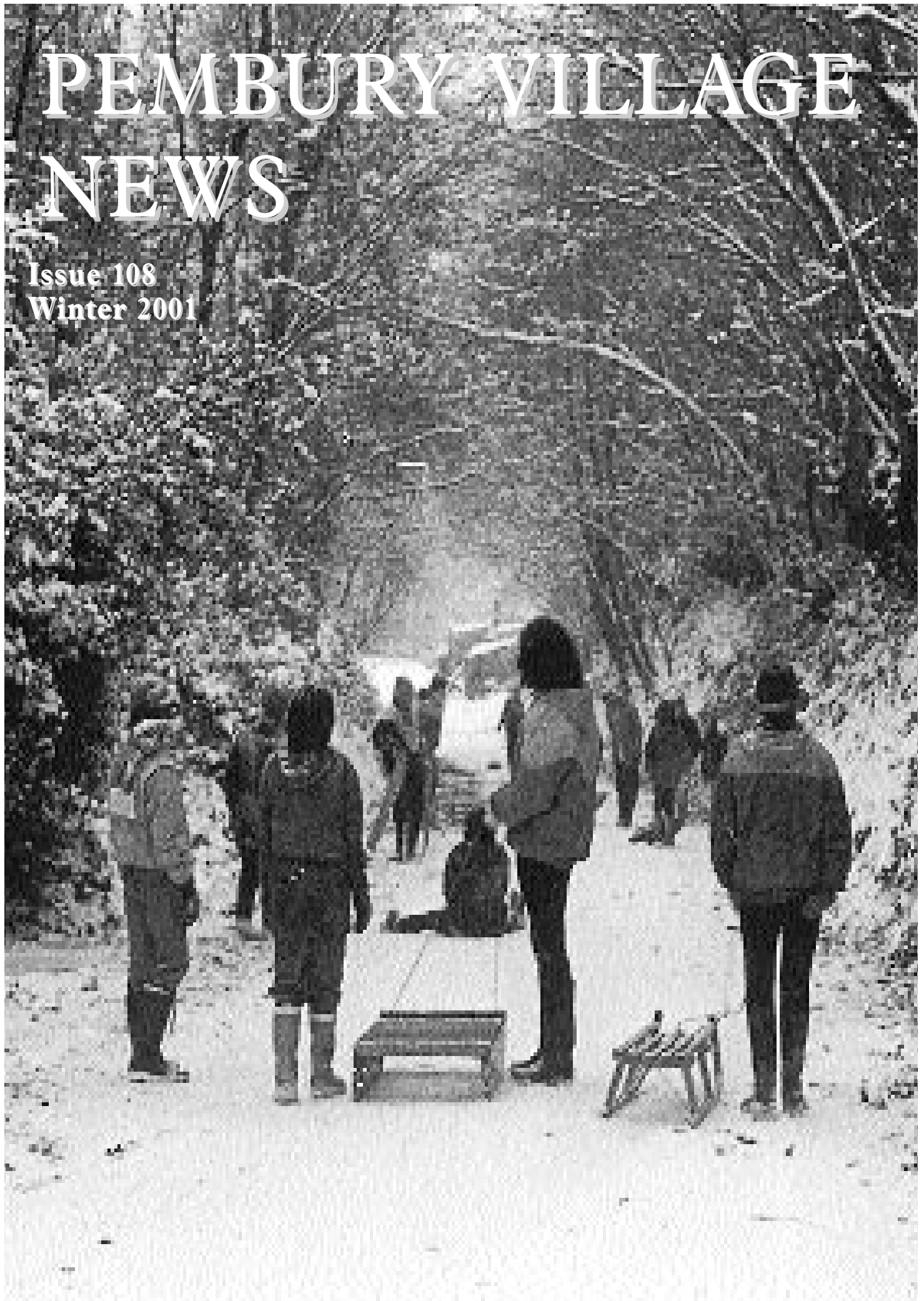


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## NEWS

**OOOH! AAAAH!**

**Y**ES, IT WAS the Pembury Fireworks display!

A crowd of over 1,000 people gathered in the Lower Green Recreation Ground to watch some magnificent bursts and stars light up the evening sky. An amazing £576.23 was raised for St John Ambulance from donations by those leaving the Recreation Ground after the display.

It looks as if it might become an annual event . . .

*P.S. Thank you for the many 'thank yous' we have received – makes it all worthwhile!*



*Photograph: Steve Morton*

### COVER COMPETITION RESULTS

We had some excellent photographs sent in and the choice was not easy! After a lot of head-scratching and soul-searching, the winners were chosen as follows:

1st – Rowley Hill in Winter by David Edwards of Church Road

2nd – Downingbury in Spring by Paul Russell of The Grove

3rd – Pembury Upper Church with Steeple(!) by John Beech

Well done to the prizewinners and to all those who took part!

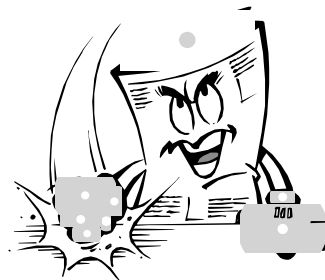
### TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

Many village events are planned several months ahead; organisers do have a life outside their village involvements, we know, and participate in these events in their spare(!) time. However, we would really like to put your event in the News Diary of Events, so please let us know as soon as you have a date, even if you haven't got all the details finalised.

#### COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

*Any news items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Editor before  
**1st February 2002.***

*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.*



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## WILLIAM ('BILL') BROWN

**R**EADERS WILL have been sad to hear that Pembury lost another 'stalwart' in early October – Bill Brown. A humanist, musician, soldier and former private nurse, he was actively involved in many aspects of village life, including the Darby & Joan Club and the Burma Star Association. He was always prepared to stand up for the right, as one local bus company found out two years ago!

Born in Southend 85 years ago, Bill Brown settled in Pembury approximately 20 years ago with his wife Evelyn who was the warden at Sunhill Court. He was made a foundling by the First World War and at 16 enlisted in the Army as a band boy where his musical talent was first recognised. In 1935, he trained at Kneller Hall, home of Army music, specialising in the French horn. He subsequently fought with his regiment in Burma in the difficult and often neglected Far East campaign.

His love of music was constant and he was an active member of the Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir, singing with them only a week before his death on 5th October.

Ronald Whitlock, Honorary Secretary of the local Burma Star Association, commented: "He was very much involved in village affairs and a very companionable, keen and loyal member of our branch".

Mr Brown, who was widowed two years ago, leaves three step-sons and six step-grandchildren.



