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NEWS – WHAT OUR SURVEY SAID . . .

A TOTAL OF 145 of you replied – thank you! This represents nearly 6% of Pembury households.

The survey was completely anonymous, but the figures show which parishioners replied by gender (58% respondents were female, 42% male) and age (1% each 5-15 and 16-25 years old, 6% 26-35, 9% 36-35, 14% 46-55, 26% 56-65, 13% 66-75 and 30% over 70).

Of those who read the News, 99% of you read every issue; 59% found the content very interesting, 36% mostly interesting with 5% partly interesting. The appearance was also given a thumbs up with 64% finding it very good, 33% good and 3% acceptable.

A whopping 78% of you were aware of the Pembury Village News web site and 14% had actually visited it.

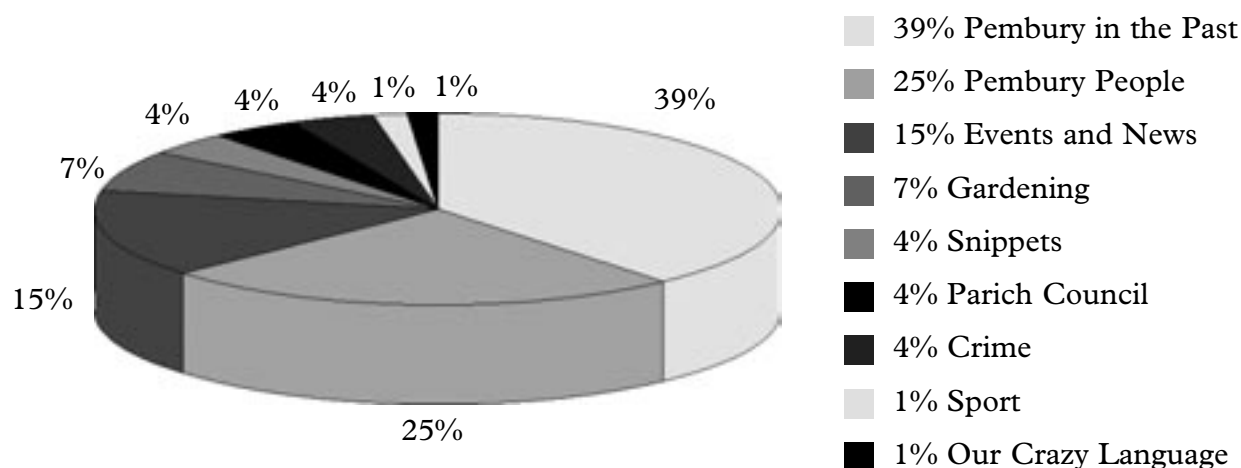
‘Pembury in the Past’ was the favourite article of 39% of readers, with ‘Pembury People’ second at 25%, events and news coming in at 15%. Gardening was the preferred choice of 7% of readers with ‘Snippets’, Parish Council & Councillors and ‘Crime’ each at 4%. Sport and ‘Our Crazy Language’ both scored 1%.

Which articles should be dropped?

Although 6% of readers did not like gardening, 4% wanted less sport and 2% each wanted less crime and religious information, an overwhelming 86% wanted no change!

What you would like included . . .

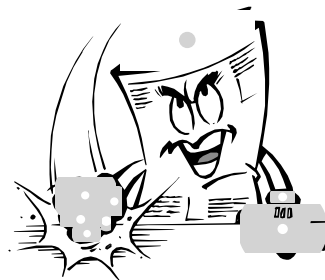
This varied immensely! Favourites included more articles about youth and children’s activities and achievement (8%), more local information (7%), (e.g. about buses, footpaths, places to visit, etc), closely followed by calls for guest contributors (5%), more reports/information from village clubs and societies (5%), local community projects (4%), flora and fauna (4%),



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*Any news items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Editor before
1st August 2001.*

If you use a computer to type your article, it would be extremely helpful if you could send it in on disk or by e-mail. If you do not have a disk, we can supply you with one.



SURVEY *continued*

Question & Answer page (4%) and women's page (4%). More on local arts and crafts, a business listing, church activities, crossword, DIY tips, a letters page, more information from the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, old buildings, pet care, recipes, items relevant to couples and those with young families and a writing competition completed the very wide range of suggestions.

We have covered some of these items the past and do include some of them from time to time, but you can be sure that we will consider all the suggestions seriously at our next Editorial meeting. The most impressive thing is the variety of suggestions – thank you for them all!

A full report of the survey findings will be presented at the Parish Council Meeting on 18 June. A copy will be available for view at Pembury Library and also on the Pembury Village News Website.

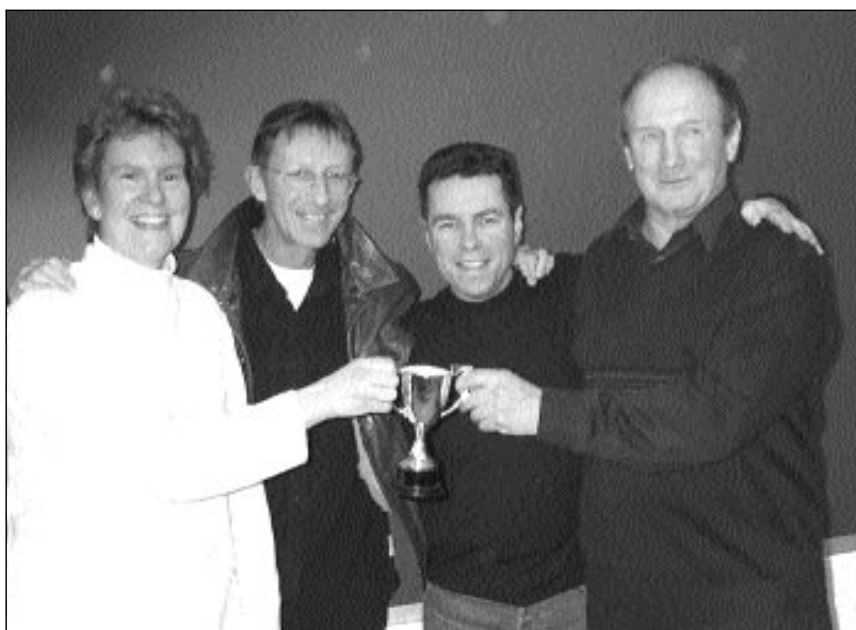
An invitation

If you organise a club, group or society, please write us an article about your activities. If you as an individual have a story, reminiscence, poem, recipe, etc. please send it in (details on inside front cover of News).

PEMBURY PARISH QUIZ

THE SCOUTS and Guides excellent Quiz Night took place on 23 February at the Village Hall. As last year, it was well-organised, entertaining and, above all, great fun. Over 35 teams from many different village groups and organisations took part and the rivalry was strong, but very friendly. Chris Woodward was again the question master, maintaining order in a friendly but firm manner. There were individual rounds plus a 'What Dog' photo sheet. In between the rounds, Chris ran quick fire elimination mini-competitions for small cash prizes.

After paying expenses, hall hire and a donation to the Village Hall fund, the remainder of the evening's proceeds went to the Guides and Scouts funds. To their complete surprise and by a very



Left to right: Cllr. Alison Morton, Les Roberts, Cllr. Paul Barrington-King, Cllr. Hugh Boorman

small margin, the winners' cup went for the second year to the team representing Pembury Parish Council. They received a cash prize of £200.00 to donate to a charity of their choice. They made the formal decision in consultation with their Parish Council colleagues and decided to put the prize money towards a new seat to go outside the Village Hall.

