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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Pembury Village News. I hope this finds you well, especially after the tumultuous 18 months we have been through. Last February, who would have thought that we would still be suffering under the Covid cloud the following summer? Over this time, we have all learnt new words; Zoom was just a coloured ice lolly to many until last year, now a whole new way to embarrass yourself by forgetting to turn your microphone on; we've learnt new ways of behaving with social distancing and queueing to get into supermarkets, and in Pembury we have learnt what a fabulous community spirit we have in the village. The Pembury Volunteers site, along with a whole host of behind-the-scenes helpers, have rallied together to ensure that everyone in our village was looked after with either prescription collections, lifts to appointments, or even just being a voice at the end of a phone line. The Baptist Church have continued their brilliant work ensuring that no-one goes hungry, and I thank them for what they do for the village.

Life is slowly opening up again, with the Monday morning Coffee Shop back on at the Pavilion, other Community Groups starting up again, sports are fully back up and running, the Village Hall and Pavilion are opening and taking bookings, the Parish Council will be meeting face to face again in September, churches opening for services, and our refurbished library has reopened.

By the time you read



this we will be just about to have, or just had the Picnic on the Green. We decided to move it back to September this year as we hoped we would be out of most restrictions by then, and I am very much looking forward to a fun afternoon of music and the village coming together on the Green and hope to see lots of you there! We will be holding our usual Fireworks on 5th November at the Recreation Ground, please join us to see the skies illuminated with an amazing display. Arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service and Parade are well underway. In conjunction with the three churches, we will be holding Carols around the Tree on the Green on 3 December at 6pm. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for more details.

Kind regards, Katy

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Remembrance Day Service and Parade. More details to follow.





IST PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

After 14 months of virtual Scouting it has been a joy to finally meet face-to-face at HQ again, making the most of the good(ish) weather and getting back to traditional scouting activities. All of our sections were pretty 'Zoomed out', both the young people and their leaders! Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work and motivation to get involved and stay involved throughout that difficult and extraordinary period in our lives. Whilst we sincerely hope we are through the worst of the pandemic, we now know we have a perfectly viable way of meeting online, should the need arise again.

For some of our Beavers, this has been the first term of meeting the colony in real life, rather than on screen via Zoom. Therefore, we wanted to spend our summer term settling everyone back into Beavers by playing loads of games, running campfires, toasting marshmallows and learning new songs. We also spent time chatting about things the Beavers had done towards challenge awards such as sharing pictures they'd drawn of machines they had invented.

It has been amazing to be back with the young people and I am so proud of the way they've thrown themselves into whatever we've been doing. I am delighted to report that we finished the term on a high with four of



the Beavers gaining the highest award in this youngest section of Scouting, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Congratulations to Caleb Baker-Swain, Bailey Osman, Thomas Donaghue and Tristan Durrant. An amazing feat during a pandemic! We also said goodbye to four Beavers, all of whom are going up to Cubs.We return in September, ever hopeful for more and more normality to return to our Scouting.

I am very thankful to my leadership team, who have been brilliant in all ways, especially when it came to planning the socially distanced programme that enabled us to stay Covid safe. The leadership team wishes in turn to thank the Beavers and their parents for their continued support.



Our young people (and parents!) at Sturgeon Cub Pack demonstrated their resilience again this term! We were able to enjoy (mostly) face-to-face meetings, despite the Great British weather's best efforts to thwart us! Our Cubs took part in campfire cooking and singing in the dry AND the wet, with a rendition of "Singin' in the Rain" a particular highlight! They also made bird cake and bird feeders, completed a two-part athletics badge and enjoyed some games, including good old

rounders! We also said a sad goodbye to a few older Cubs as they made their way up to Scouts, and were honoured to be able to invest a couple of new Cubs into our pack.

The Scouts finally got their chance to sit around a campfire, sing some songs and eat toasted marshmallows. Even these simplest and most essential of scouting events are still accompanied by social distancing and extreme hygiene measures, but at least they are happening. We also hiked, collected firewood for the compound, played walking football on the rec (more difficult than it sounds!) and had a go at the athletics badge. We squeezed in a Zoom nachos evening and finished up the term watching the Scouts crack golf balls around the Dino Golf complex in Tonbridge... fore! Now the new term is here, we are ready for action.





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Exhibition, Workshops and Survey

After a very successful online interactive Visioning Event in April, we are pleased to be able to hold the next steps for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Firstly, there will be a static exhibition in the Village Hall foyer. There will be information on the Neighbourhood Plan, a timeline of events and large maps of the Parish showing proposed development sites in the Local Plan, AONB, Green Belt, Limits to Built Development, Listed Buildings, Public Rights of Way, Conservation Area and key parish facilities. The exhibition will run throughout August and beginning of September.

Secondly a series of detailed surveys will be running. Each of the Working Groups will be asking a specific set of questions to gain valuable insight into what the residents of Pembury want in the future. The second main Community Survey is on the Parish Council website at https:// pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/ and via QR code below.

It shouldn't take more than 15-20 minutes and will give you the opportunity to have your say in the future of Pembury. You'll be able to give your opinion on topics such as housing needs, community facilities, local environment and green spaces and transport and infrastructure. Some Working Groups will also be conducting focused surveys door-to-door across a sample of residences and focus groups. Additionally, the Facilities, Employment and Local Economy Working Group are running an online Business Survey aimed at local Pembury-based businesses; if you own or work for a Pembury parish based business, it would be very helpful if you could also complete the survey found at: https://www. surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PemburyBusiness

Finally, we will run a series of workshops. These will be face to face (covid restrictions allowing) in the Village Hall Meeting Room facilitated by our Planning Consultants and members of the Working Groups. You'll get a full overview of the plan, brainstorm on the various topics and have the opportunity to discuss your thoughts and views with other Pembury residents. Each workshop will last approximately 90 minutes.