## WHY WEAR A POPPY? – AN ANSWER

*William Brown sent in this letter to us on 23rd September, shortly before his death, and we would like to honour him by publishing it.*

**D**ear Alison,

Re: Pembury Village News, Issue 107, Autumn 2001

The poem, 'Why Wear A Poppy?' is by Don Crawford, a member of the SW London branch of the Burma Star Association. It first appeared in a book of poems, 'The Stars', an anthology of poems contributed by members of the Association and published by Echo Press, 25 Swan Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 0BT.

'The Stars' is of course a play on words as the writers were all holders of the Burma Star. They were not established poets. Poetry is essentially emotive and all the contributors were people with an inner compulsion to express themselves emotionally, regardless of or maybe because of, any failings of the verses as formal poetry. Some are written on the field of battle, others in POW camps and others much later on to mark special occasions.

I gave copies of this poem to members of the British Legion locally and odd ones to friends in Pembury.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say –  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today"

Yours sincerely,

W H Brown

Standard Bearer, Royal Tunbridge Wells & Pembury Burma Star Association

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## THE BALLOON'S GONE UP!

"WE'VE DONE IT!"

**Y**OU MAY remember that Janet Richardson who won the hot air balloon flight at the Millennium Fair in July 2000 gave us an interim report in the Summer edition of the News. Well, Janet has made it into the sky and here is her account of the day . . .

"On Wednesday evening, 22nd August we met at Beltring Hop Farm; the balloon was inflated and we took to the air. Absolutely marvellous experience; wonderful calm evening, tremendous views from 2000 feet down to tree-top level. We went north towards



*Janet at front right, looking pleased!*

West Malling and landed at the edge of a wheat field. The farmer was not completely convinced there had been no alternative but I'm sure he will be compensated!

This has been the best prize imaginable. All the anticipation (for over a year!) and then the final experience, followed by champagne and strawberries at dusk back at the hop farm. Please could you thank everyone involved on my behalf, they have given me so much pleasure."

**Janet Richardson**

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## A BOUQUET OF THANKS

**E**DNA MORRIS, of the Pembury Afternoon WI, wrote to us highlighting the hard work done by Beryl Greenwood of Romford Road who has kept the trough on the Village Green looking so attractive throughout the summer.

Her hard work is appreciated as are the plants supplied by Notcutts.



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## PEMBURY SCHOOL OUTWARD BOUND

**S**UNDAY 7th OCTOBER saw 51 members of Pembury School Year 6 pupils assembling in varying states of excitement outside the school gates. In tow were sets of parents and siblings, also showing varying states of excitement (or was it relief?). Yes, it was the start of what has become the annual Residential Visit to Norfolk – three days of constant activity for the pupils, relentless supervision for the accompanying staff and relative peace for the parents.

I am so pleased to have found a company that I can trust to organise a range of adventurous activities for the pupils in my care, in as safe an environment as possible. That is why we were heading for our fifth visit to the Kingswood Activity Centre in West Runton, on the North Norfolk coast.



After our journey of almost four hours, we were met by one of the centre staff who was to be our team leader. A quick tour of the site in slight drizzle and a talk from one of the managers about the few rules and regulations and the children were dispatched to the dormitories – home for the next three days. There they could be found unpacking clothes – if they could be bothered, books – destined to lay unread, toiletries – just for show, surely, and teddy bears. Beds were made and rooms left tidy before a more thorough exploration of the site. This notion of setting out one's own space while taking account of the needs of those you are sharing with is an important lesson that the children learned quickly on this trip. Room inspections were held daily and there was some pressure brought to bear on anybody felt to be 'letting the side down' by not keeping their things under control!

The three days were filled with a variety of activities involving individual skill and a great amount of teamwork. From 9am to 9pm the children were actively involved around the site. Activities included climbing, swimming, motor sports and archery, with team building, problem solving, assault courses and orienteering. Each child was also involved in two sessions of ICT every day. This year they each developed a web site about their experiences at the centre and we have a CD of their work which can be viewed in school. Feedback from instructors about the behaviour and abilities of the children from Pembury is always very positive, but we were especially proud when particular mention was made of their skill and aptitude for working together as a team – a true indication that the ethos of the school does carry forward into the children's lives outside school.

But it wasn't all work. In the evenings the centre staff put on a range of entertainments, including a disco, film night and a talent show. I am always amazed at how the wet and muddy urchins trooping in from the assault course can transform themselves into spruced up dancing queens!

For the past two visits, I have said that each will be my last, it's time for somebody else to take over. However, I must admit that while it takes me a little longer to recover every year I would not miss this annual event. Yes, there is a lot to organise. Yes, it is hard work. Yes, you are on duty every minute of the day and night. But the benefits far outweigh all of this. To be allowed the opportunity to get to know your pupils in these challenging situations introduces a side to their characters that you would probably not even glimpse inside the classroom. To come away from the trip with a deeper understanding and knowledge of who these children really are is invaluable.

My thanks go to the children of Pembury school for making the trip as enjoyable and successful as it was and also to my colleagues – Mrs Ravenhill, Mrs Golding, Mr Williams and Mr Drapper who came with us, and to all at Pembury School who have played their part in the development of these fine young people.

**Lynn Barnes, Deputy Head Pembury School**

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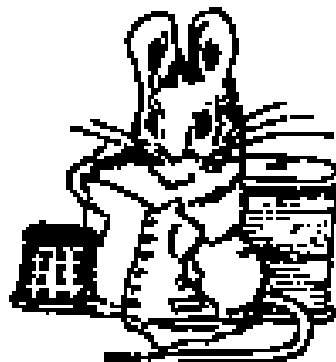
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## THE RURAL WHITE PAPER AND THE QUALITY PARISH

**T**HE GOVERNMENT is committed to modernising and improving local government services and to all tiers of local government working together within the 'Best Value' concept and to strengthening the role of Parish and Town Councils – providing these bodies can move away from the inward looking 'Vicar of Dibley' ethos into proper and consulted local community leadership.

To achieve this Parish Councils were included in the modernising proposals set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and whilst only those with budgets of over £500,000 are required to implement Best Value, all are expected to comply with the spirit and become 'Quality Parish Councils'. Along with County and District Councils, Parishes are part of the new formal arrangements for ensuring standards in local public life.

More importantly, the Government has introduced the Rural White Paper setting out a range of community improvement and development initiatives, mostly based around Parish Councils. These are accompanied by funding opportunities organised by the Countryside Agency and which provide a range of challenges (and opportunities!) for Parish Councils.

A Quality Parish could be defined by the following: it has a trained Clerk, clear and concise standing orders, financial systems and controls, has mechanisms to involve the community and complies with the code of conduct for Quality Parishes. As well as these, it has a clear and consulted community plan, reports regularly to the community and conducts its business transparently and in partnership with other, i.e. district and county councils.