Once again, the Scouts & Guides organisations excelled themselves, not only in planning the event but also keeping the whole evening going smoothly, running the raffle and, most importantly, the bar.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for Pembury was held in the Village Hall, Pembury on 19 March 2001. County and Borough Councillor Terry Cload and Borough Councillors Bruce Ballantine and David Mills along with Parish Councillors and parishioners were welcomed by Cllr Mrs Sarah Clarke, Chairman of the Parish Council.

Last year's minutes were read and the Financial Report (circulated in the Spring 2001 Pembury Village News was also available at the meeting) was approved. Councillor Clarke gave a review of events in Pembury over the past year. She expressed disappointment that the meeting was not very well-attended as it was a forum open to everybody in Pembury and their chance to discuss with Parish, Borough and County Councillors issues affecting their lives in Pembury.

The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors for their efforts and commented that it was a good functional Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Morton for the work done on editing the Village News and Mr Morton for running the Pembury website which is proving a very good method of communication.

The Chairman referred to the current outbreak of foot and mouth disease and the apparent confusion some people had with restrictions. Pembury did have significant livestock and it was therefore correct to fully support the restrictions placed by KCC relating to footpaths on agricultural land and woodland.

County & Borough Cllr Terry Cload reported on Kent's performance, its Public Service Agreement with the Government, education, house building, waste disposal, highways matters including the A264, A21 and A228, asylum seeker costs, mobile 'phone masts, cabling, bus services, libraries, Foot & Mouth Disease and tourism. Borough Cllr Bruce Ballantine reported there had not been much activity within the Borough Council which affected Pembury. However, the draft revision to the Local Plan was expected within the next 12 months and the draft Transport Strategy by the end of the year. Dualling of the A21 and the location of the new hospital were both important issues. On planning, he considered that the Borough and Pembury had worked reasonably well together.

Borough Councillor Mills advised that no progress had been made in respect of the Camden car park and that a new structure for the Borough Council was out for consultation. The Boundary Commissioners were reconsidering the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in Pembury.

Among the issues raised by members of the public at the meeting were discarded packaging from customers of local take-aways, traffic speeding through the village, rubbish blocking drains and consequent damage to pavements and verges. Kent High Weald Project had brought along an excellent exhibition of their work and their representative, Kenneth Greenway, emphasised the project's aim of giving support – advice and grants – to local rural communities.

The formal meeting was followed by an inspiring talk by Mrs Pat Cookson on sustainability in Kent. Basically, the present must not be allowed to compromise the future. The emphasis was now more on protecting and improving the environment as well economic security and quality of social life. Local government produced the community strategies and local communities delivered 'at the coal face'. On this practical level, Mrs Cookson looked at what every single person in a community could do to make the whole community better.

- Harnessing what people do already – such as the 'Just Bin It' campaign (*Thank you, WI!*)
- Galvanising people and existing village organisations to have a 'village project' e.g. adopting a pathway, or a village area, keeping it clear, perhaps planting it up, etc.
- Forming action groups for specific projects e.g. re-planting hedgerows in lanes around the parish
- Getting individuals to care about and improve their own little 'patch', e.g. clearing leaves, litter or blockages just outside their house or on the pavement near them.

There is a saying: 'The devil is in the detail'. If we get the detail right, the whole will be so much better.

Editor



Do visit the public exhibition in Pembury Village Hall on Monday 16 July 8am to 8pm to see how the local plan affects you.

HOW DO YOU THINK PEMBURY SHOULD DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

MOST OF US live in Pembury because we value the quality of life provided in a village set in beautiful countryside, close to good road and rail links and within easy reach of both London and the coast. This has only been achieved because the Parish Council battled continuously against major developments and prevented Pembury from being merged into urban Tunbridge Wells. It was also only a sustained campaign by the Parish that produced the tight Green Belt line around Pembury. This has preserved the rural aspect of the village and prevented uncontrolled housing sprawl while still facilitating local community benefits such as the Tesco store.

However, our quality of life and village community depend upon the planning 'rules' set out in the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan. As the Borough Council is now embarking on a major review of this important plan it is vital that all Pembury residents and organisations make their views known.

The first draft of the revised plan will be available in early July. A public exhibition will be held in the village hall on **16th July (8am to 8pm)** to explain the elements relating to Pembury. In Pembury we will want to see if the proposed revisions increase housing growth; change Green Belt lines; preserve or build on our countryside; deal with the Pembury Hospital site; address the problem of 'infill' (new houses built in existing gardens); change the size of the Tesco store; deal with local education and transport services; and a myriad of other local issues.

Consultation on the first draft will last until the end of September. The Borough Council will then consider the representations made and produce a second draft on which we will also be consulted. Following this, a final 'deposit' version will be the subject of an Examination in Public (a sort of local public inquiry).

Making sure you contribute your views is important. Please go to the exhibition and let the Borough planners and the Parish Council know your views. The Parish Council will be strongly representing residents' views to the Borough throughout the consultation and inquiry processes. The public can influence decisions – remember it was the constant battle by the local community that resulted in the two major by-passes which liberated Pembury from the old traffic nightmares and produced the (relatively) peaceful and unified village of today.

David Coleman

David is Vice-Chairman of Pembury Parish Council and Chair of the Planning Working Group

SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

ONCE AGAIN Pembury is taking part in this competition that aims to promote people's home towns and villages as pleasant places for everybody to live in. Two judges from Brighton will visit Pembury in July/August and marks are awarded for floral and visual impact, tidy front gardens and streets free of litter and graffiti. In total, 1 1/2 hours are allowed for the tour of the village.

As the local authority, the Parish Council maintains the War Memorial, Village Green, recreation grounds as well as the cemeteries. Apart from the usual floral displays, hanging baskets are to be placed again along the High Street and the green. The competition includes all sectors in the community and it is hoped that many volunteers from schools, clubs, shops, offices and pubs will take part.

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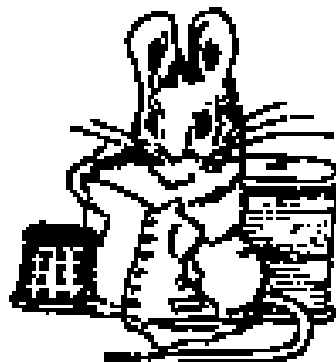
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JUST BIN IT!

THIS WAS THE slogan for this year's national annual litter picking month held in April. As one of the organisations approached to help with this very worthwhile task, six ladies from the Pembury Evening WI gathered litter from the entire length of Lower Green Road and accumulated six full bags of rubbish.

We found that the majority of litter that was discarded included cigarette boxes, crisp packets, sweet wrappers, cans, plastic bottles and the list goes on. I am sure that if more litter was taken home or disposed of sensibly in bins, then Pembury would be a cleaner and pleasant village to live in.

Rosie Latter

(Vice President, Pembury Evening WI)



Left to right – Pat Cookson, Barbara Ballantine, Rita Young, Rita Smith, Jane Jones

STAN MOXON 1930-2001

ONE OF PEMBURY'S best known characters and a founder of the Black Horse Football Club died age 70 on 13 April. Stan was the youngest of eight brothers and sisters and had been born a few miles away in East Peckham. After working on local farms, he moved to Pembury in 1961 with his wife Joan, whom he had married in 1951, and two children Alan and Eileen.