All are welcome but places are limited. Please book your preferred date and time at https:// pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/ or via QR code below (booking options at the end of the survey) or via email to ndp@ pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk stating your preferred date and time: Sunday 12th September at 10am, 2pm and 5pm and Monday 13th September at 1pm and 7pm.

Now is your chance to shape the future of Pembury!

Both the survey and workshops are an important stage in the development of our Plan; the research gathered from the community goes on to form our Neighbourhood Development Plan policies which, along with the Borough Council's Local Plan, will be used to determine planning applications.



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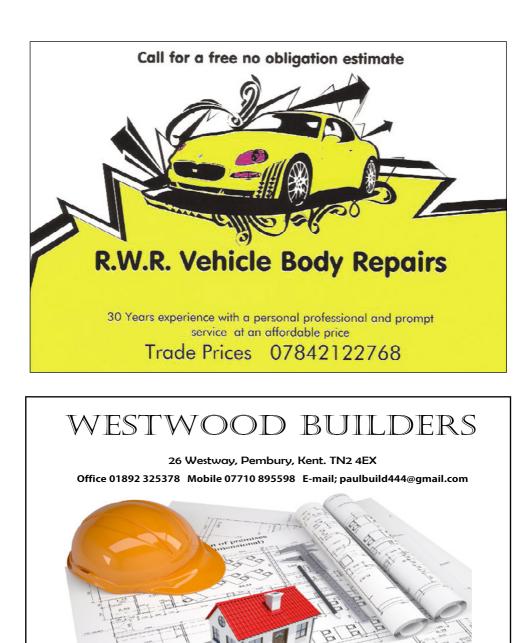
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PEMBURY PEOPLE - DAVID SELLMAN

David Sellman is a keen photographer and has a passion to capture the beauty around him. His successful career started off in a small studio in London's West End where David applied himself to study his craft and it paid off. Photography, at the time when his career started, was mostly black and white images - something the younger generation would undoubtedly balk at in today's digital age, where images are captured in the blink of an eye on our Smartphones. Not so in David's early days. Before long he was to use his skills to assist none other than the great Cecil Beaton (later Sir Cecil Beaton), photographer to the Royal family and celebrities of his day. If, like me, you are bingeing on the Netflix series The Crown, you can catch a glimpse of actor Mark Tandy playing Cecil Beaton in season 2. Working with Cecil, David found himself assisting in photographing the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, Princess Anne and newly born Prince Andrew at Buckingham Palace. This would be followed by a second invite to assist in photographing Princess Margaret's wedding to Anthony Charles Robert Armstrong-Jones who became Lord Snowdon. As colour photographs gained popularity, David moved to a firm in Edenbridge producing giant prints 100ft long for the film industry including the iconic James Bond films and Superman! Finally, David went freelance, working with clients such as the National Trust, The Tourist Board and producing up to fifteen thousand pictures used in magazines as well as calendars. Today David still enjoys taking pictures as well as gardening and walking. Thank you, David, for sharing your story!

As told to Cllr P Gillan





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MARGERY POLLEY (MARGARET MARTIN)

Margery (Margaret) had been strangely affected by her father's death. She was only nine years old at the time and he had been her comfort and joy. He developed a fever following a bitterly cold night during the lambing season. She was told that her father had gone to heaven and it would appear that she was never the same child again.

She had to grow up quite quickly - helping her mother on the farm and she was allowed a great deal more freedom to cope with her new duties. It is told that shortly after she was ten years' old, she was out in the woods on her own when she heard what she thought were dogs barking but as the sound got closer she recognised them as wolves and quickly began to retreat back to her home, having remembered the sound from the day she was sitting on the back of her father's horse.

She was close to the edge of the wood when the screaming caught up with her and, clasping onto a tree, two wolves came into sight.

She suddenly heard the sound of horse's hooves, and two riders came into view. The frightened wolves eventually retreated, howling due to the injuries they had received from the riders' whips. One of the two men jumped from his horse and came and comforted Margaret (Margery) until she stopped crying. One of the men introduced himself as Hugh Latimer and his dear friend as Nicholas Ridley. Margery told him her name and asked him if he was the Bishop to which he replied that he was.

Nicholas Ridley told Margery that he had come to Pembury to see his aunt who lived in Canterbury Manor and Margery told him that she used to go there for lessons and help with learning to read.

More next time but as yet, I have not found out where Canterbury Manor was situated. Was Canterbury Road named after it?

Hugh Boorman.



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PEMBURY TEENAGER EXHIBITS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ART

Pembury teenager, Sam Rees, was over the moon to find out that a piece of his art was selected to appear in this year's Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' online exhibition.

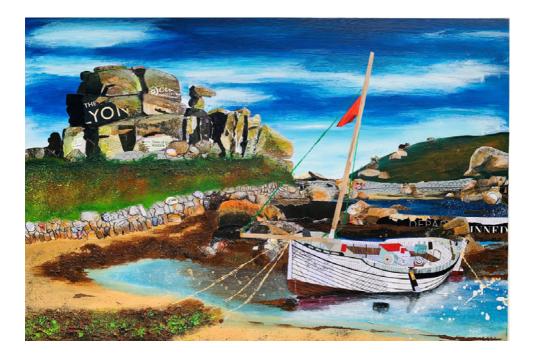
'Camel Rock', created by the home-educated 14-year-old as a 'final piece' for his GCSE art portfolio, which he completed earlier this year, was one of just 572 artworks selected from over 33,000 submissions.

Sam says: "I created this final piece at the start of this year and it was a welcome distraction from the dull winter lockdown. This artwork is a view from a beach of a rocky promontory called Camel Rock on the Isles of Scilly; a jumble of granite rocks that I enjoy climbing every time I visit the Cornish islands.