In summary, it constantly follows the five 'Cs' –

- challenges
- compares with others
- consults the local community
- uses competition
- co-operates.

As far as Pembury is concerned procedures and practices are already in place which position the Parish Council well towards becoming a 'Quality Parish'. We are already preparing an outline bid to the Countryside Agency for a grant of up to £5,000 towards preparing a Pembury Parish Plan based on the work already undertaken by Pembury 2000 plus and the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan.

**David Coleman, Deputy Chair,  
Pembury Parish Council**

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## PEMBURY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

**F**OR THOSE in the parish who want some exercise, fresh air and are fed up being stuck indoors, there is some good news! We have now been given permission to start on two projects which will enhance our local environment and encourage the wildlife to return in greater numbers.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has given us the green light to start trimming up the banks and hedges of Rowley Hill – the footpath that carries on from the bottom of Church Road to the bridge over the by-pass. The Council will remove all of the rubbish after we have done the work.

The second project is the clearance of unwanted trees and undergrowth surrounding the pond on the corner of Fairthorne and Half Moon Lanes. We will also be dredging as much of the decaying vegetation from the pond as possible. This will then encourage the moorhens to breed and the return of other wild life.

Many thanks to the Hadlow Estate, Cluttons the agent and the farmer for giving us the go-ahead. The Kent High Weald Project will supervise the operation and provide the tools. We will also be covered by their insurance. Now is our chance to do something different and worthwhile so please get in touch with me (Tel. 823068) if you are interested in joining this worthwhile project.

**Hugh Boorman**

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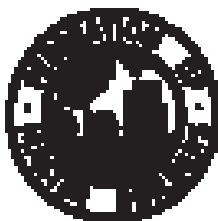
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## HALLOWEEN – HELLFIRE AND TORMENTED “SOLES”?

**A**S A VOLUNTEER at Hospice in the Weald I have undertaken various tasks turning my hand to differing roles and enjoying all of them. However, it is now my feet which are in demand. In a moment of supreme goodwill overcoming commonsense I agreed to take part in the Firewalk Challenge to be held at The Land Registry on 31st October.

It soon became obvious to me that the only way I could guarantee going through with this act of sheer stupidity was to tell so many people I was doing it and that I could not back out! I decided therefore to keep a diary of my experience in the hope that next year you will all rush out to walk across 20ft. of hot coals or at least take pity on, and sponsor generously, those who do.

### WEEK ONE

Thanks to some **very** generous sponsorship from Kentish Vale Round Table, and my own dear mother-in-law, I have already raised the minimum required amount of £150. This is a relief. Another relation offered to sponsor me to not do it! This could be a lucrative sideline but perhaps not within the spirit of the thing. My own son insists he will not come to watch me walk and is working on his emotional blackmailing skills to prevent me from going. At the moment I am still feeling confident that I will go through with this, and I am already more scared of facing people if I chicken out.

### WEEK TWO

Sponsors continue to appear. Speaight's the Butchers and Downingbury Farm Shop both very kindly agreed to keep forms on their counters, and my hubby agreed to include details on the website he runs as Chairman of Tun Wells Minis Rugby club. Many local people have been touched by the many services operated by the Hospice but it is testament to the Hospice movement generally that sponsors so far include people in Essex, Cornwall and Nottingham.

My son's concern seems to have been replaced with imitating the sound of sizzling skin each time I walk past!

### WEEK THREE

I measured out 20ft. in my living room the other day and I have to say it looks an alarmingly long way! The reaction from most people is that I am quite mad to be considering this, and the closer it comes the more I tend to agree with them. Seeking reassurance I did a search on the net for firewalking. I found some sceptics in Australia who had firewalked in safety and who felt therefore the mind training was superfluous. I also found an "official" site run by Tolly Burkan the self professed "Father of Firewalking" who acknowledged the danger (two million walkers only 50 of whom were burnt; although one resulted in the need for skin grafts!). Mr Burkan tells me the only real danger is in not being trained adequately beforehand.

I also came across some worrying statistics – paper combusts at 451 degrees and engine blocks for cars are made by pouring molten metal at 1100 degrees. The mean temperature of the coals on which I intend to walk in nothing but my lily whites? 1236 degrees Fahrenheit!

### HALLOWEEN! A.M.

Please just take the money! I'll pay you myself!

### ALL SOLES DAY?

Did she do it? Of course she did! I imagine there were about 50 of us gathered in various states of courage and apprehension. I can say in all honesty that it was a lot of fun. We were taught several visualising techniques and looked at the effect of body language and breathing on the state of our minds. There was no chanting to speak of, and certainly no hypnosis or trickery – just a lot of positive thinking! Would I recommend you to try it? Yes I would. This morning I am in no pain and I cannot explain it but I didn't feel a thing until afterwards and then only a slight soreness on one heel.

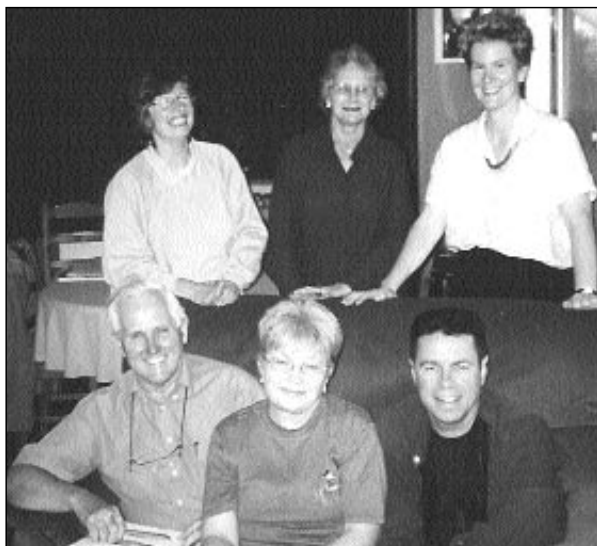
Most importantly we raised nearly £10,800 for the Hospice and I would like to thank all my sponsors who helped me to raise a personal total of £366.

**Alison Davis**

## HOW YOUR PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS IS PUT TOGETHER

**W**HEN THE NEWS thunks through your door every quarter, have you ever thought how it gets there?

It starts off at a meeting of the Editorial Working Group, part of the Pembury Parish Council. About two weeks after the distribution of one issue, the Group meets to discuss the contents of the next one. There are standard items to consider; Pembury in the Past, gardening, crime, club reports, the school, diary of events, sport, profiles on people and organisations, internet and website news, seasonal items plus news and views on current issues. Each member of the group



*Editorial Working Group: top row standing, left to right Councillor Gill Matthews, Ann Owen, Councillor Alison Morton; sitting, left to right Henry Plant, Councillor Rosie Latter, Councillor Paul Barrington-King*

undertakes to dig out particular information; Gill Matthews and Rosie Latter extract diary dates from village organisations, Gill also co-ordinates gardening items, Paul Barrington-King contacts sports clubs and the school and heads up the section on 'Pembury People'; Henry Plant digs into Pembury's Past and editor Alison Morton handles news and special items e.g. our recent survey. Regular contributors send in articles on gardening, crime, reminiscences, events, etc. as well as occasional contributors sending special or

seasonal stories or reports. We especially welcome independent villagers sending in an article about something they are interested or involved in.