In 1970 he and a few friends started up a local soccer club, caring for the pitch, raising funds and promoting the club which was to become the strong force in the village that it is today. He later became club life president. He also played cricket for Capel, East Peckham and, of course, Pembury.

However, Stan may be best known to many villagers as the kind and helpful owner of Stan's (formerly Camden Ironmongers) in the High Street where you would not only get exactly what you were looking for but also help and advice and often a reminiscence as well!

Stan retired in 1994, since when he enjoyed gardening, both plants and produce, much of which he gave away to other locals.

Jim Smith, Chairman of Pembury Football Club adds: "Stan did *everything* for the club from marking out the pitch again after heavy rain had obliterated the lines to washing the kit every week. All this he did for his love of the game and his enthusiasm to help others. Thanks Stan for all you did; thanks Joan for sharing him with us."



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CAN YOU HELP US?

IT WAS A SAD, disappointed and frankly disgusted staff who gathered together on the In Service Training day at the beginning of the summer term at Pembury School. We had returned to start the term refreshed and ready for the rigours of school life, only to find that instead of being able to prepare for the children, we had to begin by clearing up the school grounds.

During the Easter break the grounds had obviously been used as a meeting place by some very undesirable people. Beer cans and bottles, some broken, were strewn around the playgrounds and in the flowerbeds. Beer and lager had been spilt leaving sticky remains outside the Infant area. The dustbins had been emptied and the contents left lying around and the bins themselves had been used as ramps for cycling and skateboarding. The galvanised gates leading to Cemetery Lane had been removed and could not be put back as they had been warped. Several large bricks were lying around on the top playground and large piles of mud had been left in the middle of the Infant playground, not to mention some other very undesirable objects left in sheltered corners.

The children were told about this when they returned to school and were equally disappointed and sad.

It took quite a time to clear the mess. We are very sad about this state of affairs as we cannot understand the mentality of people who would do this in a place where young children play and learn. We are also disappointed, as surely some of the people involved must have been pupils of the school at some time. Did they really dislike their time with us so much?

We are anxious that this should not happen again and would ask Pembury residents to let us know if they see any suspicious behaviour around school, or if they know the names of any people doing this. Teaching and office staff often work at school in the holidays and at weekends and it is very worrying to know that this sort of vandalism is happening. I am sure that everyone would want this behaviour stopped and that the children can come into school knowing that their play areas are safe.

Linda Turner



PEMBURY'S HEALTH VISITORS

DID YOU KNOW that Health Visitors are qualified nurses who have had extra training to work in the community? Their role is to help families (especially those with babies and young children) avoid illness and keep healthy. They have knowledge about child development, nutrition, behavioural problems, immunisations and many other aspects of childcare. They can help you with problems or worries to do with yourself or your child, so don't hesitate to contact your Health Visitor.

In Pembury, there are three part-time Health Visitors who share the responsibility for the Pembury area: Celia Whitmarsh, Susie Kern and Sarah Walker all of whom can be contacted on 825936. They also run the Child Health Clinic on Thursday afternoons at Waterfield House Surgery.

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SOME POSITIVE ACTION . . .

IDON'T KNOW how many parishioners ever notice when they walk or drive around the village just how tatty some of our lanes, hedgerows and other landmarks are becoming.

A basic example is the footpath that carries on from the bottom of Church Road over the by-pass towards the waterworks: hedgerows overgrown, street lamps all broken and the surface strewn with debris. The little greens by the waterworks and along Woodside road are churned up by traffic and grass is left uncut; gateways in Redwings Lane a sea of filth left by incredibly selfish people who park their cars and throw their rubbish out without any thought of what they're doing. Our Parish Clerk, Barbara Russell, and her family decided enough was enough and took it on their own backs to clear the mess up. The result was quite remarkable!

What we would like to embark upon over the coming months is an organised blitz on these areas with specific groups of people owning responsibility for their own area on an on-going basis.

We would like to organise it to work with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the High Weald Project, the Pembury Society and willing residents and landowners to 'clean up and clear up' and even replant hedgerows later in the autumn. Professional advice will be given where necessary, so if you fancy some good fresh air and taking part in an outdoor activity, nothing too robust but something we can look back on with pride and say, "We did that", then **watch this space!**

If you are interested, do please contact me, telephone 823068.

Remember, it is not just about cleaning up somebody else's rubbish, it's about making it better for us all.

Hugh Boorman

FINAL UPDATE ON THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

TO START I would like to answer the enquiries received by some members of the Village Hall Management Committee from parishioners about the cost of the hall, where the funds came from and how the money was spent.

The grants received amounted to £457,500, made up as follows:

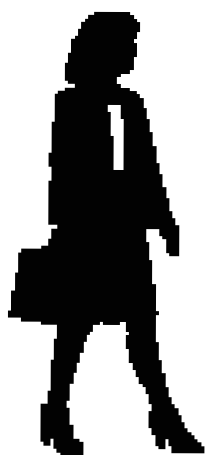
National Lottery	£200,000
Pembury Parish Council	£130,000
Kent County Council	£85,000
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£42,500

Also cash donations were received from Tesco, four small charities and one individual altogether amounting to £59,130. Pembury parishioners raised nearly £15,000 which came from most of the clubs and organisations which use the hall, some shops and small businesses and money from the jars placed in the four pubs.

The basic cost of the hall, plus professional fees amounted to £513,000. We incurred additional cost before the building work started as well as fitting out the hall after it was finished. This last item will be an on-going expense for some time yet. The building has now been paid for except for £1,859 retention, which will be paid in September when the hall will have been open for a year.

From the start of the project to the point we have now reached, this village project has involved a tremendous amount of hard work from many, many people. The Village Hall Management Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who have helped to give Pembury a Village Hall to be proud of, one which is admired by visitors from surrounding villages.

Arthur Storey
Honorary Treasurer



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PEMBURY PEOPLE – DR SINGH

MANY RESIDENTS in the village may be aware that Dr Singh, after many active years at his Pembury surgery, is now happily contemplating his retirement. He became a resident of the village in 1978 when the opportunity arose to work as a single-handed GP in what he describes as 'A lovely part of England'.

He is married to Liz and they have two daughters, both qualified doctors. Leanne, the eldest, qualified at Charing Cross (now The Imperial College of Medicine) and Emma qualified at The Royal Free School of Medicine. They are both aspiring to become surgeons.

Reflecting upon his career, Dr Singh considers himself extremely fortunate to have worked in such an interesting field of life. During his spare time he is actively involved with Rotarian activities and records that he has “many fond memories of the many villagers past and present who have touched my life over the last 23 years”.

His plans for the future include travelling to distant lands, to keep up-to-date with medical advances via medical post-graduate meetings and assisting colleagues. He will also keep fit with his regular swimming activities at the local sports centre. Dr Singh enjoys his daily walks around the village and is looking forward to meeting many familiar faces.