Having first visited Scilly when I was six months old, I have so many happy memories of family holidays there that have inspired me; walking around the coast path, playing on the beaches, enjoying picnics on the rocks, fishing and rock pooling, paddle boarding and kayaking on the clear, turquoise sea and taking boat trips to other islands.

I had a lot of fun creating this mixed media piece using techniques such as sgraffito, flicking, splodging and collage and I used crushed eggshell and string for texture. For impact I wanted to go big and chose to paint on a 3ft x 2ft board. The collage work uses old Scilly maps, photos we've taken on our own holidays there, old postcards, local magazines and leaflets (kindly donated by the islands' tourist offices) to make it especially Scilly-themed. I also hid photos of my family and me on our Scilly holidays in the collaged areas to make it extra personal.

I love this piece and I'm so proud that it was selected to be part of the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' summer exhibition."





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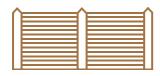
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- 2. Pour into a small saucepan and stir continuously over a low heat until it is nice and thick.
- 3. Put the Cantucci biscuits into a bag and bash with a rolling pin and add the pieces to the cream leaving a few for garnish.
- 4. This can be served in a large glass bowl but I like serving individual portions with the rest of the biscotti crumbled on top. I also put the bowls in the freezer for 10 minutes first.

If you don't like (or can't have) alcohol, replace the Vin Santo with very strong coffee, it's still delicious!

Cllr M Weaver

Halibut with Whisky and Orange

This works with tuna or swordfish too but make sure the fish is only half an inch thick.

4 halibut steaks Glug of olive oil A double whisky Juice and zest of an orange I red pepper - ground in a processor



- 1. Mix all the ingredients, apart from the fish, in a bowl. Place the fish in a baking dish and cover with the marinade, leave for half an hour or so then bake in a hot oven.
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PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL IS RUNNING A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION FOR UNDER 11s



Can you draw?

We would love to hear from you if you can! We would like you to draw a Christmassy picture - whatever Christmas means to you. The winning entry will be on the front cover of the December Pembury Village News. Entries will be judged by Cllr Patrick Gillan a renowned artist in Pembury.

> There are three categories: Pre-school; Years 1 - 2; Years 3 - 6

Please send your entries in the shape of a square to the Parish Office, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4DZ



Deadline for entries is 15 October 2021



PEMBURY IN BLOOM - 2021

Gardens were once again judged by Councillors during July for the Pembury in Bloom competition and the photos below show a selection of the best in Pembury.



PEMBURY ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB 2020-2021



At the start of last season, Pembury Youth were about to field 21 teams, with over 260 children involved, and ages running from Under 5 to Under 16, including our recently formed first Pembury Youth Girls' team in the Under 10 age group.

As with so many activities we had a brief period of play in September before all football was halted through most of the winter months until, with the benefit of our local leagues, we managed a short season from mid-April through to the end of May.

Both our Under 13's and Under 14's were successful in winning trophies in their respective leagues.

Each year we organise a football tournament, held at 'The Schools at Somerhill' in Tonbridge; this year we ran the tournament later than usual on 10^{th} and 11^{th} July.

At the tournament we entertained 40 clubs with 180 teams joining us on what proved to be another successful event with 1500 players participating in over 400 matches watched by 2500 spectators. This is just one of many similar comments –

"Thanks for such a great, well run tournament. Looking forward to next year!"

Our next season is but a few weeks away and we look to start with 24 teams, including our, now, two girls' teams and a likely total of 280 children on our books ready for another action packed and enjoyable year.....fingers crossed!

Calling all 4-year-olds: We will welcome the next group of Under 5's to training from September. All are welcome to come along and have some fun. See our website – pemburyyouthfc.co.uk for more details.





SECRETARIAL VACANCY

Succession is not just the title of a Box Set but also an inevitable need in any organisation and our Youth FC now needs to find a new secretary.

The post of secretary is a great opportunity for a Pembury stalwart who is interested in supporting the youngest but probably the largest of our village associations.

So, if you have an interest in football and a wish, or even a 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













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A BIG THANK YOU!

When I was a young gal, which was many moons ago, all children were brought up to take their litter home with them and empty their pockets into the dustbin. This is a habit that many of us have continued throughout our adulthood.

Woe betide anyone caught throwing their Spangles wrapper on the ground or the newspaper from the chippie into someone's hedge.

We had the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign which was rolled out to schools, youth clubs, scouts/ guides, Sunday school, in fact, everyone knew about it, adults were included!

Everyone was proud of our clean, litter free streets.

Sadly, times have changed and we now have one of the biggest litter problems ever. Even in our lovely village, you cannot walk more than 50m without seeing all sorts of rubbish people have lazily discarded in the street, paths, borders and hedgerows.

So, what a delight it was to accidently spot this little band of young people, suitably dressed and protected, armed with pickers, rubber gloves and bin liners picking up other people's litter.

Under the adult supervision of Anna Dixon, they were laughing and chatting while going about their business. This was no punishment duty – they had asked if they could do it!

Anna has told me that they hope to get out again soon so, if you do come across them in the village, please take the time to stop and say thank you.

Anna is seen here with Abigail, Isabelle, Samuel, Maisy and Holly.

Cllr.Annie Partridge.



FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

The exhibition of wedding photos and memorabilia in the Parish Church is planned for the Heritage Open Day weekend on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September 2021. If you have any photos of weddings at the Old Church or items relating to them that you would like included, please contact Margaret Pettitt on 01892 822905.