Gradually, information seeps in and gets typed up by Alison or Rosie. The real bonus is getting something by email or on disk – no typing needed! Alison then sits down amidst the heap of paper/disks/emails and photos and re-jigs it all into plain text format. Copies on standard A4 paper are then sent to each Working Group member for checking and reading through. Our proof-reader, Ann Owen, casts her eagle eye over things at this stage!

As printing date starts drawing near and only two-thirds of the promised articles are in, Alison starts to tear her hair out, hits the telephone and starts acting like a Hollywood editor! The most difficult thing is the Diary of Events when we have to time-shift three months forward. All village organisations are run by people who have very busy lives and we do appreciate that they might not live three months in the future . . . Still, we always manage to make it to the deadline somehow!

Once Working Group members have commented, the final versions of the articles are produced, copied to disk for the printer. Alison sits down and works out where each article is to go and marks it up in an outline version of the News. She then scans and prepares all the photos ready for print, saves them electronically to disk and goes on the first trip to the printer.

Laurie Frowde (who may be known to one or two villagers!) of The Meeting House publishers then puts the whole thing into a special 'Mac' format, transferring the articles and photos electronically from the disks Alison prepared and produces individual sample pages for the Working Group. We check the layout to see if everything has come out as we imagined, then read the whole magazine through, marking up anything that needs changing; spellings, captions, placement of photos, etc. Laurie produces a 'book-proof' which is like a draft photocopied version of how the News will look when printed. This is our last chance! We are human and





*Laurie Frowde of The Meeting House, working on the next edition*

occasionally a blip does get through. When agreed, Laurie sends it electronically to the printer and a week later boxes together containing 2,700 copies of the next Pembury Village News are deposited on the distributors' doorsteps.

Parish Councillors or their representatives deliver a good proportion of the magazines, but village-wide distribution would not happen without the volunteer workforce of distributors. Each one loyally delivers his or her round in whatever weather gets thrown at

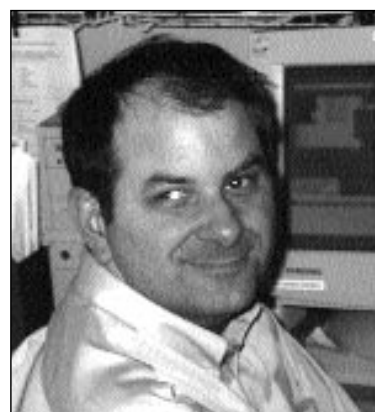
them. Like the Working Group that puts the magazine together they also have busy lives, so our thanks go to them for doing their bit for the village. (If, of course, you have a few free moments to deliver magazines, do not hesitate to contact us!)

However, it is not yet finished . . . Highlights of the latest edition are published on the Pembury Village News website ([www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)) by Webmaster Steve Morton. Steve also runs an associated e-group whereby anybody with Internet/e-mail access, wherever they are in the world, can chat

about things 'Pemburian'. Lastly, a copy of website pages is printed out and put in the Library so that those who do not have computers can access the information on the website.

Then we start all over again!

**Editor**



*Steve Morton, Webmaster, publishing the News on the Internet*

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## PEMBURY ON THE INTERNET - [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)

### **Pembury Village Tour**

Some of you will no doubt have seen and heard that the BBC have started broadcasting from their Tunbridge Wells studio. To coincide with this, the BBC recently developed a local area on their website at [www.bbc.co.uk/kent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent). I have found this very useful as it contains lots of helpful and interesting local information.

In a section called 'Virtual Town and Village Tours' they invited people to tell them about their local town or village. I contacted the team at BBC Kent about a tour of Pembury; it seemed to be a good idea to put us on the map.

After a few quick exchanges of email I set to work and compiled about 500 words and some pictures to go on their site. My article gives a brief history of the village as well as an update on what is going on in the village in 2001. You can view the pages by clicking on:

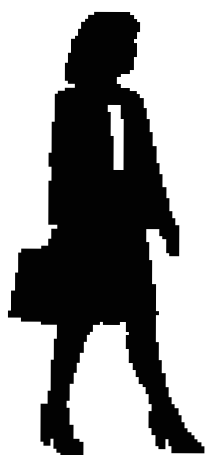
**[www.bbc.co.uk/kent/places/villages/pembury.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/places/villages/pembury.shtml)**

My thanks go to Robert Leslie at BBC Kent in Tunbridge Wells for his encouragement and help in putting the village on the BBC site.

**[www.pembury.org.uk](http://www.pembury.org.uk) becomes [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)**

Yes, just a minor change to the address! Essentially, it is the same site but in time the new address will allow us to have some more features currently not on the existing site. Both addresses will run in parallel for some time to come. The new address will firmly establish 'Pembury' in the world of the Internet, making it easier for people to find Pembury in their searches for information and long lost memories. Please start to use the new address and amend your bookmarks. I believe the Pembury library will soon have some Internet connected computers so hopefully more of you soon will be able to view the site at first hand.

**Steve Morton**



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## PEMBURY PEOPLE - RAY HEASMAN

**O**UR SERIES CONTINUES with the discovery of another 'good Samaritan' in the village. Although originally a Sussex man from Groombridge Ray Heasman, 71 years young, along with his charming wife, Margaret, has lived in Pembury for over 20 years. They have four children between them and are currently enjoying being grandparents. Over a smashing cup of tea, sitting in their cosy Church Road home I asked Ray about his life's journey.

Ray's early working life started at the age of 14 when he became a projectionist at the old Ritz cinema on Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells. There were four cinemas in the town at the time with the other three being situated at the Great Hall, the Opera House and the old Cosmos opposite Marks & Spencer. Between 1946 and 1956 Ray was employed by Southern Railway, initially as a cleaner but soon becoming a fireman. Only a stint of National Service intervened before Ray qualified as a driver of steam engines such as the Standard Class 80010. The advent of diesels in the late 1950s gave Ray the opportunity of a change of career and he soon found himself gainful employment as an office manager with companies in High Brooms, Paddock Wood and Riverhead.