Many thanks Dr Singh for your years of service to the community. We wish you a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Paul Barrington-King



Dr Singh and his wife Liz

PEMBURY IN BLOOM COMPETITION

THERE IS A brand new category in this year's Pembury in Bloom competition, the 'Notcutts prize for the best container planted and maintained by a child'. Last week saw children from Pembury School inviting Gill Matthews of Pembury Parish Council and Jean Smith, garden centre manager at Notcutts in Pembury to their school to launch the sixth year of the competition. The new category supports the revised Britain in Bloom criteria and encourages children to be interested in gardening.

The 2001 competition is run in partnership with Pembury Parish Council and sponsored by Notcutts garden centres. It gives local residents, businesses, allotment gardeners and now schools the chance to dig in and display their gardening talents as they compete for prizes.

There are five categories: best front garden – prizes of £100, £50 and £25 Notcutts vouchers; best hanging basket or container (must be seen from the street) – prizes of £70, £30 and £15 Notcutts vouchers; the Notcutts prize for the best container planted and maintained by a child – prizes of £20 and £10 Notcutts vouchers; the Notcutts Rose Bowl for the most attractive commercial frontage; and the Notcutts Shield for the best allotment.

"The 'In Bloom' competitions are a fun way of getting people involved in caring for their local community. The new category is a great way of encouraging children to learn more about gardening and taking good care of their plants," said Gill Matthews of Pembury Parish Council. "We are really looking forward to the competition this year. Just reflecting back on last year, the visual impact of the entries really does make an amazing difference in our area and we hope to achieve the same this year," added Jean Smith, garden centre manager.

The closing date for all entries is 16th July 2001. Judging takes places shortly afterwards and the winners names will be announced at a special ceremony held in August at Notcutts Garden Centre, Pembury.



You should find an entry form with this edition of the Pembury Village News; they are also available from Pembury Notcutts garden centre.

Front row left to right: Jack Upstone (age 7), Chelsea Colbran (age 6), Oliver Collard (age 7) and Sian Danley (age 5).

Middle row left to right: Jack Page (age 10), Matthew Welch (age 5), Charlene Beameu (age 5) and James Orchard (age 8).

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSERVE THE KENTISH COUNTRYSIDE

THE KENT HIGH Weald Project is looking for enthusiastic and interested individuals to come and join them on projects to conserve and enhance the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) throughout the Borough of Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent High Weald Project was established in 1991, and is a partnership between Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Kent County Council and the Countryside Agency. We aim to conserve and enhance our natural heritage, and to provide opportunities for people to learn from the countryside. There are four full time members of staff, supported by a small army of local volunteers – maybe even you?

Kenneth Greenway a Countryside Officer with the Project, remarked “Conservation projects provide a great opportunity for people of all ages and skills to come and learn new skills, meet new people, get fit and protect wildlife!”

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The Kent High Weald Project has also produced it Events programme called ‘Alive in the High Weald’ running from April to September 2001. It is packed full of activities such as sculpture days, bat walks, bike rides, guided walks and much, much more!! Please call to receive your **FREE** copy!



WAITING AT THE BUS STOP *(for a bus that decided not to arrive)*

Why do they lop the daffodils
All scattered on the Green?
They look so lovely on their stalks
Beheaded they're obscene.

Why do they bash the fences in,
Leave litter there all day?
Their chip plates here and papers there
As others pass this way.

How can we stop those vandals here
Who spoil our village roads?
By-passes, yes – but still we have
These massive lorry loads.

I love our village friendliness
With smiles and chats galore.
Just stroll around, you'll meet new folk,
Old friends, yes, and more.

So can we stop the lazy ones?
To use waste bins persuade?
And do not spoil with litter, please
A village God has made.

Anon
2001

PEMBURY BROWNIES

1ST PEMBURY BROWNIES

Although not planned, we have had a distinctly International theme since Christmas. In March we attended the Global Footsteps day at Kent College, where Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from our Guide Division represented all parts of the World. The Brownies were the Sea, and made lots of colourful fish. St. Patrick's Day involved another trip to Kent College – this time for a sizzle and swim. Thinking Day made us think of Brownies in other countries, and had us planning meals they might eat. As a result we made Pizzas and ate a lot of French bread, Brie, Pâté and croissants. It was very good. For Mothers Day we made 3-D flower cards, and chocolates to take home. We don't know how many of the chocolates made it to Mothers Day. The Brownies worked hard and earned their World Traveller badge, and also their House Orderly Badge. Altogether a busy time – but fun too.

Moira Allan

3RD PEMBURY BROWNIES

Due to fund raising before Christmas we started the new term with a belated Christmas Party. We flew three Brownies up to Guides and welcomed three tweenies into Brownies, later they all made their promise. We worked hard and had lots of fun earning our Short Tennis Badge stage 1 and 2. Early March found us making large colourful fish for a Global Footsteps Service at St. Peter's Old Church followed by activities at Kent College. A sizzle and swim for St. Patrick's Day found us back at Kent College having lots of fun, although the "sizzle" was indoors due to rain. Mothers Day found us busy making Teapot stands from pegs, cork tiles and lots of glue! We finished the term with an "indoor" campfire singing from

songbooks newly made for the pack this term. To round off, the Brownies made an Easter basket to take home complete with a few chocolate eggs.

The Owls

PACK HOLIDAY 2001

On 14th April twenty two Brownies, two Guides and four Guiders from 1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies departed for Pack Holiday at Buckmore Park Scout Centre. Ahead were four days of action, Easter activities, chocolate and very little sleep. Everyone had the chance to try Archery and Wall Climbing, although it was queried why we had to pay to try wall climbing – don't Brownies drive you to that anyway? A swim the day before we came home made sure that everyone had at least one wash during the holiday! We made Hen Houses in which to keep our chocolate crispies. We also made chocolate eggs, place mats and Easter cards and as well as decorating eggcups. We also proved that given enough time Brownies can wash dishes – and we have the pictures as evidence.

The Owls

1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies



1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies enjoying their Pack Holiday at Buckmore Park, April 2001

PEMBURY SOCIETY

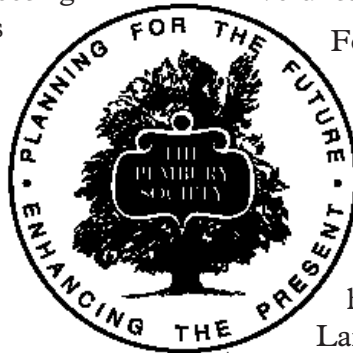
THE SOCIETY'S Spring Meeting

It was a great success and this was due to the excellence of the Speaker, the large number of members who attended and the team who worked together to organise the event.

Laura Ellis, Head of BBC Broadcasting for the South East was the star attraction of the evening and she spoke of her career with the Corporation and the highs and lows she had experienced in her work to create broadcast programmes. She described the depth and breadth of planning and then the engineering installation that had taken place to convert the existing areas in the Great Halls Arcade, Tunbridge Wells, into sound and vision studios, administration offices and BBC retail shop so that the complex could become the hub of broadcasting activity for the area.

There can be no doubts now that our new Village Hall has become a remarkable attribute towards the advancement of community social life in Pembury and all who live in the village owe a debt of gratitude to the modestly-sized group who worked on the project. One cannot avoid the thoughts of just what we might have achieved as a village over the years had those with energy and ability been ready to

volunteer and help the few.



For some time now, The Pembury Society has endeavoured to forge closer links with other civic societies in this area of Kent. In particular and largely due to the personal efforts of Ken Watts our Membership Secretary we have a warm relationship with Langton Green Rural Society who have much in common with ourselves.