2ND PEMBURY RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

As you read this, the summer will be nearing its end, but as I write this..... I question whether the summer ever even began! Torrential rain, wild winds and even thunderstorms wreaked havoc on outside Rainbow and Brownie meetings as we desperately tried to continue offering activities and challenges to the girls in the enclosed woodland of Pembury Guide and Scout HQ. But our spirits weren't dampened..... much!

We welcomed new girls into both Rainbows and Brownies, as well as having to say farewell to some of those who we just could not keep in the units for any longer!

In Rainbows, we have been working on skills-builder badges and unit meeting activities to help the girls catch up on earning their theme awards. We've spent quite a bit of time looking at choices – both ours and other people's, and how these choices affect others and the environment around us. We've been 'Caring Campers' and 'Fact Finders' as well as testing our agility and minds.

In Brownies, the focus of my leaders has been to get the girls to work together in their 'Sixes', learning to listen to one another, make group decisions and work as a team. Zoom was an incredible tool but it didn't allow the girls to work in small groups, becoming more independent of their leaders and therefore missing out on such an important element that comes with being a Brownie. We've watched as they have grown and taken their next step of development in Guiding.

If your daughter would like to join any section of Girlguiding, please register her details on www.girlguiding.org.uk

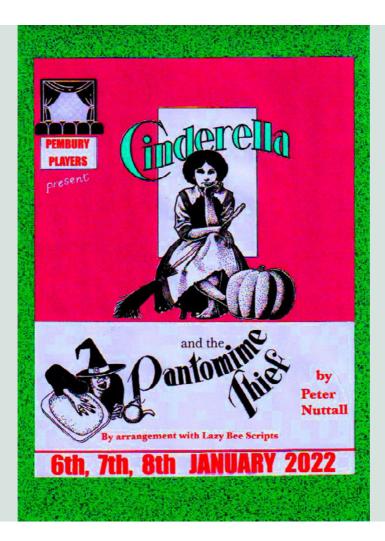
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IS IT REALLY GOING TO BE PANTO TIME? OH YES, INDEED IT IS!!

The Pembury Pantomime will be performed by your very own Pembury Players on the 6th 7th and 8th of January next year at the Village Hall. So do make a note or put the dates in your diary. Details of timings and prices will be published nearer the time. You can see from our poster the panto is called "Cinderella and the Pantomime Thief". What has been stolen? Who is the thief? Will he or she get caught?

We will cast parts for the show this month, but could also still be looking for a keyboard player with a singing duo. Apart from actors and musical performers, we will also need people to help with all the important staging jobs a show needs, like costumes, props and publicity. If you would like to be part of this Post-Covid Panto Team, performing or otherwise, please do text: – Derek on (07778) 041544, or Maggie on (07725) 009904. We will call you back!





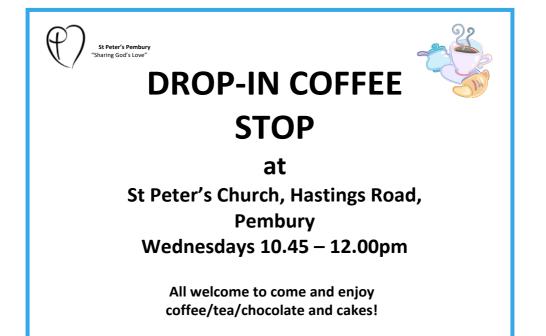


Please join us for the Pembury Community Litter Pick Saturday 2 October 2021

Meet at 12 midday on Pembury Village Green

Lunch for participants afterwards

Please bring gloves and litterpickers!



The Hospice Help Hub

As we begin to recover from the impacts of COVID, we are working to make sure that all patients and their loved ones, get the Hospice care they need. Like most people and organisations, COVID meant we had to use more technology to keep working effectively. As part of this, we have launched our new website.

The new website contains a wealth of information for patients and their loved ones in the Hospice Help Hub, making it easy to find and use.

The Help Hub is a searchable bank of information and advice on our new website. It is for anyone living with a terminal illness, or someone close to them. There is information on a wide range of topics, from symptoms and how to manage them, through to the importance of good sleep.

If you or someone you love might need Hospice care, visit our website and click on 'help hub' in the top right-hand corner.

Hospice Run is back!

The popular Hospice Run returns to Tunbridge Wells on 19 September 2021.

With 10K and 5K routes there is something for everyone – challenge yourself and sign up today! For more information, and to sign up, visit hospiceintheweald.org.uk



VILLAGE DIARY - www.pembury.org

The Pembury Events Diary is now up and running again as things return to some normality.

The Diary serves two purposes. Firstly to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid some clashes. Secondly to enable everyone to know what is happening in the Village.

Please send your event details to Richard Snow at events@pembury.org with date, times, title of

event, venue, event description, ticket prices and contact details for enquiries/tickets.

The Diary can be viewed at www.pembury.org and appears under the Village Life heading. If you are an event organiser who has previously posted some details please re-check the Diary to ensure your event details are still current.

Thank you, Richard Snow

DOORSTEP CODE

Most people who call at a vulnerable person's home will be genuine, but occasionally someone will turn up and attempt to trick their way into a person's home. They are known as "distraction burglars", whose intention it is to distract a person, get in their home and steal their valuables.

When someone you do not recognise is knocking on your door - follow the Doorstep Code:

- Don't open the door without using the Doorstep code.
- Observe first always look through a window or door viewer.
- Only open the door after connecting the chain or limiter.
- Refuse entry if you are not satisfied.
- Switch on outside lights when it's dark to see who is there.
- Think "thief" ask to see an identity card and check it closely.
- Ensure strangers are not left alone in your home.
- Protect yourself if you are worried ring the police.

This information has been sent in by Kent Police.



It's Easy to Volunteer & Help us to Make a Difference

Compaid provides support to disabled, elderly and other vulnerable people in and around Kent, ensuring they can live their lives to the full. Our Transport Service has helped those who cannot use public transport to safely get out and about during the pandemic.