Eventually the call of the great outdoors began to beckon and Ray took the plunge to follow his passion for all things green and became a self-employed landscape gardener. Originally travelling far and wide to such areas as Seaford, Ray soon began to concentrate his work in Pembury and surrounding villages. In addition, both he and Margaret applied their good hearts and capacity for hard work to fundraising for the Liberal party and initiating a local British Heart Foundation group. The latter involvement came about after Margaret's operations (thankfully successful!) which resulted in having a stainless steel valve inserted into her heart. The good work did not stop there as Ray found that there were a number of housing tenants in the village who needed a mediator to deal with individual needs and problems. This soon came to the attention of the High Weald Housing Association and Ray was elected to the Tenants Consultative Committee. He has attacked his new remit with relish and has recently risen to the High Weald Housing Association Board of Directors. This position with responsibility for 6,164 properties keeps Ray extremely busy.

Ray and Margaret are well-known gardeners in the village and have won many prizes for their efforts and, having seen the fruit of their efforts, I am not surprised! Both of them delight in 'having been brought up to help people' and are living proof of the old adage 'Do a little good in the world and it will do you the world of good'

**Paul Barrington-King**





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## PEMBURY COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

**T**HIS WORKING GROUP was set up in April 1996 following a meeting with the police after the build up of local issues. The Group is made up of members of the parish from as broad a spectrum of the community as possible – Parish Council, the church, local police, Scouts & Guides, High Weald Housing and local businesses.

The purpose of the group is to identify the root cause of some of the problems that face us as a community and ascertain whether these issues can be settled locally or whether professional help is required. Some matters have to be referred straight back to the Parish Council if they are deemed to be outside the Group's mandate.

Sometimes it is possible to identify a problem in its early stages, whether it be of a criminal nature in which case the police are notified, especially if they can be nipped in the bud before they develop.

One of the needs identified some while ago was the requirement for additional lighting between Sandhurst Avenue and Woodside to encourage use of the YMCA facility through the winter months.

We have also been very active over the last two years in attempting to put together a facility for the village youngsters in the evening who do not use the YMCA or the Scouts and Guides. The intention is to provide an evening meeting place where they can have music and soft drinks and possible snacks. There is a long way to go on this one yet it could be all-embracing for mother and toddler groups and a gathering place for senior citizens.

Many thanks must go to the members of the Group for their input and the support of our local police officers.

**Hugh Boorman**

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## PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

**P**EMBURY FC CONTINUES to hold the reputation as one of the best football clubs in the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells area.

The first team on Saturdays have had a difficult start to their season but they are playing the highest standard of football ever achieved by a Pembury team and under manager Phil Craxton have had continuous success over the past six years.

The Saturday reserve side were promoted last season after winning their league and are enjoying a successful start to their season in the premier division of the Tonbridge league.

The three teams who play on Sundays show how strong Pembury FC has become over the past few years.

We have a team in each of the top three divisions of the West Kent Sunday league and all of the three teams are currently in the top three of their respective divisions. Ben Cooper in the Sunday 'A' team leads the way as top scorer in the Club but we feel that some of the other players could challenge this position if he would pass the ball to them! Stephen Harper, ex-player and still good friend to Pembury FC has been enjoying great success as a semi-professional player at Burgess Hill and has been offered the opportunity to train with Millwall FC for a four week period. We all wish him good luck in this venture.

The old war-horse Alan 'Moxy' Moxon continues to defy the years and holds down a regular place in the Sunday 'A' team. As he approaches the big 5-0, he needs a good rub down with the 'News of the World' before he plays on Sunday mornings, but is still as fit as he ever was.

**Robin Turner, Acting Chairman Pembury FC**



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## COMPAID TRUST

**T**HE TRUST was set up in 1986 following research and experience acquired by Lorna Ridgway MBE with residents at Seven Springs Cheshire Home. Lorna recognised the potential that the use of a computer could have for people with a disability, particularly those with communication difficulties.

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*Two of our clients using the day centre*

per year, on site and in their own homes. Twenty people per day also attend the day centre. Specialist transport was required to bring clients to the day centre and this service has been extended to Social and Health Service departments, as well as members of the community with special needs.

If you would like further details about Compaid, in particular volunteering opportunities (drivers and computer assistants), please get in contact with Pat Childs (824060).

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## PROVERBS FOR THE INFORMATION AGE . . .

Proverbs for the Information Age . . .

1. Home is where you hang your @.
2. The e-mail of the species is deadlier than the mail.
3. A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.
4. You can't teach a mouse old clicks.
5. Great groups from little icons grow.
6. Speak softly for you carry a cellular phone
7. C:\ is the root of all directories.
8. Oh, what a tangled website we have when first we practice!
9. Pentium wise, pen and paper foolish.

10. The modem is the message.
11. Too many clicks spoil the browse.
12. The geek shall inherit the earth.
13. There's no place like homepage.
14. Don't byte off more than you can view
15. Fax is stranger than fiction
16. What boots up must come down.
17. Windows will never cease
18. Virtual reality is its own reward.
19. Modulation in all things.
20. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to use a Nintendo and he won't bother you for weeks.

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# PEMBURY IN THE PAST

## 100 YEARS AGO

**I**N CONTINUING my series of Pembury 100 years ago, the stark reality of social progress since then is very clear after reading the columns of the Kent and Sussex Courier. One of the recurring items was the care of the poor and elderly. As you may know, the present Pembury Hospital was the site of the Pembury Workhouse where the poor of the District were cared for and housed.

One of the members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor at that time was a Rev. R. S. S. Woodgate, a well known Vicar, whose name was given to the area in which he lived in Pembury. In 1901, it was reported that the Workhouse contained 282 inmates, as they were called in those days, made up of 208 men, 47 women and 27 children. The Workhouse was also home for a few nights for vagrants, those people of no fixed abode, travelling around the country trying to eke out a living. In just one fortnight, the local workhouse had helped 273 such persons – it just shows how widespread the problem was in respect of these unfortunate people when you remember that these figures were just for Pembury's Workhouse.

Another problem in those days was the care of pauper children. The feeling was growing at that time that the Workhouse was not an appropriate place for bringing up children. Most supported the idea that most, if not all, children should be kept out of the Workhouse and efforts should be made to try and make arrangements to send them to various local homes. Thank goodness, that with the help of the good and helpful members of that society, the suffering and well being of these unfortunate people were slowly being understood.

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Turning to lighter matters, it seemed that local rivalry was still at the top of the social calendar 100 years ago. Whereas today it is football or cricket, it was reported then that a Whist and Billiards Match had been arranged between the Lamberhurst and Pembury Institutes. The Messrs. Playfoot represented Lamberhurst and Mr W. Seymour and partner represented Pembury, the result of the billiards game being 3 to 2 in favour of Lamberhurst, whilst in the Whist challenge, Lamberhurst won by 4 to 1.