We readily share experiences with them and find that we have mutual solutions to similar problems.

On a somewhat more sombre note, several of us from the Society attended the funeral of Stan Moxon, who for many years was the happy, generous and sometimes eccentric proprietor of Stan's Ironmongers in Pembury High Street. It was a measure of the respect and affection in which this man was held by the people of our village that the Chapel at the Crematorium was completely filled, with an overflow of mourners packing out the foyer and spilling out beyond the main doors. When the theme music from 'Last of the Summer Wine' was played at the close of the ceremony, we all knew that this was just the right choice.

Derek Johnson

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

IT WILL NOT be too long before our Annual Fete takes place once more. This year it is on Saturday 25th August and our project is to purchase a Drager 8000 Ventilator for the Neo Natal Unit. This machine will either do the breathing for a sick new baby or assist each breath, it closely monitors the breathing situation all the time.

The cost of this is £21,000 so you will see that we have set ourselves a very demanding target and look forward to receiving our usual great support from all round the locality.

We are, of course, all getting excited as the plans proceed for the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital, permission for which has now been granted, and hope that Pembury will be the chosen site for this.

Ken Marsh

PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL CLUB

“... AND LAST POINT this evening, set the date for our AGM”, I heard myself say it but I couldn’t quite believe it. Another season coming to a close. A remarkable season in many ways. The weather has wreaked havoc throughout most of the season. Games cancelled, training cancelled, even whole cup programmes and tournaments cancelled. The Crowborough and District Football League, the organisation which administers all of our official competitive football has lost many, many teams. I looked around our managers and saw that not only were they all still present but the enthusiasm is even greater than before. This all means that this season over 180 young people from six years to 18 years have been able to enjoy football in the village and that the foundation is in place for a very enjoyable 2001/2002 season.

Our players and their parents have been remarkable, coping with constant change, not to mention the Parish Council groundsmen who have kept the pitches from disaster.

All of our teams, both mini-soccer and 11-a-side have performed heroically, particularly the youngest players who are affected most by the heavy ground and inclement weather. The mini-soccer youngsters have shown the importance of this type of football, demonstrating highly skilled attacking play at all age levels and above all, always displaying their obvious enjoyment to anyone who is prepared to watch them play or listen to their after-match reports!

Thanks must go to Ian White, our mini-soccer co-ordinator for his unending enthusiasm, energy and organisational skills.

The 11-a-side teams have also

demonstrated their continuous improvement with what looks like every team finishing in the top half of their respective leagues, two finishing second including our under-18s who have also reached their cup-final for the second year in a row.

A special mention here for James Young who himself a young player has held this team together, administered and managed the group to their success. James leaves the club this year to go on to university. He will be sorely missed.

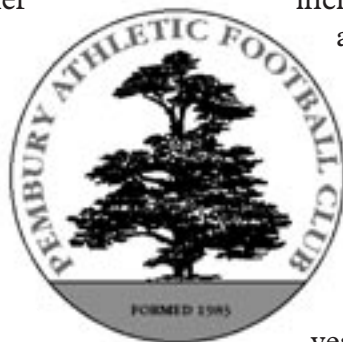
Thanks must also go to all players, officials and parents who have supported the club throughout the season. In particular, Stevie Cox who acted as a member of the Crowborough & District League, Arthur Fleming who courageously took on the role of Secretary whilst looking after his team and Ken Livingston, together with Colin Forward and Sue Moulton who have been managing the finances with great efficiency this year.

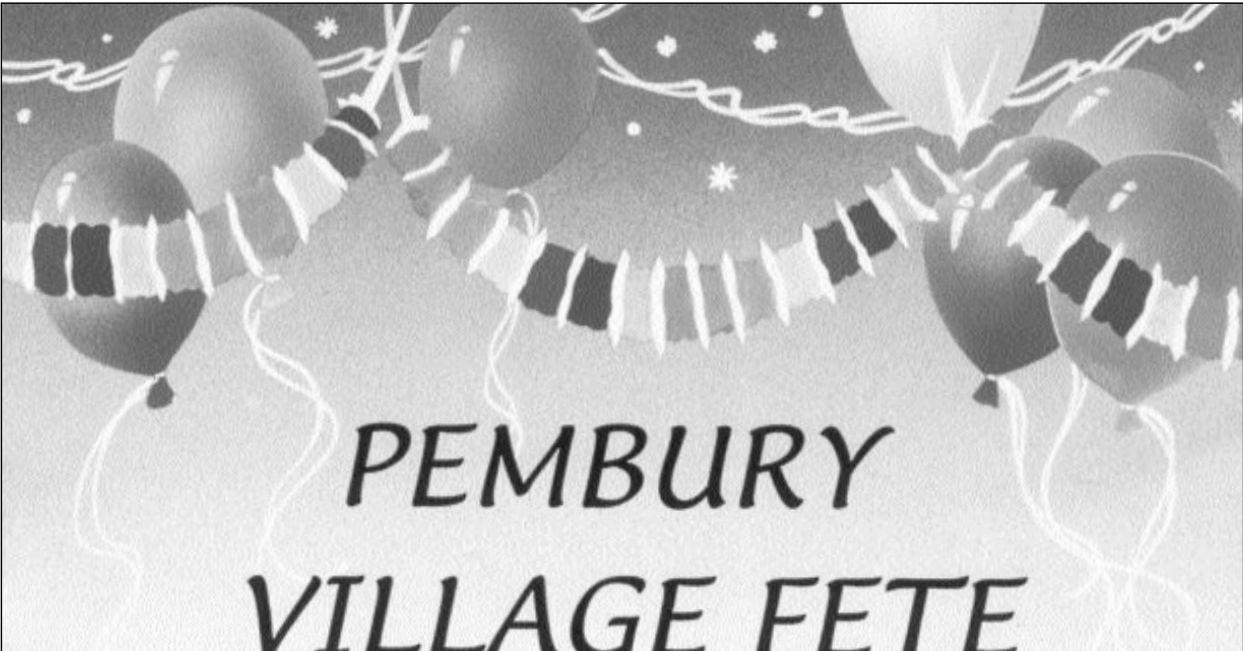
Many of those mentioned took on their “new careers” this season, utilising the excellent framework set up over many years by Lawrie Frowde and Ben Coombes who both retired from the committee at the end of last season.

Why am I telling you all this ? Well, I am pleased to say that all this shows the great strength of the club and we would like to invite you or your children who fall between six and 16 and wish to play football to contact us and hopefully attend our registration evening which we will be holding toward the end of June/beginning of July. Contact details are, as always, at the back of this magazine.

Have a wonderful summer.

David Gow
Chairman





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TEN YEARS ON

ON SATURDAY 28 April 2001 all the hard work of the Guide and Scout units was ready for all the invited guests and visitors to see. The grounds had been cleared, the girls were cooking outside near the Campfire which had been lit. Indoor cooking was done by the Scouts, sausages available for all!

The two halls which are in use each day of the week by the eight units which use them had been cleaned and decorated. The Guide hall was covered with magnificent murals, but sadly, due to storm damage earlier in the year when a tree fell down across the roof, the Scout hall was still waiting for the remedial work when that hall, too, will be re-decorated. We have new doors with secure locks and a new heating system. All this work takes time and money, so any help that can be given is always welcome.