We now are looking for experienced drivers to join our busy transport team, based in Paddock Wood. This is an interesting and rewarding role as you may be bringing disabled people to and from our digital skills training centre in the town, taking older people on shopping trips to Tunbridge Wells or Tonbridge, or helping run outings in the local area.

You will be driving small minibuses of up to 14 seats, or smaller wheelchair-adapted vehicles. The minimum commitment from you is one regular day a week, expecting to be on the road for around 4-6 hours during the day, with regular breaks.

"When I go home after a day driving, I know I have made the day a bit better for some people. You can't buy the warm feeling that gives you." Quote from volunteer driver.

All volunteers receive relevant training and reasonable local travel expenses.

To find out more please contact Judith Williams, H R Manager

t: 01892 834539 / e: judith.williams@compaid.org.uk / www.compaid.org.uk

Unit I Eastlands, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6BU

Registered Charity No: 1064160

TENNIS-A-THON

Back in June, JS Tennis Coaching – aka Jon Swain, along with other tennis groups, was approached by Dementia UK with a fund-raising concept to play tennis for as long as possible over a 12-hour period and raise lots of money for the charity.

Who would have guessed that the proposed weekend would be one of the hottest weekends of the year? But let's not complain because at least it wasn't raining....!

Pembury Parish Council gave him sole use of one of the courts for the day, which started at 9.30am on Saturday 17^{th} July.

The 1st session of the day was Saturday's Cardio Tennis group and lasted an hour. From that point on, people played Jon for 20-minute slots, starting with a short warm-up and then followed by games. 21 members of the Village supported Jon's epic achievement by donating money to play against him, many more just donated to support this great charity and Jon's efforts. A massive \pm 590.00 was raised by the people of Pembury, which has been added to the other fund-raising amounts gained by other tennis groups – over \pm 40,000.00 has been raised in total for Dementia UK.

I watched friends and families both play and support each other over the course of the day.

I saw children of players pick up rackets and use the other court while their parents were with Jon. Even during his short 20-minute break, Jon still coached some of the children who were watching. What I witnessed truly was a strong tennis community that has grown over the last few months, talking and laughing with one another, arranging to play matches together, and supporting their coach.

We are so proud of what Jon achieved that day and continues to achieve by creating enthusiasm and joy in the people of Pembury who play alongside him.

Amanda, Mathilda and Caleb (Jon's family).



AREYOU A POET?

Do we have any budding poets in Pembury? If so, we'd love to share your efforts. It doesn't matter if you're Wordsworth or Pam Ayers just as long as it's your own work. Here's a humble offering from me:

SLEEP And so to bed, a word with God and, gently, soon the land of Nod Where sometimes we swim, my Dad and I round a railway bridge with coloured lights Or I soar and I swoop like the happiest swift, Drip. Drip. Drip. Drip. Drip. That bloody tile, each time it rains It drip drip drips on the window pane And the flipping dripping steals the quiet My brain snaps on, my thoughts run riot With poems and pantos and shopping lists And Just suppose and God what ifs? It's four o clock, I know sleep's gone I think I'll put the kettle on.

Cllr Maggie Weaver

SEASON 2020/21 A TURBULENT SEASON WITH A HAPPY ENDING

2020/2021 will go down in the records as one of the strangest seasons Pembury football has faced. We had previously seen the 2019/20 season curtailed and voided under FA guidance in March 2020, so when we were given the green light in the summer to begin training and the new season started on time in September there was hope that our sporting lives could be back to some form of normality. That said even then there were concerns as to access and the use of changing facilities and so we changed alongside the pitch under the social distancing guidelines that were in place at the time - fortunately the late summer / early autumn period was dry and so this was not too much of an issue. Perhaps more difficult to accept was the fact that we couldn't socialise properly in The Black Horse afterwards as is the norm!

Despite the difficulties all three of our sides started the season well with the Saturday first team and the Sunday side handily placed to push for honours as the season progressed and our Saturday reserve team comfortably placed in their division. Then in November came the second national lockdown and football was once again suspended. When restrictions started to be lifted in April 2021 our leagues were then faced with the dilemma of continuing with their seasons, voiding them or restarting them in a different format.

The Sevenoaks League, in which both our Saturday sides participate, made the ambitious decision to continue with and complete their season. As there were insufficient weeks to match the number of games to be played an extension to the season was put in place with evening games and double headers enforced where necessary. For us in running two sides this was a burden, particularly with cricket on the horizon for many of our squad within that period too, and so we were given dispensation to disband our reserve team obligations for the season and run with just the one side. Player availability made things difficult and our post resumption results did not match the early season promise. The league was though extremely tight and right until the end the promotion and relegation fights were covered by almost all the teams in the division, us included, with few points between them. Going in to our final game a win would have seen us finish near the top but a defeat could signal relegation. Unfortunately, the latter materialised and at the time of writing we await the decision as to whether our division two status has been retained or whether we need to fight for promotion from division three next season.

The West Kent Sunday League took the alternative decision to void our season and so our natural promotion push was curtailed. They did though take advantage of setting up an alternative competition, The Spring Cup, for the final two months of the season and we accordingly took our place in that.



PEMBURY ADULT FOOTBALL continued

The format was for three groups of six teams to play each other once with the best eight sides from the entire group phase progressing through to the quarter finals. Those winners naturally progressing through to the semi finals and then final. We started our group games inauspiciously with a draw and a defeat which meant that every game thereafter effectively became a must win. To our credit we rose to the challenge and in doing so won all our remaining games and reached the final against AFC Valour from East Peckham, who up until then were unbeaten, with the match to be played at Rusthall's Jockey Farm Stadium. Fortunately, we saved our best performance of the season for that game and won most impressively 4-0, with two goals from Matt Rice-Tucker and one each for Ryan Waterman and Steve Harper, in front of a crowd of between one and two hundred. So for us, in the end, despite all the frustrations and difficulties, a rewarding season and yes we celebrated well at the pub that night!! The attached picture is of the successful squad with the trophy.

