, the management team has been busy. We were lucky enough to obtain a government grant for loss of revenue for the time we have been closed due to the coronavirus which was a much-welcomed boost to finances. As a result, we were able to commission a local decorator to give the hall a fresh coat of paint smartening up the walls and radiators.

Those of you who are regular visitors to the hall will know that we have been battling for some time to find the cause of a pesky leak from the foyer ceiling. The roof repair has now been carried out and we sincerely hope the problem has been rectified although, at the time of writing, very little rain has fallen so it may be some time before we find out for sure – fingers

crossed! Nevertheless, we have taken ‘the bull by the horns’ and had the foyer ceiling painted as well.

Last summer we had the kitchen refurbished so now, along with some minor electrical and fencing improvements, the hall looks pristine and ready to welcome all hirers when the pandemic is over.

For enquiries please contact the Booking Manager on 07983 228181 or pemburyvh@gmail.com.

Finally, we had planned to hold our AGM, which members of the public are invited to attend, in July. However, as time progressed it became apparent that it would not be safe to do so and the decision was taken to postpone until 4 November at 8pm. Assuming the guidelines allow it to take place, we look forward to welcoming you then.

Keep safe and well everyone!
Susan Sharp



COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

I wish I was writing to tell you all that we'd be opening again very soon but, sadly, I'm not.

Most of our regular customers are in the vulnerable age group (i.e. over 21!) and their safety has to be our top priority.



We are hoping to open again at the beginning of December so we can fatten you all up with cake, just when you don't need it, in the run up to Christmas but we will just have to play it by ear and see if we're allowed to. The volunteers are missing the coffee shop as much as I know lot of our regulars are so, when things do get back to normal (remember that?!), we'll have a real celebration!

We all hope that you are all keeping safe and well and hope to meet again sooner rather than later.

Maggie Weaver

THE PEMBURY MARTYR

For some years now I have been fascinated by the story of Margery Polley... our local martyr. Everybody in the village is familiar with the memorial horse trough on the green, but few, it seems, have any knowledge of the tragic events that are commemorated. So.... earlier this year I decided to make a film which would tell the full story.



I felt that it was important to make this production a village community project. I began by contacting Hilary Smith and she agreed to present the documentary and to write the script. I also approached Richard Snow, a well know local historian, and he too joined the production.

However, although essentially a documentary, there is a major dramatic scene covering the trial of Margery Polley. I then got in touch my friend Mandy Carr, currently the Vicar of Sevenoaks Weald, who had written the screenplays for 'The Rule Breaker,' 'Jericho Way' and 'In the Shadow of the Cross.' Mandy is a gifted writer and her agreement to join the production was warmly welcomed.

Now we needed a director and who better than Maggie Weaver. She immediately set about the casting and we were soon able to get into production. The cast and crew are all local people whose talents have proved invaluable, so it really is a community production.

The public screenings will take place later in the year, all proceeds to charity, and we look forward to seeing you all and telling the moving story of a 30-year-old Pembury widow who was burned at the stake in 1555.

David Doré

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

The Hospice has been continuing to care for people despite the challenges of COVID-19. In our initial response to the pandemic, some of our services were affected by lockdown, as were some of our Fundraising events. For example, Hospice Day Service was temporarily suspended. As lockdown eases we are pleased to be embracing recovery, restarting those services affected, and restarting our fundraising.

Generating income is an important part of our recovery. This year marks 40 years of Hospice care, and our work now must ensure that we are able to support those affected by the pandemic, and those that will need us for the next 40 years and beyond. We are reopening our shops in a phased manner, with a number of them already open again. We are also launching the Hospice Raffle and recruiting a number of apprentices.

Recruiting apprentices will help the Hospice grow and recover from the impacts of COVID-19, whilst providing real work and

learning opportunities for the local community, at a difficult time in the employment market. There will be jobs in Communications, Fundraising, Healthcare and more, coming soon.

For more information about any of the aspects in this article, please visit our website at www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk.