The magnificent cake when cut was sufficient for everyone.

The hall had reached its ten years and was going from strength to strength. I hope all the visitors enjoyed everything they saw and that the units can continue to enjoy the facilities for many years to come.

Janet Ditchett



Left to right: Guides Rosie Bloxham and Jo Wood, Guider Lyn Sellman (partially hidden), Group Scout Leader Mike Cartwright, Guide Commissioner Jackie Fichtmuller, Scouts Arthur Chabernaude and Liam Presnell.

OUR CRAZY LANGUAGE

Why do people use the word “irregardless”?

Why do we say something is “out of whack?” What is a whack?

Why does “cleave” mean both split apart and stick together?

Why do “flammable” and “inflammable” mean the same thing?

Why does X stand for a kiss and O stand for a hug?

Why doesn’t “onomatopoeia” sound like what it is?

SNIPPETS . . .

A pat on the back . . .

We make no apology for basking in some praise from an unexpected quarter . . . “Our son had lived in Pembury for most of his life until three years ago when he moved to Bournemouth to become a beer-drinking, smoking, shaven-haired university student. When we visited him recently to fill up his bank account and to take much needed food parcels, we left him with the latest edition of the Pembury Village News. On returning home, we rang him to see if he was feeling any better, having been struggling all day with a hangover.

What a surprise to be told “I’m in bed, reading the Pembury Village News; it’s very good . . .” Some recommendation!

[Name and address withheld to protect the student.]

This is genuine, his father delivered this story in person – Editor

Watch Out!

The local Neighbourhood Watch schemes regularly receive reports and information from the local police and two themes seem to run through the latest batch: bogus tradesmen (who even escort their customer/victim to the bank to withdraw money to pay for their ‘work’) and telephone scams where the victim’s bank details are requested. The advice is never to take up offers of work ‘on spec’ and never give out bank details over the ‘phone to an unexpected caller.

The Friends of Pembury Parish Church Coffee Morning and Sale

The date of the Friends of Pembury Parish Church Annual Coffee Morning and Sale is Saturday 8 September 2001 on the Village Green between 10.00am and 12 noon (if wet to the Upper Church). Enjoy a browse around cake, handicrafts, books, plants, fruit, bric-a-brac, FPPC items and jewellery stalls. Stop for a refreshing cup of coffee and have a friendly chat while you check out your raffle tickets. It will be difficult to have a more successful morning than last year and we will need all your support if we are to succeed. So please make a note to do some baking, let us have books or unwanted gifts, plants from

the garden etc. to sell for the benefit of the Old Church. Ann Toler 824071 or Biddy Willson 822029.

We got it wrong!

We grovel! Two typing mistakes occurred in last quarter’s crime report. ‘Drainage’ and ‘Description’ should have read ‘Damage’ and ‘Deception’. Thank you to the eagle-eyed who spotted the mistakes.

Support your local market

Held every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall where you can meet other villagers for a chat over a cup of coffee, buy reasonably priced home baking, freshly grown produce and local crafts.

If you can make cakes, pies, biscuits, etc. and want to make a bit of extra cash there is always a demand for home baking. Perhaps you grow vegetables or flowers in your garden or you have an allotment and at certain times of the year have a glut of produce? Please bring it to the market and we will sell it for you. Contact Sue Boreham (824385) or Evelyn Fiddimore (518277).

New Chiropodist

Dawn Hodgson, who qualified in May 2000, is setting up a chiropody service at Dr Singh’s former surgery in Lower Green Road. She has previously worked in Hawkhurst, and at Hoopers, Tunbridge Wells, before moving with her family to Pembury from Tunbridge Wells in 1998. Dawn looks forward to serving the residents in Pembury and can be contacted on 824916.

Balloon report - just in

Balloon ride winner still earth-bound! Janet Richardson of Romford Road who won the prize of a hot air balloon flight at last year’s village fayre has yet to take to the skies. Gusty winds, gales, heavy rain, swollen rivers, floods and foot & mouth have all conspired against her. She’s hoping to get ‘up and away’ at the end of this June - good luck, Janet and keep us posted (photo, if possible, please!).

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EASTER BONNET PARTY

CAMDEN COURT Social Club held its Easter Bonnet party on Wednesday 11 April 2001 and Cllr Rosie Latter kindly agreed to judge the 12 bonnets that had been entered. This was an extremely difficult task as they were all of an excellent standard!

In first place was Jean Dorrington, second place Mabel Hall and third was Lol Parry. "Sounds About Right" provided the evening entertainment.



Left to right: Cllr. Rosie Latter, Jean Dorrington, Mabel Hall and Lol Parry.

DESPERATELY SEEKING BRITISH RESISTANCE FIGHTERS . . .

ARE YOU, or do you know someone who was, a former member of the Home Guard Auxiliary Units, Special Duties Section or XII Corps Observation Unit?

I am researching a book on Kent's Secret Army, the resistance movement set up in July 1940 to counter the expected German invasion following the Fall of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation.

Winston Churchill ordered a Secret Army (known officially in Kent as XII Corps Observation Unit) to be formed comprising men who knew the Kent hills, forests and marshes such as farmers, farm workers, market gardeners, landowners, foresters, gamekeepers, poachers, policemen and

shepherds. Secret underground bunkers, observation posts and wireless stations were built along the North Downs, on Romney Marsh and in the Weald ready for the men and women to disappear into.

Their suicidal role was to ambush German patrols, sabotage railway lines, roads and bridges, assassinate German officers and destroy supply depots and airfields – anything to slow up the German advance.

I would like to hear from anyone with information on the men and women involved and the underground bases. Please call me on 01233 750563, or write to me, Adrian Westwood, at Hawksdene, The Street, Hastingleigh, Kent TN25 5HU.

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MY PLOT

THIS SPRING saw a few rearrangements on my plots. It was hard finding the odd day when the ground wasn't waterlogged but occasionally we got the chance! Three ancient cankered apple trees were taken to the communal bonfire over by the Council depot. The canker looks like big rough 'knuckles' along the branches and is caused by a fungus. You can prune out diseased bits and should burn them to destroy the infection. These trees had survived several years of surgery to remove limbs and what's more, every winter they got blown over by the wind! Despite their fierce 'Will to Live' they had to go but I have not yet decided whether to replace them. Any new trees will have to be planted somewhere else because the soil where the old trees were, will be contaminated with spores for several years.

This magazine brings the introduction of an occasional series called 'Meet an allotmenteer'. This is Derek Parks, my first celebrity (victim), seen here on a wet day in March. He has four allotments and says he only took on the fourth one to outdo me! Is that a challenge?

He started about 15 years ago and has two plots dedicated solely to Dahlias. Derek and many other enthusiasts will be showing their best blooms at the village show on 15 September. I hope to be showing my sweet corn in the 'any other veg' category. Derek takes his Dahlias right across the southeast of England, from Bournemouth to Billericay and is clearly an expert. However, don't be put off if you would like to enter. There is plenty of scope for amateurs and there is always a class for children. In fact before then, there is the summer show on 7 July. This has Sweet Peas as its main display and Derek will be there too. Even if you don't want to enter any of the classes, it is worth going to visit because the smell of all those sweet peas in one room is gorgeous.



Caroline Mazzey

SOME OTHER 'PEMBURYS' . . .