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Another news item of 100 years ago reported during a monthly meeting of the Pembury Parish Council, an emerging arm of local government in those days, that authority be given for letters to be written to the District Council requesting that they should not deposit any more sewage from their sewage vans in a field close to Hastings Road and to the County Council not to deposit any more stone on the Village Green!! This monthly meeting was also the occasion when the Parish Council presented a Mr W. Andrews with a silver mounted walking stick on his retirement from the Council in recognition of the great service he had rendered to the Council since it had been established, Mr Andrews being the first ever Chairman of the Parish Council. I feel that Mr Andrews reported comments are still appropriate to-day as they were then, when in thanking the Council Members for their kind expressions of thanks, he stated "that I think it is everyone's duty to do all they can for the Parish in which they live"

## PROPOSED NEW CONDITIONS OF WORK FOR THE CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK

- “1. This Council has reduced the hours of work and the clerical staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7am and 6pm.
2. Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30am and noon, but work will not on any account cease.
3. No talking is allowed during business hours.
4. No member of the clerical staff may leave the room without permission. The calls of nature are permitted and clerical staff may use the garden below the second gate. This area must be kept in good order.
5. The craving of tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness and as such is forbidden to all members of the clerical staff.
6. Members of the clerical staff will provide their own pens.
7. Clothing must be of a sober nature. The clerical staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colours. Overshoes and top hats may not be worn in the office but neck scarves and headwear may be worn in inclement weather.
8. A stove is provided for the benefit of clerical staff. Coal and wood must be kept in the locker. It is recommended that each member of the clerical staff bring in four pounds of coal each day during cold weather.
9. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office. The clerical staff will be present.

Footnote:

The Council recognises the generosity of the new labour laws but will expect a great rise in output of work to compensate for these near utopian conditions.”

By the way, this was written in 1852 . . .

**Barbara Russell, Parish Clerk**

## DO YOU REMEMBER MISS OLIVE WALKER’S VENTURERS’ CLUB?

Rosemary Foord, (née Taverner) has sent us a photograph that might stir a few memories.



Miss Walker owned the village haberdashery shop, combining with this her own local library (now the Chinese take-away) which she inherited from her father, a kindly little man with silver hair, who always welcomed his customers as if they were royalty.

The photograph shows a theatrical production Miss Walker staged in the late 1940s, maybe early 1950s, other readers may recall the

exact date. Mrs Foord thinks it took place at the Royal Victoria Hall in Southborough. All the girls that took part lived in Pembury and ages ranged from 4 to 16.

Are you in the photo? Mrs Foord thinks she can name everyone in the photo but can you? If you can, do write to the Editor at the address on page 2. Results in a future edition!

## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

### PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB – THE ANSWERS!

**I**N THE last issue, Henry Plant set a puzzle, that of identifying players in a photograph dating from 1946. We have had answers from all over the village; particular thanks to Mrs Leach, Bill Ford, Roger Gorringe and Jean Fry. These are the (composite) results.

Front row from left: man in suit (St John's Ambulance) Arthur Latter; man sitting with child Arthur Grainger, child not known; Arthur Cole; with cup, Norman Blackman (who went on to play for Folkestone); folded arms, Nicky ? (from Paddock Wood?); man in suit with baby Stanley Penn (coach driver in Pembury); baby daughter Pam (now Chedsey);

Two sitting in very front: left Tim ('Spot') Grainger; right, not known

Back row from left: man in suit George? Park; Norman Stacey (now in Goudhurst area); Ronnie or George Kerwin (still in Pembury); fourth from left, not known; Mont a.k.a. 'Nobby' Clark; Jack Goodsall; Eric Leach (Mrs Leach still lives in the village); second from right, not known; at very right, in suit, Ernie or Harry Weekes.



It has been suggested that the trophy is the Kent Senior Cup (unless, of course, you know different . . . )