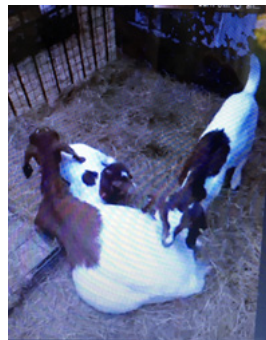
AN UNUSUAL VISITOR AT 1ST PEMBURY BROWNIES....

I recently saw a post on Facebook, which said you could invite a goat to join your Zoom meeting. Always willing to try something unusual I looked into it, and on 24 June, Elizabeth Cronkshaw joined our weekly meeting.

As we knew we had 'invited' her, we had been doing animal related activities for couple of weeks, and the Brownies knew we had a visitor coming, but not who. Their faces were wonderful when I told them the visitor was a goat, and one Brownie was definitely bouncing up and down very quickly.

Elizabeth the Goat was in her pen, with 2 kids (and a person holding the iPad I suspect!). She watched us as she munched her food, which we could hear. The camera moved around the pen and we saw the kids, while Elizabeth turned her head to keep an eye on us. After 5 minutes a

human hand waved goodbye in front of the camera and Elizabeth disappeared from sight. She hasn't disappeared from our thoughts though, and several parents have messaged to say they really enjoyed it.



So, if you fancy something different – check it out! www.cronkshawfoldfarm.co.uk/goatsonzoom

Moir
1st Pembury Brownies

SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

Pembury School couldn't run Gardening Club as we knew it through lockdown but a few bubbles of key worker children helped do different things - one bubble looked after the large bags of potatoes that we grew for a competition, and enjoyed counting them out and weighing them to see whose bag contained the most.

Another bubble of key worker children helped maintain the pond, a fair amount of pond dipping was involved. They also helped by watering the flowers and vegetables in pots.

The constant display of beautiful flowers and vegetables around the school helped the staff and children alike with their wellbeing and positive mindset.

Juliet Lewis-Williams



ALLOTMENT NEWBIES!

Growing up, my husband and I both have fond memories of our grandparents with either an allotment or garden - even growing stuff on a balcony and eating the home-grown produce that they grew.

We knew as a family that we wanted to be more self-sufficient, so we started small - with a greenhouse and raised planters at home. I found, although I couldn't keep a house plant alive, I was very green fingered and managed to grow produce! I quickly ran out of space and containers and decided it was time to expand and apply for an allotment.

I contacted the Parish Council in June to enquire about a plot on the allotment site on Woodside Road and within days I had the chance to view a vacant plot. We were delighted and accepted the plot.

I have seen many horrors online about jungles and dumping sites people are offered. Pembury allotments are nothing like that. Okay, we had to mow the grass back but nothing different to the back garden after winter!

Since getting the plot we have been lucky enough to have good weather allowing work to be done. We hired a rotavator and dug in 4 simple beds so we could at least get something in the ground. We have also been using old pallets to line the beds

and make a raised bed for extra growing space.

We have successfully managed to start growing our own food which I hope to be picking ready for Christmas dinner. We have really enjoyed the family effort in getting the ground prepared.

Everyone is friendly and full of wisdom from their years on the allotment. We hope to be enjoying our own produce for years to come. There is hard work involved but the rewards of seeing your creations grow is well worth it.

Gill Selby



FOOTBALL CLUB VACANCY

As with any successful TV Box set there comes a time when the important decisions of succession must be addressed, and that time has arisen at our Youth Football Club.

The post of Secretary is shortly to become vacant and is a great opportunity for a Pembury stalwart to join what is perhaps the largest of our village associations.

So, if you have an interest in football and a wish or even need to embark on a new and extraordinarily fun-filled and worthwhile venture then call George on 07507 793218 or email george92payfc@hotmail.co.uk

FOOTBALL NEVER SLEEPS

The last season for Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club was beset with bad weather with many matches being lost as pitches were unplayable, and then, along with the rest of the world, in March, all our hoped-for activities came to a juddering halt due to you know what.