Pembury Tours in Port Elizabeth, South Africa who run safari tours.

The Pembury, a guest house/hotel in Gloucester.

Pembury House, Clayton, West Sussex featured in the Yellow Book of Gardens.

Pembury House Horse Trials which take place in the USA.

Pembury Mews, Brompton-on-Swale, North Yorkshire.

Pembury Drive, La Palma in California, USA.

Pembury Lodge, Kimberley, South Africa.

Pembury (Housing) Estate, Haringey, London.

Pembury Road, Minto, Sydney, Australia.

PEMBURY ON THE INTERNET www.pembury.org.uk

Pembury e-group

WANT TO HAVE an informal chat about things that you feel passionately about it Pembury? Want to meet other 'Pemburians' in different parts of the world? Well, join your village e-group! It's open to anyone with email access. Send an email to pembury-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pembury>, there is also a free subscription button on the Pembury site front page.



E-groups are like a table in a pub where you can sit down, talk about anything and set the world to rights. You do have to provide your own drink, though. You write what you want to say in your email and post it off in the usual way to the special group address and every member of the group receives a copy. If they reply to your point, everybody gets a copy of the reply. It does get a bit lively sometimes, which shows that people like to get involved in issues . . .

Kent and East Sussex Villages Webring

NOT CONTENT with setting up an additional site for the Pembury Society and getting the e-group going, I have also set up a Webring for other villages in our area and neighbouring areas. This 'ring' now connects some 37 sites and continues to grow. The ring encourages more people to visit our site and others.

For those interested in statistics, the Pembury website will have had over 3,500 visits since it was first established in late 1998.

Steve Morton

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

THE HOSPICE still needs to recruit more nurses to open two more beds. This has proved difficult because of the national nursing shortage. This year's Flower Appeal is the Snowdrop. For a donation of £5 you can 'buy' a snowdrop in memory of a loved one, whose name will be recorded in a special Dedication Book at the hospice. The snowdrops will be planted in the hospice gardens for viewing next year. Dedication leaflets are available at hospice reception.

The hospice coffee shop which now stocks sandwiches, cakes, snacks, ice cream, etc. is open to everyone daily 10.30-4.30pm. Hopefully, with the warmer weather, visitors will be able to sit out on the terrace and enjoy the sun. Our small hospice shop in reception is also stocked with greetings cards and a selection of gift items.

We have volunteer vacancies at present for reception duties on Wednesday afternoon and evenings, and weekends. The coffee bar needs volunteers for Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings. The hospice also needs a maintenance person to help our maintenance engineer one day a week. For further details please apply to Maggie Brain, Voluntary Services Manager at the Hospice on 820500. Volunteers are always needed for our shop in the High Street; applicants should apply to the shop direct.

Richard Snow

GILL'S GARDEN

IT'S TIME to tidy up Spring borders – trim back winter flowering ericas, forsythia and any straggly growth on shrubs. Cut back aubretia and feed with a liquid feed, trim foliage from Spring-flowering bulbs. If your daffodils did not perform very well this year, this often means they are overcrowded, so lift bulbs, separate and re-plant adding bonemeal to the soil.

Work in plenty of compost and water soil well before planting summer bedding plants such as geraniums (pelagoniums), begonias, lobelias, Busy lizzies and phlox drummondii. Limonanthus (poached egg plant) and French marigolds sown early encourage hoverflies which help keep greenfly at bay.

Feed shrubs with blood, bone and fish and prune hedges such as berberis and leylandii. Cut lawns regularly, rake out the thatch and apply lawn fertiliser combined with moss and weedkiller if needed. Water in well if no rain has fallen for two days. Lawns should be watered thoroughly every fortnight rather than little and often as that encourages the grass to become shallow rooted.

Dead head flowers regularly to encourage new blooms. Annuals can be sown to continue flowering through into Autumn. Plant bulbs such as nerine and agapanthus to bloom in Autumn. Mulch well with well rotted compost and keep well watered. Tie up climbing roses and check for aphids, spray with soapy water if needed.

Plant hanging baskets, incorporating water retaining crystals and slow release nutrients in the compost. Puncture a small plastic bottle and place in the centre of the basket to form a funnel. This helps to retain the water in the basket rather than letting it run off the top. Baskets can contain various annuals or perennials packed closely together for maximum effect. Feed regularly! Herbs can be grown successfully in baskets as well as strawberries and hanging tomato plants.

If you prefer more permanent planting rather than bedding plants a mini shrub border looks effective. Small evergreens such as hebes, cotton lavender and curry plant give immediate effect and remain interesting all year round. Spring bulbs can be added for extra colour. Hardy fuchsias can be spectacular in a border. Dig plenty of compost into the ground and place the plant about six inches in the ground. This should prevent the frost killing the plant in winter. Mulch and keep well watered.

Seeds of winter pansies can be sown now. Fork over the ground rake soil until a fine tilth on the top, make shallow drills with a cane. Sow seed thinly and water well. Continue to keep soil moist in warm weather. Seeds of wallflowers, Sweet William and Canterbury Bells can also be sown at this time.

Now all we need is a little sunshine and some time to enjoy it!

Gill Matthews



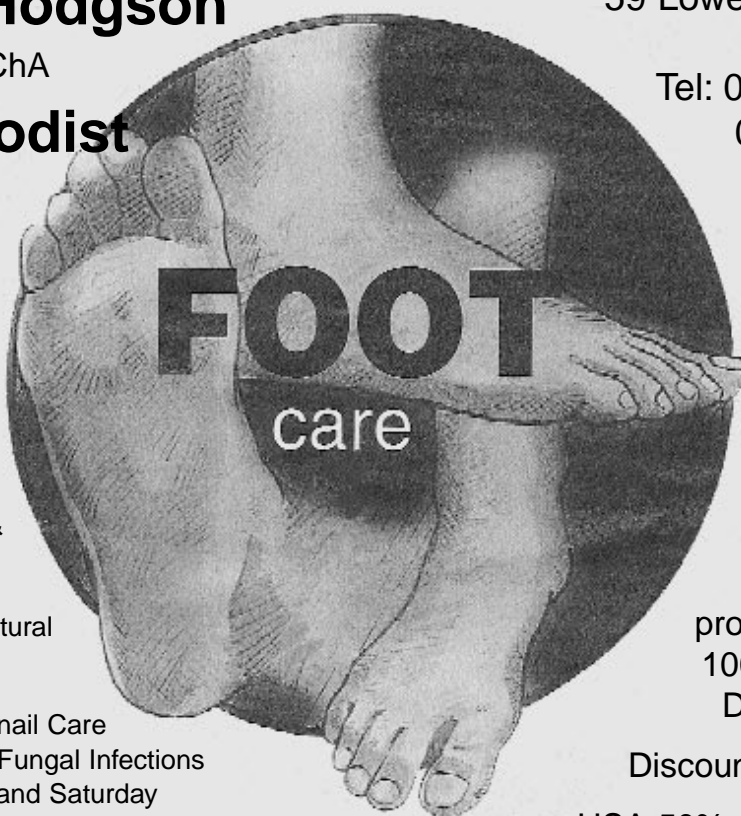
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CRIME IN PEMBURY

THE REPORTED crime figures for the three months February, March and April really are good news, although the figures for the quarter supplied to us omitted January but included April. The preceding quarter figure was 71 reported crimes but this quarter is down to 49. Brilliant – many thanks to all who have been a little more careful and diligent.