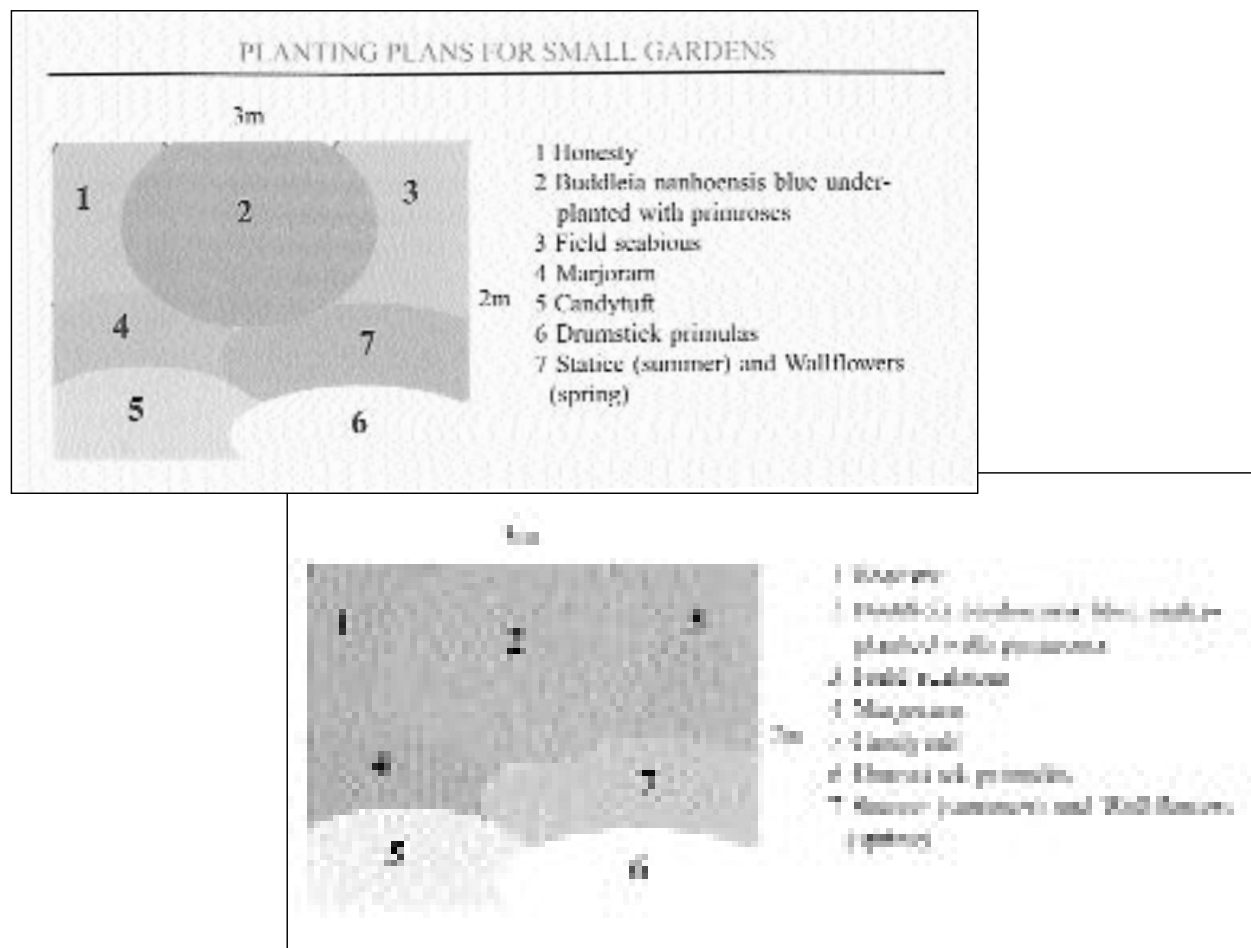
# BUTTERFLIES

PERHAPS SOME of you may have noticed the sudden, albeit brief, appearance of quite a large number of butterflies in the last week of October/first week in November. This was mainly due to the warm weather, I should think, when many types of flower bloomed for a second time. The butterflies in question were mainly Red Admirals.

The threat of extinction for some varieties of butterfly is so serious that I wrote to the Butterfly Conservation Society for further information. They have provided an extremely informative book, price £4.95 and leaflets which show how vulnerable some of our species are and yet the situation can easily be reversed. In future editions of the News we hope to provide information regarding essential food for the caterpillar stage and then the butterfly itself and means of providing winter warmth. For those who want to start planning next year's garden, please see the two ideas for small gardens for food provision for the butterfly that I have reproduced from the book by kind permission of the Society.

So please treat yourself to the book by contacting Mrs C. Honebun at the Butterfly Conservation Society Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5QP. Tel. 01929 400209 and see if we can start up our own local society.

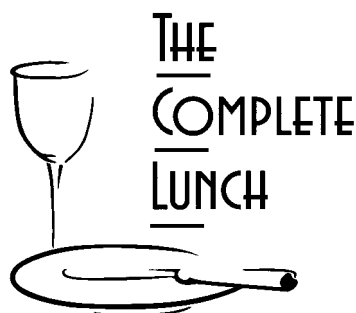
**Hugh Boorman**





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## SNIPPETS

### THE TIP LORRY BOWS OUT . . .

We understand that the Sunday refuse collection lorry is to be no more! Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have re-allocated the funds for this towards a better doorstep collection for all residents and an improved recycling programme.

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### THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

had a splendid Annual Coffee Morning & Sale on the Village Green on 8th September and raised the fabulous sum of £773.56 for the Repair and Maintenance Fund for the Old Church. Ann Toler would like to thank everybody who took part, whether as organisers or buyers and drinkers. Even the weather was kind and steadily improved to give a warm, sunny end to the morning.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO

Maureen Wickham and Margaret Seldon will be running their disco again in the Village Hall on 31 December from 7.30pm to 12.30pm, live music by 'Distraction'. All ages are welcome, bring your own food and drink. All profits and raffle proceeds in aid of the Hospice. Tickets, £10 for adults, £5.00 for under 14s, are available from Maureen on 822981 and Margaret on 824627.

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### PEMBURY BUSINESS 'HEADMASTERS'

in the High Street has expanded to include a beauty salon; this should prove very popular in the run-up to Christmas, especially with a new late night opening on Thursday!

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### NEW COMPUTERS FOR PEMBURY!

You may have noticed that there have been changes in the library. Well, some time this autumn Pembury is to have 3 public access computers which means residents will have free Internet access as well as be able to use up to date programs such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.). Those with hotmail or other web-based email will be able to pop in and collect their mail while choosing a book, video or audio tape to rent, getting information on careers, buying greetings cards or finding out what's going on in Pembury. You will, of course be able to log on to Pembury's own website at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)!

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### 'READING THE LANDSCAPE'

A study day run by CPRE (West Kent Group) on Saturday 16th March 2002 at Ide Hill Village Hall, 9.30am-4.00pm Cost £8 to include hot drinks and a simple lunch. Whether living in or

visiting the countryside the experience is enriched by the landscape we see around us. Many of us enjoy the general view, but do we understand what we are looking at? On this course will be speakers with professional experience of aspects relating to the landscape. During a prolonged lunch break (and weather permitting!) these experts will help to interpret the spectacular view from the Greensand Ridge (on which Ide Hill Village Hall is sited) southwards over Bough Beech Reservoir and beyond. Contact: Mrs S. Pittman, 27 Old Chapel Road, Crockenhill, Swanley, Kent BR8 8LL (01322 669923).  
e-mail: [pittman@crockenhill.freerve.co.uk](mailto:pittman@crockenhill.freerve.co.uk).  
Pat Cookson, one of the Pembury Tree Wardens, will be going and if anyone is interested there may be one or two car spaces available. 825739.

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### CHARLES AMHERST ALMSHOUSES

Janet Ditchett, of Ditchetts Chemists in Pembury, has been appointed as a Trustee following Mary Standen's retirement. The Charles Amherst Almshouses here in Pembury are 285 years old and recently the Trustees made a number of improvements in order to bring the six houses more in line with modern requirements.

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### US DISASTER IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON 11 SEPTEMBER

The Autumn edition of the News had gone to press a few days before these terrible events. Like other community representatives, Pembury Parish Council deplored these events. If you wish to contribute to the disaster relief funds, you can send contributions to The Helping USA Fund, c/o CAF Charity Administration Services, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA. You can also make a credit/debit card donation on 0800 993311.

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### REMEMBERING STAN MOXON

A number of villagers have expressed interest in providing a memorial to the late Stan Moxon. The proposal is for a bench suitably inscribed to be sited on the village green. Donations are invited which can be sent to Mr H. R. More, 21 Greenleas, Pembury TN 4NS telephone 822747 or placed in the collecting boxes at The Black Horse, Ditchetts the Chemist, Vic's (Rices) Greengrocers, Speights Butchers.

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## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

**W**E HELD our combined Autumn/Annual General Meeting at the village hall in late October and it was good to see so many of our members present. Nearly one hundred arrived and this degree of support is most heartening. Indeed, several have told us that they would not now miss Pembury Society meetings, which are golden words to those in the team who work so hard to make these events successful.

The meeting had three main parts. The first was the display of photographs entitled 'A Seeing Eye' which commemorated the work of Pembury photographer Charles Adams FRPS. The pictures, in black and white and colour, not only exhibited the high quality of Charles Adams work but also gave an insight into the enquiring eye and mind of this gifted man.