Nonetheless if we couldn't play then we could plan. With some great encouragement from the Football Foundation, and support from the Parish Council, a comprehensive plan of pitch improvements has been created to go forward over the next five to six years.

The 'Pitch Improvement' programme will apply at both the Recreation Ground and Woodside Playing Fields and will largely be provided by Bourne Sports with work being undertaken early in the football season and, of course, when weather conditions permit.

Worthwhile improvements to the land are not achieved in one hit and one of the most encouraging aspects of the programme is the commitment of the Football Foundation to support us on an ongoing basis. Unsurprisingly there is a substantial cost in such a project. At the end of six years we anticipate just over

£50,000 will have been spent, with the Football Foundation providing two thirds of the cost and PAYFC providing the remainder, so a serious commitment from us both.

Back in 2008 Pembury Youth became the primary user of the Pavilion at Lower Green Road Recreation Ground. Funding and support from the Parish Council and the Football Foundation were instrumental in its construction and it has since become an important venue for a number of village organisations. Ongoing financial support from the Football Foundation to the club enables us to continue to provide first class facilities to all of the 250 children from 5 to 18 we enjoy as members and so enable us to be, perhaps, the largest organisation in the village in terms of regular participation.

Want to find out more about the club?

Please see our website: pemburyyouthfc.co.uk. Or come along to the Recreation Ground on a Saturday morning from September onwards to see it in action.

George Brand

GOOD SAMARITANS

Can I just say a super big thanks to these guys who took away the putrid mess dumped by a heartless, soulless fly tipper near a zebra crossing used frequently by kids and public alike. I did report this to TWBC but it would have been 2/3 days before it was removed so I cancelled my request. If anyone has any information on who might be flytipping, please contact the police. Cllr Patrick Gillan



RECIPES

ORANGE SORBET

An easy to make dessert using just three ingredients. This serves two adult portions for a dessert, or four portions for an in-between course palate cleanser. Double the quantities for four people and extend the churning time to 30 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

300ml orange juice
2 star anise
100g caster sugar.

1. Put all the ingredients into a pan and bring to boil slowly, stirring until the sugar dissolves.
2. Cool. Remove the star anise and then pour into an ice cream maker and churn for approximately 15 minutes.
3. Ready to eat immediately or can go in the freezer until required.

Note: If you do not have an ice cream maker, simply pour the cooled liquid into a freezer proof container and freeze until firm. Whisk every hour with a fork to break up the ice crystals.



Easy Fake Scones.

INGREDIENTS

400g self raising flour
175ml double cream
175ml lemonade

1. Assemble the ingredients, line a baking tray with greaseproof paper and these will take just 5 minutes to make, plus baking time.
2. Heat the oven to 220C, 200C fan.
3. Mix all ingredients together to make a dough.
4. Knead briefly then turn onto a lightly floured surface and press down to 2cm thickness.
5. Cut out rounds, place on the baking tray and bake for 12-15 minutes.
6. Allow to cool.
7. Sandwich with butter/cream/jam



GUIDING IN THE VILLAGE

(At the time of writing) Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are currently still not allowed to have indoor face-to-face meetings, but we have been given options to run outdoor meetings with restricted numbers, subject to necessary criteria being met. I think all of us in Guiding and Scouting hope that we will be able to return to a more 'normal' way of running meetings and activities soon, but for now, we are doing our best to continue to provide young people with opportunities for fun and learning. We have many parts to our programme that lend themselves to girls being able to move about in a large, open space, problem solving, creating and achieving, without putting themselves or members of the public at risk.

I have just returned from a few days bubble camping with my family at Girlguiding Blackland Farm – one of the 4 Training and Activity centres owned by Girlguiding. In the past, I have had some awesome adventures as a Guide camping there, as well as Brownie on Pack Holiday. I've also had the pleasure of taking my own Rainbows there on sleepovers – giving them their first experience, of what will hopefully become one of many residential trips within Girlguiding.