Andrew Rice-Tucker

PEMBURY FLORAL ART GROUP

Are you or anyone you know interested in learning about flower arranging? What better place to learn than with the Pembury Floral Art Group. It is a friendly group, for both beginners and experienced members.

Although due to restrictions, meetings are not currently taking place, they are normally held on the second Monday of each month from March to December. If you decide that you would like to exhibit your flower arrangements, then a good place to do this is at Pembury Gardeners Society's Shows.

Why not give Ann Purton a call on 01892 824223 to find out more details about the Group in order that you will have all information available for when the meetings start up again?

PEMBURY GARDENERS SOCIETY

Update on Autumn Show 2021 and notice of Shows for 2022

The Committee of Pembury Gardeners Society, following much thought and discussion have made the decision not to hold the Autumn Show this year. This decision is made for the safety of all – members and visitors. We are also aware that many may still be concerned about mixing in an indoor environment

Be assured however, that Pembury Gardeners Society is still operating and is already arranging dates for our Plant Sale and Shows in 2022, the dates of which are:

Spring Show Saturday 26th March 2022

Summer Show Saturday 18th June 2022

Autumn Show Saturday 10th September 2022

Plant Sale Saturday 21st May 2022

New members are always welcome; our membership fee is only $\pounds 2$ per person and $\pounds 4$ per household per year (January to December). However, you do not have to be a member to exhibit at our shows! So why not come along first and see if you like us?

If you would like further information regarding the Society, would be interested in joining us or receiving a schedule – please contact Derek Parks on 01892 822804

We are looking forward to 2022 and seeing everyone again.

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

How we spent the grant...by Geoff Wickenden, Treasurer

A HUGE thank you to Pembury Parish Council for their very kind grant of £500 towards our 'ditch project'. In total we have spent in excess of £3,500 on bringing the ditches 'back up to scratch'. The grant 'kick started' the project off which was just the ticket to get us going.

As a new bowler myself, I have seen the ditches at close quarters (on several occasions(!)) and can confirm they look great. I'm also getting to grips with all the various markings around the ditches (this is where the grant was spent) and very clear they are too.





MY ALLOTMENT PLOT BY CAROLINE MAZZEY

It's been, as absolutely everyone knows, a weird year for growing plants so far. However, despite possibly losing my tomatoes to blight even before we've had the first fruit, some things have done well – potatoes and beans being two. However, at the beginning of August I had yet to harvest a courgette!

One surprising success though, was my attempt to be clever with my onions and parsnips.

I always let some parsnips self-seed as I find this so easy and successful (and pretty). The huge numbers of seeds which germinate are easily got rid of in places they're not wanted.

So, when I planted my onions many months ago, the parsnips hadn't come up. Back in March I hoed off the seedlings into rows down the middle between the onions and then thinned them into a half-sensible spacing. This went rather wrong when I couldn't then keep the onions weed-free plus, whenever the sun came out, I couldn't do anything because the parsnips give me such bad skin burns which take so long to heal. Consequently, it all got a bit out of hand!

This photo was taken on August 1st - the day I harvested the onions when it was dull and I thought I was safe (I wasn't btw, I still got blistered). It shows the utter mess before where it's hard to tell if there's anything worthwhile; and after when the weeds and onions have gone leaving the parsnips growing on for next winter. And the onions were huge!

I have to say that I'm pleased \bigcirc



PEMBURY BRIDGE CLUB SESSIONS AND TEACHING.

Why not play bridge this winter? If you are new to the game, we have a suitable learning environment and can offer lessons.

Monday session: Pembury Village Hall. 10:00 – 12:30

A social and friendly session. We have two experienced bridge players who help with bidding and card play. It is a friendly and forgiving group, a safe learning environment and caters for widespread skill levels. Beginners especially welcome. Not a duplicate session. No partner required.

Thursday session: Pembury Cricket Club. 13:30 – 16:30

A gentle duplicate session. Players are of mixed skill levels. A friendly group playing duplicate bridge. New players are welcome. No partner required as there is a hosting system.

Tuesday session: Pembury Village Hall. 19:30 – 22:30

A conventional duplicate session. Players are of mixed skill levels. A friendly group playing duplicate bridge. New players are welcome. Partner required (help can be provided).

BRIDGE LESSONS: Pembury Cricket Club.

Day and times to be decided.

Run by two experienced bridge players (Peter Edkins and Peter Kent) from the Pembury Bridge Club who are accredited to use the Bridge for All teaching material, produced by the English Bridge Union. This aims to prepare learners to play gentle duplicate. Ist year lessons are due to restart in September / October and will run for 30 weeks. Peter Kent takes the 1st year course and Peter Edkins runs a second-year course. The 2nd year course is running at present. Please contact Peter Edkins for further details. Since Covid began we have been running lessons online via Zoom. Club duplicate sessions have been run using Bridge Base Online. Hopefully, we will able to go back to face-to-face bridge before long. If there are further lockdowns we can revert to playing and teaching online. Online learners could be accommodated in our teaching sessions by using Zoom for those that are unable to get to the cricket club.

Peter Kent: peterkent1949@gmail.com 01892 231896. Ist year course.

Peter Edkins peter.rose.edkins@gmail.com 07454929669. 2nd year course.

Expression of Interest in 1st year Bridge Lessons.

Please indicate your availability for attending (please check ALL that you could be available for).