However, we still have a problem with damage – much of which goes unreported – in the Woodside playing fields, the allotments, Henwood Green road and Pembury school areas.

Even when confronted by allotment holders, the group of youngsters involved (which included girls) actually taunted the holders with the words, “Touch me, you b*****d and I’ll have you for assault”. Understandably, people back off.

But the time has come to face this problem direct, but not on your own. Having discussed this problem with Superintendent Hall of West Kent Police I found that the law is quite clear. Reasonable force may be used to restrain anyone committing a crime, in this instance attempting to or actually committing a theft or attempting to, or actually committing damage. You are allowed to restrain them until police assistance arrives. Make sure there are at least two of you, especially if the offender is female.

It is vital that all incidents are reported to the police at the start and an incident number is obtained, otherwise police crime figures look better than they actually are.

We are determined to put an end to this wanton damage and, if necessary, we may name and shame them. The police numbers are 01622 650065 Crime Desk, alternatively 01732 740055. Please be patient when asked to give information.

Just a memory jogger for parents, some of whom are unaware that their off-spring are causing such damage . . . In extreme cases, depending on whose housing you live in, the police can seek an eviction order for the whole family.

It is now time for those who have been offended to stand up and be counted, including me.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary other type	Burglary	Damage	Deception	Drugs	Other	Theft from Motor Vehicles	Theft	Theft of Motor Vehicles	TOTAL
February		3		6	3	1	2	1	4		20
March	3	1	1	2	1			5	1	2	16
April				4	1		2	1	5		13
TOTAL	3	4	1	12	5	1	4	7	10	2	49
ROAD											
A21 B				1						1	2
Brickfields							1				1
Hastings Road			1	1			1	2	1		6
Henwood Green Road				3				2			5
Henwoods Mount	1			1			1				3
High Street	2				3	1		1	1		8
Kings Toll Road									1		1
Knights Close				1							1
Lower Green Road				1			1	1	1		4
Maidstone Road		1			1				1		3
Petersfield								1			1
Romford Road		1									1
Tonbridge Road		1		2	1				4	1	9
Woodside Road		1		2					1		4
TOTAL	3	4	1	12	5	1	4	7	10	2	49

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TO SLIGHTLY amend the David Frost comment – “That was the season that was!” Like everyone else in this country the football fraternity suffered from an excess of rain! As I have said before, thanks to our groundsmen we have two great pitches. However, this season even they had to accept that they were beaten in the short run and we had to call off matches regularly. In fact, the top pitch was not played on between the beginning of November and the middle of January. I think that this season we lost more matches at home due to bad conditions than we lost in the previous 15 seasons.

It has been a very difficult time for managers but what with playing double headers, evening fixtures and the cancellation of cup competitions we greatly hope that by the last week in May we shall have played all our fixtures. This is even after all our Leagues put back their deadline dates. We are nonetheless enjoying a relatively successful season again when allowance is made for our promotions last season. I shall give details in the next Village News.

It would be very amiss at this stage not to thank publicly our two secretaries – Mick Waterman (Saturdays) and Phil Craxton (Sundays). In a normal season they work hard to ensure that everything works smoothly. This year they have had to exceed their normal high standards. They have really come up trumps in attending to all the fixture switching, matches being called off, numerous hasty phone calls, etc. etc. Invariably, fixtures are cancelled or switched at the very last minute which makes for very hectic times. Personally, and on behalf of all the players, thank you both!

The Marathon Men . . .

What were you doing at 8.30am on the morning of Sunday 22 April 2001? If you were like me you would have been sitting reading the Sunday papers anticipating breakfast and watching the pre-amble to the London Marathon on TV.

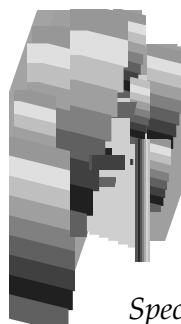
This year it has a special frisson of anticipation. Two of our members (Pembury Football Club) were taking part. For Paul Slater it would be his fourth, whereas for Andy ‘Boozer’ Rice-Tucker it would be his first. Paul ran on behalf of Cancer Research and Andy for the Hospice in the Weald. Between them, they will have raised somewhere in the region of £4,500.

Both completed the course and although they saw each other briefly after about a mile they were not to meet again until the next weekend at football. Paul’s times have steadily improved over the last four years and he finished this year in a very commendable 3 hours 27 minutes. He says that the whole build-up to the race (including training) is something to be experienced to be believed. The most enjoyable and stimulating feeling is the actual race. The support of the crowd all the way through is fantastic and even if you felt like jacking it in, the sheer encouragement from the crowd lifts you to excel.

Andy echoes this sentiment. His time was 5 hours 30 minutes. The reason for this was that he kept slowing down so that he didn’t overtake Steve Redgrave and thus spoil his day! Andy seemed to attract big names. Before the start, whilst he was getting ready in a marquee, he was asked if there was any room for a ‘small one’ to change beside him. This ‘small one’ was none other than Frank Bruno!

Well done, chaps! It has been a tremendous achievement by you both – a credit to the Club and village.

Jim Smith, Chairman



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- 4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Outing to Tenterden – morning
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: A walk in the Pyrenees – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: 'Hear, hear' Lip reading with Alison Brown – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN – Village Green – 2pm-5pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – for details please contact Secretary 823212
- 7 Pembury Gardeners Society: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 9 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 13 Barn Dance – Pembury School – 7.30-11.30pm
- 16 Local Plan exhibition – Village Hall – 8am-8pm
- 16 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 16 Pembury in Bloom closing date
- 24 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

AUGUST

- 1 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Members' garden party
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Members' meeting
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: Members' meeting
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – for details please contact Secretary 823212
- 7 Arts Council Exhibition – Village Hall – TBA
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 21 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 25 League of Friends of Pembury Hospital Fete – Pembury Hospital – 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – for details please contact Secretary 823212
- 4 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2 pm
- 5 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'The Power of prayer' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Afternoon WI – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI: Belly dancing with Christine Hall – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 8 Friends of Pembury Parish Church: Coffee morning and sale – Village Green (Upper Church if wet) – 10am
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 15 Pembury Gardeners Society: Autumn Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 18 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 24 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church pm

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CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am The Parish Eucharist
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10.00am Holy Communion
(Wednesdays)

Old Church

11.30am Matins (except
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Evening services as advertised
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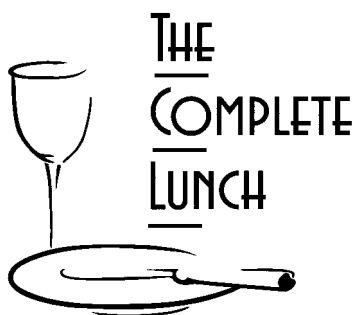
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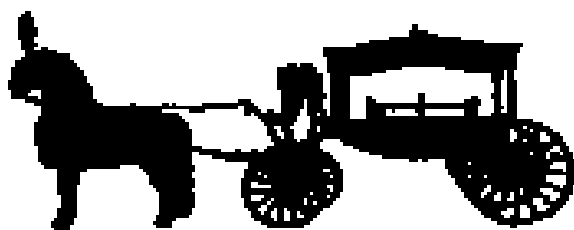
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