Camping there with my family in August, was so much fun, in spite of the majority of activities being closed due to restrictions as a result of Covid 19. The peace and quiet was glorious..... But so unusual for Blacklands! At this time of the year in 'LARKS' field alone, there would usually



be in the region of 50 girls plus leaders at camp. And LARKS is one of many camping sites there.

My mum and I sat and reminisced around a fire while my children toasted marshmallows. My mum started taking her Guide Unit camping at Blacklands over 40 years ago, and as one of her daughters, I was actively part of it all. The memories we recalled were many in number and different in context, but all had in common: laughter, love, friendship, adventure and a timeless quality that I've rarely matched since.

I cannot wait to be able to give our girls in Guiding more of these experiences and until we are able to take part in Unit/District/Division holidays, the phenomenal team of volunteer leaders will continue to provide their girls with as much fun as possible in these restricted times.

Amanda Baker/Toto

FIREWORKS CANCELLED

It is with huge disappointment that the decision has been taken to cancel this year's firework event due to the current uncertainties surrounding Covid-19. We hope to be back next year 'bigger and better!'



PEMBURY FOOTPATHS

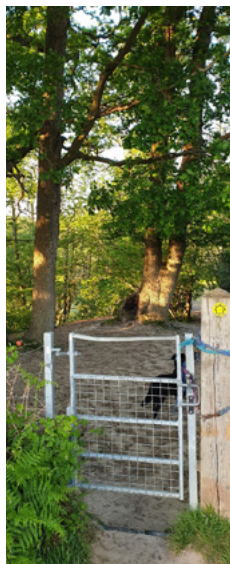
Local footpaths have never been so widely used since the Coronavirus lockdown date of 23rd March.

We have had many new faces walking and cycling through and it is great to see people enjoying the outdoors in good weather. It has been a time of worry and sad news both nationally and around the world so fresh air and space has become more vital to us all. For a few months aircraft largely disappeared from the skies and road traffic was much reduced but now it is returning to near normal. This year birdsong has never been so pronounced and you can even download an App to identify it.

Pembury as a village is very fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful countryside which is mostly in the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and Green Belt. The Parish Council and the Library have printed footpath maps available and the network can also be followed via Kent County Council on the Ordnance Survey App. Google maps do not show footpaths but can indicate your location so can be useful at times. Paths should be way marked but sometimes the signs can be missing or hidden. The History of Pembury by Mary Standen says there are 21 miles of footpaths in the parish.

To the north and east of Pembury running through to Matfield there is an extensive network of footpaths through woods, fields and orchards. There are only a few footpaths to the south but they offer some stunning views whilst to the west there are mostly woods with paths and tracks but some restrictions, especially around the Tudeley Woods RSPB reserve.

In the U.K. we are incredibly fortunate to have wider public access to the countryside than anywhere else in the world. Keeping to the published footpaths is important for safety as you are much more likely to be found in the event of an accident and staying to the footpaths helps avoid getting lost. Many paths pass through farms with livestock and crops for harvesting so it is important to shut gates and keep away from hazards such as horses, cattle, bins or bales and working machinery. Remember that farms are workplaces not public parks.



Footpaths were originally the main means for local people to get to work and to move around their locality. Horses used unpaved roads and what are now bridle paths. Conditions could be very difficult in winter; our rainfall last winter made some paths almost impassable though they quickly dried out when the rain stopped. All this makes for a varied experience for walkers through the season with changing ground conditions through different landscapes and their associated ranges of flora and fauna. Another advantage of the footpaths is they offer some great views which can only be seen by making the effort to walk them. In normal times one can incorporate a pub or café stop but this is now more limited so it may just be a drink or snack from the backpack. Hopefully, normality will soon return but in the meantime we can still continue to enjoy some of the old and newly discovered walks and also head further afield.

Finally, may I just make a request to respect the countryside. Please stay on footpaths and do not leave litter or do any damage. Leave it how you wish to find it. It needs nurturing and careful management just like us!

David Knight, Pippins Farm

DRINKING WATER IN DAYS GONE BY

We had several very long hot summers when we were kids, but I am not certain whether any of them beat this one. However, the summers seemed to be longer lasting with more settled weather.