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Name:
	9:00-11:30	14:00-17:30	Email address:
Mon	N/A		······
Tue			'Phone number:
Wed			Complete beginner
Thu		N/A	Some knowledge of cards
Fri			Played before

Once we have evaluated the above, we will be in touch with you re further details.

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

We look forward to our next scheduled meeting which will be on 3rd November at St. Peter's Upper Church at 7.45pm when the subject matter will be the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and Pembury Parish Councillor Nigel Stratton will be introducing this to us and sharing implications of this in relation to the Draft Local Plan in all its detail.As I write, the Neighbourhood Development Plan is being developed by the Parish Council with professional help and support from residents in Pembury.

The Society Committee are seeking to constructively engage with the process – how Pembury could look in 2036 – 15 years from now – which should be of concern to all residents. We probably all have at least one issue on our minds that simply does not go away, but what sort of "look" would we like to see in our village 15, 20 and more years away, what facilities would we like to see, and what are the priorities that we feel we should seek to bring to the table? The evening should give an opportunity to hear and to share views, and it would be a good



opportunity for members to contribute to this review. There is also a public presentation being planned by the Parish Council ahead of this.

The evening will also include our Annual General meeting and election of officers.

Our website also has lots of information concerning the village, with links to many interesting places and topics. Buildings, historic maps, details of each locality of the village showing where shops and businesses were and the people that once owned them. Then go to the pictures of the past, people and places, where there are videos to be watched. A section of articles and reference material covers many topics of interest, particularly helpful for those researching back into time.

David Hanes, Chairman

DAVID EDWARD BECKETT OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of David Edward Beckett (1936 – 2021). Dave lived close to his family and grandchildren in Chipping Norton for his last 14 years, but grew up and lived in Pembury from 1938 to the 1960s in Romford Road, and from 1991 -2006, when he lived with and looked after his mother Jessie at 45, High Street (until her death in 2003).

Dave grew up in Pembury through the Second World War and had a very happy childhood there (despite the occasional wartime bomb and doodlebug excitement!), with his little sister Phyllis and with Evelyn and Derek (his father Jim's children from his first marriage).

Their house backed onto fields and woodlands and he talked about it with great affection: the people he knew, friends and neighbours. As a boy, he spent many happy hours wandering through the woods, usually with the family dog Bunny in tow, and much to his delight, got to repeat this with his dog Shelley after his retirement and move back to Pembury in 1991.



Dave was an Engineer and eventually worked for the MoD at the various Royal Ordnance Factories, in Sevenoaks, Woolwich and lastly in Chorley, Lancashire, where he made his home with his family through the 1970s and 80s. He worked on the design of explosives, propellants and munitions which was quite an odd occupation for such a gentle and left-leaning fellow; however, he simply enjoyed the

DAVID EDWARD BECKETT OBITUARY continued

environment he found himself in, retaining a lifelong love of engineering projects of all sorts, from epic bridge structures to model steam engines, as well as the loud bangs and explosions he got to work on at the MoD. He loved the scale of these projects and the intricate detail and precision required to carry them out.

Dave was a devoted father to Liz and grandfather to Eric and Anna, and in 2007 moved for the final time to Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire to be close to them and to be a fully involved and loving grandfather, doing the school run most days and providing Grandad's taxi service. He died suddenly and without warning on the 17^{th} July, in the midst of his busy life and projects, and whilst we will miss him hugely, we're thankful to have had so many happy times together to remember a lovely, kind and caring father and grandfather.

David Edward Beckett – died at his home in Chipping Norton, 17th July, 2021

COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP RE-OPENING

Who would have thought that when we closed the Coffee Shop in March 2020 it would be 16 long months before we could re-open? Certainly not us volunteers! After much head-scratching and trying to interpret the ever-changing government guidelines, we decided to re-open on 5th July 2021.

9am on that Monday saw a few of us at the Pavilion trying to remember how to set everything up and also, of course, to make sure we adhered to restrictions. We agreed that it would probably be a fairly quiet morning as people were still unsure about venturing out and meeting in groups. Well, how wrong we were! Right from our opening time of 9.30am, our loyal customers walked through the door and it was wonderful to greet old friends after so long! Some new faces also joined us having heard about the Coffee Shop on the village grapevine. One lady was new to the village and was immediately introduced to a group of regular customers and was still talking to them an hour and a half later! And that's what the Coffee Shop is all about, new friendships started, old friendships rekindled whilst at the same time raising money for local charities. Thank you for all your support, we couldn't do it without you!

Just to mention a couple of things. Firstly, we can only take cash at the moment as we don't have a facility for contactless payment and we're always grateful for change! Secondly, as you know we do offer takeaways (it's always nice to have a slice of cake with an afternoon cuppa!) but our supply of plastic containers has dwindled so we would appreciate donations of any you can spare.

Lastly, our team of volunteers has shrunk lately so we would be grateful to hear from anyone who would like to join us. If you enjoy baking and could spare one or two Monday mornings a month, we'd be delighted if you would consider joining us. Drop in and have a chat – the kettle is always on!

Susan Sharp, Volunteer









Are you at risk of Type 2 Diabetes?

If you are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme will help you take control of your health, supporting you to make changes to your diet, weight and the amount of physical activity you do.

Taking action now is very important as it can stop you developing Type 2 diabetes.

What are the stages of the Healthier You: NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme?