One of the big differences was that in those days we had to walk everywhere. We had to walk to buy provisions and we certainly didn't buy water which we can now get everywhere in every shape and form of plastic bottle. The only water supply was from the cold tap at home. The only type of bottle that was available to carry drinking water in was the empty glass lemonade bottle that we always saved because we could get a penny back when we returned it to the shop. This was normally from Mr Wither's shop in Church Road.

There were, however, several sources of natural running water that we used to drink and we never had the fear of drinking anything that was polluted. One source was the ditch which used to run outside the wall by the Water Works. The ditch was always running with fresh spring water which was supplied by springs in the woodland opposite the Water Works. The ditch was in two parts and the water used to disappear into the ground which I think may have fed the stream under the reservoir. We always got down on our knees to drink out of it, but it is no longer there.

Up in the woodland and what we used to call the 'moors' going up towards Pembury Hospital there were many fresh water springs that we drank out of but the one thing we never drank from was any of the many ponds that we used to frequent.

When I think of the distances we used to walk at quite young ages, down to Capel and Tudeley we could not have done without those water supplies, but I certainly would not recommend anyone drink out of them today.

When we were out walking the other week, I noticed that many of those streams were completely dried up and as much as I dislike

plastic bottles, filling them up at home and putting them in your rucksack is an easy solution.

Whilst writing, I would just like to paint a picture for those of you who may remember, of all the shops we had in the village which have now sadly disappeared. We had two butchers' shops, two fish and chip shops, one up behind the Royal Oak, the other in Romford Road. An off licence on the corner of Romford Road, an electrical shop and General Stores in Henwood Green Road. Where the Chinese and Thai Cuisine is at the top of Canterbury Road was Harpers Grocery, another shop called Vera, a Grocers the other side of the King William, Seymour's wool and children's clothes. Next to the Chemist Shop was the Barbers Shop. On the right of the Blackhorse there was Raisewells the grocers, a paper shop/bookmakers used to be on the corner and as you come down where the Chinese takeaway is, another shop selling clothes and wool. To the left of the Black Horse was Acotts the Bakers. Hopefully this list may jog a few memories – how different life is today!

Hugh Boorman



ONLINE BRIDGE LESSONS

Frustrated and bored with Covid 19 restrictions?

Learn to play bridge or improve your game online...

We have suffered, as with everybody else, from the effects of the lockdown. However, playing bridge online has been a saviour to many of us. As bridge teachers we have had to adapt and have switched to online teaching, which has proved popular.



My colleague, Peter Edkins, and I have been involved with teaching during the last academic year. We are both accredited by the English Bridge Union (EBU) to teach their basic ACOL course. ACOL is the bridge bidding system most widely used in the UK. We got up to lesson 22 out of 30 when the lockdown started and since then we have completed these lessons online. There was an enthusiasm to continue, as something to do during lockdown and so we have covered some of the second-year course, as well as some revision of the first year's work.

We are now looking to start the first-year course again in September / October. Also, we would like to offer a 2nd year teaching course. This would be suitable for students with more experience in bridge. Students will be enrolled, with no charge to them, as student members of the EBU, which gives them access to the students' zone on the EBU website. There is lots of useful information there and advice about playing online. Although online play is the only option at present, once we are able to, you will be welcome to play at the Monday morning session of the Pembury Bridge Club. This session is for less experienced players, beginners and improvers, is very friendly and not overly competitive. It is a good learning environment. We have two experienced players who help out with bidding and play there.

At present, our online teaching occurs on Tuesdays, 2 – 4.30pm. via Zoom. However, the timing could be altered to suit the majority. Zoom is really easy to use. You just have to click on the lesson link, that we will send you by email, at the appropriate time and join in. Once we are able to meet in person, we will go back to teaching at Pembury Cricket Club. There will be a small charge per lesson to cover costs. The exact amount will be decided when we know how many student's there will be but will be in the region of £3 per lesson.

Peter Kent will be the lead for the first-year course and Peter Edkins will lead the second-year course. Anyone who is interested or would like more information, please contact us.

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PEMBURY SOCIETY

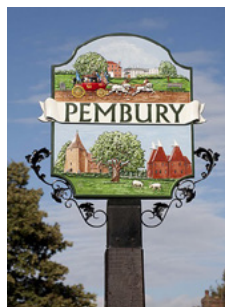
Along with a number of local events and organisations during this period of lockdown we have sadly had to cancel our usual meetings, and our next one would have been in October. We will restart our half-yearly meetings as soon as we can, hopefully next April. The Society's committee continues to follow the various planning issues that are relevant to Pembury.

Members will receive our Autumn "Pembury Matters" Newsletter in due course, but do take a look at our website, which has a lots of interesting information concerning the Local Plan www.pembury.org/society. Have a look at the Local Plan sites, and infrastructure ideas there.

In the meantime, to all members, friends and families, take care, and enjoy the benefits of more walking around the village, seeing things that have usually passed you by, and realising Pembury is such a nice village to be living in.

What do you think the "New Normal" will be as far as our community and environment is concerned, in the context of the national and international issues? We would like to hear from you if you have a challenging thought about change that you think might be coming to us – after Covid 19.

David Hanes
Chairman



MEMORIAL WALL

The idea of the Memorial Wall came, several years ago, from Sean Cawley from our local funeral directors and the Parish Council is pleased that it has been very well-received. Lots of memorial plaques have already been purchased and have been affixed to the Wall in the Burial Ground behind St. Peter's Upper Church.



At the moment, the cost of a plaque for Pembury residents is £150 and a photo plaque is £200. The fee is doubled for non-Pembury residents. The plaques are on the wall in perpetuity and you can also reserve the next brick space for future use.

If you are interested in placing a plaque here or have any questions about any other aspect at the Burial Ground, please email the Deputy Clerk: deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

The months seemed to be passing by quicker than at any other time.....

I'm very aware that this is sadly a time when a lot of people are losing their jobs or working reduced hours which has added to the stresses and strains in people's lives. Many are still working from home either through choice or it not being safe for them to return to work and I rather suspect that a lot of those are missing their work colleagues.

However, again we have good news in being able to report that the reported crime figures have taken another substantial reduction from the previous quarter of Jan, Feb and March at 96 down to 78 for the months of April, May and June.

The biggest reduction was in the 'violent crime' category which fell from 47 down to 37 and theft offences, excluding from vehicles was down from 24 to 9. Theft offences from motor vehicles fell from 4 down to 2 but theft of motor vehicles rose from 0 up to 2. However, we must not drop our guard because many towns and villages nationwide are experiencing the same downturn but sadly it is expected that these figures could soon see an upturn.

Let us all be on our guard and make sure that we are all doubly cautious to ensure it does not happen in Pembury. Please be very aware of cold callers and be very aware of dodgy phone calls. If you have faith in your neighbour, let them know if you are going to be out or away and likewise get them to let you know.

If you have or know any neighbour who is struggling to get food and provisions, do what you can to help them and make sure they are secure. We must all make sure that our community is a safe place to be and please stick to the latest rules regarding lockdown gatherings etc.

Let us do all we can to help any young person from falling foul of drug temptation etc., and do all we can to make sure we help them through this very difficult situation that we all find ourselves in.

Hopefully by the time you read this all our youngsters are safely back to school and that they get the exam results they hoped for.

Let us also remember those who have lost loved ones during this pandemic.

Hugh Boorman

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
Apr-20	13	1	0	1	1	3	3	8	30
May-20	17	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	27
Jun-20	7	2	0	1	1	5	3	2	21
Apr to Jun 2020 total	37	3	0	2	2	9	8	17	78

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst & Lamberhurst	Brenchley & Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
Apr-20	30	5	19	13	49	41
May-20	27	9	11	14	48	26
Jun-20	21	16	13	13	75	61
Apr to Jun 2020 total	78	30	43	40	172	128

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