Initial assessment:

- Programme overview, including understanding individual needs and motivations
- Assess lifestyle scores
- Signposting onto other services

Remote sessions:



Fortnightly sessions:

- 1 Understanding diabetes
- 2 What is a balanced lifestyle?
- **3** Thinking about getting active?
- 4 What is a healthy diet?
- 5 Practical solutions for a healthier you
- 6 Enjoying my physical activity

Monthly sessions:

- 7 Know your health8 Values and obstacles
- 9 Stress, mindfulness and mindful eating
- **10** Physical activity within my community
- 11 Habits, self-compassion and visualisation
- 12 Sleep and creating your health blue print
- 13 Designing my physical activity plan

End of programme

one-to-one review:

- Reassess lifestyle scores
- Evaluation of progress
- Evaluation of service
- Signposting onto other services
- Goal setting and review

Due to COVID-19, all our sessions are now being held remotely. These sessions still allow for any questions for the coach, and interaction with other users on the programme. You can also download our app, once you have started the programme, to keep track of your health and goals and to support you throughout.

How to join

If you have been told you are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and haven't already been referred to our service: Ask your GP, nurse or NHS Health Check professional to refer you to your local Healthier You programme. Visit us at **www.preventing-diabetes.co.uk**

Check your risk by completing the online Know Your Risk Tool. www.preventing-diabetes.co.uk/know-your-risk



Service provided by

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS:

- Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
- Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
- Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
- Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

Action Fraud

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at Action Fraud. Call us on 101 if you know the suspect or they're still in the area.

Dog Thefts - what to look out for:

Engravings/Markings – Markings have been seen engraved on brickwork, fencing and driveways as an indicator that a premise has dogs. (D1 – meaning Dog 1).

Cable ties – Have been seen attached around lamp posts and other road signage. They are used to point in the direction of households which have dogs. (Example: 2 Cable ties facing in the direction of a house means 2 dogs).

Help keep your dog safe:

- Make sure that your dog's details are up to date and they are microchipped.
- Avoid leaving your dog alone in the garden or in an unsecure area where it can escape or be easily taken.
- See how you can improve the security in your garden. Install motion sensor CCTV which connects to your device, outdoor lighting and gate alarms.
- Change your dog walking routines. Make sure to change the time you take your dog for a walk. It is best not to get into a habit.
- If you suspect your dog has been taken, report it to Kent Police immediately using 101 or the Kent Police website clicking on the live chat icon. Notify your vet, local dog warden and microchip provider.

This information has come from Kent Police

CRIME REPORT

Well, where did it all go? I just wish that I had some good news for you but unfortunately that is not the case. The recorded crime figures have increased at an alarming rate, I26 compared to 75 for the previous quarter - the largest increase being that of violent crime, up from 45 to 63. I do not know whether this is due to an increase in street violence or domestic violence but I will try and obtain this information from the police.

There was also another large increase in theft offences, excluding those from motor vehicles, up from 7 to 19 which is totally unexpected. Theft from residential premises has risen from 1 to 5 and somehow, we have to work together with our neighbours to prevent these lowlife entering our homes and also we must report any suspicious vehicles or persons loitering around to the police.

The police are also repeating the warnings of the continuous threat of scams, especially to the lonely, elderly or those, and I mean this respectfully, who might be open to what appears to be a bargain. Please seek the advice of a family member or friend if you are unsure.

Unfortunately, the yob element is still inflicting their damage, up from 12 to 14 and I would like nothing better than to see them caught red-handed.

Let us do all we can to keep the children at school after the holidays and do all that we can to drive this virus away from our families and communities and return to normal life, with no more isolation, cancelling of weddings and allow everyone to return to their usual means of worship.

On another note, if any of you are out walking, why not take some secateurs with you and help keep the brambles away from the footpath!

Please be careful out there. Hugh Boorman

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crime	Burglary-Business and Community	Burglary Residential	Theft from a motor vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage	Other Offences	Total
Apr-21	14	1	3	3	8	6	2	37
May-21	28	0	1	1	5	4	6	45
Jun-21	21	0	1	1	6	4	11	44
Apr to Jun 2021 total	63	1	5	5	19	14	19	126

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	Brenchley and Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
Apr-21	37	3	23	15	64	61
May-21	45	12	24	22	78	58
Jun-21	44	11	14	18	67	80
Apr to Jun 2021 total	126	26	61	55	209	199

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

AGE CONCERN	Mrs Sandra Springett. Tel: 522591
AMBERSIDE DANCE STUDIO	Principal: Sadie Van Der Spuy. Tel: 07734 053509. www.360dance.co.uk
ASPENS (FORMERLY PEPENBURY)	CEO – Robert Shanahan. Tel: 01892 822168
CATHOLIC CHURCH	Fr. Ed Tomlinson, Tel: 825009
CONSERVATIVE PARTY	Sue Nuttall.Tel: 01892 822776. Email: sue_nuttall@tiscali.co.uk
FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH	Chairman: Mrs S. Clarke, Little Stanton, Romford Road. Tel: 823932
GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS	pemburybrownies@hotmail.co.uk
HOSPICE IN THE WEALD	
KENT COLLEGE	Maidstone Road. Tel: 820500 Headmistress: Ms J. Lodrick. Tel: 822006
KENT COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL &	Headmistress: Fis J. Lourick. Iel: 622006
NURSERY	Headteacher: Mr N Pears. Tel: 820204
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY	David Mills. Tel: 825577
LITTLE RASCALS	c/o PBC Office. Tel: 825590
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY	TW District. Tel: 0845 6037882
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND, UK	Michael Coggles. Tel: 822705
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	Janet Ditchett.Tel: 822586
OUT AND ABOUT CLUB	Sue Giles. Tel: 823318
PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL CLUB	Alban Poulsom.Tel: 822919 / 07748680071 www.pemburyyouthfc.co.uk
PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH	Church Office. Tel: 825590
PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB	Phil Griffin Tel: 823129
PEMBURY BRIDGE CLUB	Geoff Plummer. Tel: 824652
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PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB	Saturday Secretary: Michael Brown 327480 Sunday Secretary: Phil Craxton 823928 Chairman: Andrew Rice-Tucker 823195
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