The second part of the event was the passage of business during which the members were reminded of the range of matters dealt with on their behalf by the Committee. Norman Whitton, the Treasurer, reported that the finances were sound and the Membership Secretary, Ken Watts, told of a significant increase in the number of members.

Ron and Sylvia Abbott were leaving the village to live in Cambridgeshire and on behalf of the Society had been presented on the previous day with a cut-glass decanter and glasses. Ron was Chairman for several years and a Committee member over a long period and both he and Sylvia have done much for the Society and the village. They will be missed.

At the vote, the Officers and Committee members were re-elected together with Steve Morton and Ruth Alston who were welcomed by the meeting and who will now join the Committee team.

The meeting heard about a new initiative proposed by the Society to award one or more scholarships to allow young or youngish people who live in Pembury to attend short training courses designed to increase skills in a wide range of country life subjects which include coppice ecology and management, woodland management, the ancient art of hedge-laying, etc. The object of this plan was to improve the knowledge and abilities of a few of our villagers so that these skills might be retained within our community. We believe that this is particularly relevant to us in Pembury because we are surrounded by woodland and farmland whilst having a community which is steadily moving away from its rural origins. For details on the courses and the scholarships, contact Monica Marshall on 822659 or Derek Johnson on 823150.

After the break for refreshments the third part of the meeting took place when the guest speaker Mr Chris Turner, Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Director, NHS and his team presented a talk on 'The New Tunbridge Wells Hospital (Preferred Site Pembury)'. This was extremely informative and was well received by the audience, probably because it was such a well-structured and professional presentation. The questions were many, the answers were lucid and the whole evening was great.

This, then, is the start of a new year for the Society and the close of the old which has itself been very successful. There is a growing realisation of late concerning the truth of the old saying that the more you put in to life the more you get out of it and in this vein we need active members who by giving as little as a few hours over a twelve-month period can do so much for the village. With a greater number of capable volunteers we can organise a larger number of events which will bring together more closely our community, whilst at the same time creating the wherewithal to improve village life. If you fit, contact us now.

**Derek Johnson**



*Ron and Sylvia Abbott with their presentation gifts*

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## GILL'S GARDEN

**P**LANT TREES and shrubs if the weather is favourable. The ground should be neither frosted nor waterlogged. Protect conifer and tender specimens of plants with plastic sheeting to stop windburn. Move containers to a sheltered spot if very severe weather is forecast or once again protect with bubble wrap.

Any bulbs not planted in the garden by now can be planted in pots for either indoors or placed in the garden in spring. Carry out pruning of summer flowering shrubs and trees in mild spells, cutting back invasive roots and branches. Plant bare rooted roses or transplant older ones making sure the roots are firmly trodden in the ground, to stop the wind rocking them.

Don't walk on the lawn if it is frosted or waterlogged as this kills the grass. Make sure all leaves are removed from lawns and dig borders ready for spring planting, whilst keeping a watch for slugs and snails. A general fertilizer can be spread around bulbs as they grow. If you have a pond with fish in it a rubber or plastic ball floated on the water will provide an air hole if the pond freezes over. Sow sweet pea seeds under glass for summer flowering.

Sow fibrous Begonia and geranium seeds in late December, prick out and grow ready for flowering in summer. Check tubers of dahlias for rot along side geraniums and fuchsias, spraying with water. Bring into warmer temperatures if you want early cuttings. Redesign any part of the garden if need be. Bricks can be used to edge lawns and borders to prevent plants encroaching.

Finally make sure all machinery is in good condition before the spring, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

**Gill Matthews**



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## MY PLOT

**T**HIS WAS one of my most organised autumns ever. I had a really good clearout of last summer's stuff, rather than leaving it to the spring like I usually do. It has always seemed to me that my two options are, a winter of bare earth, or weeds left over from the previous summer.

However, as I have recently found out, "there is another way". One of my neighbouring plots has had 'green manure' grown on it for years. This means growing special plants that feed the soil somehow. You let them grow but before they flower, you dig them into the soil to fertilise it. Whenever there was a little gap, the then-tenant Dennis, popped in some clover or winter rye and then when the space was needed again he just dug it in. The plot has always done really well. When Dennis retired the now-tenant Tony still got bumper crops and he is so impressed, he is going to carry on the good work. The news is spreading and I have planted all my gaps with green manure too. There are several different ones available and this year I'm trying Field Beans, Buckwheat, Grazing Rye and something called Phacelia.

Now it seems to me that if growing ground cover plants over the winter is good for your soil then it would be even better if those plants were

edible. Which is why I fancy growing all these winter salad leaves; the sort that you can buy in a mixed bag at the supermarket. There are dozens of them available as seed now, and some grow right through the winter for example Mustard Greens 'Green in Snow'. The main trouble will be having good enough weather to go there and pick them but if I don't, then I just compost it. So that's my plan for next winter . . .

Some of my experiments work well but some are pathetic failures for example last summer's novel vegetable Jicama. There was I expecting "a climber like a runner bean with mauve flowers similar to Laburnum and a juicy root that tastes of melon". Instead I got feeble plants that sat at the bottom of their bamboo wigwam and refused to grow. The slugs have had them now and they're welcome!

Those of you who remember that I have been 'caretaking' this piece for Rob for the last two and a half years, will be interested to know that I met him in the Black Horse before Christmas. He said that he has nearly finished decorating his house and is looking forward to returning to his Rob's Plot slot.

**Caroline Mazze**

## CRIME IN PEMBURY

UNFORTUNATELY, for the months of August, September and October 2001 there has been an increase of 5% in reported crime as against the corresponding quarter last year. Whilst some crime incidence has decreased there has been a deplorable increase of 54% in recorded damage.

We already know that the amount of damage reported for November is going to make sad reading, especially for the night of 6th November when there was a spate of car damage around the village. Sadly, the police did not offer too much encouragement to report these incidents when it was suggested that a passing vehicle had shot a stone through two windows at the same time.

Without appearing to be too sceptical when the crime figures in Kent are shown as being very low, I wonder if this is distorted by the fact that possibly a large number of crimes are not being recorded because members of the public are totally cheesed off trying to make their point or simply cannot get through (The emergency number remains 999, but for other calls the number is 01732 740055).

Again, I must emphasis that I have every sympathy with the local community officers and those on patrol who are so short in numbers. It must be difficult what to prioritise.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas but please be extra vigilant at this time of the year especially and do not let those who thieve and damage ruin your Christmas.

**Hugh Boorman**

MONTH	Arson	Assault	Buglary other Type	Burglary	Damage	Deception	Other	Theft from Motor Vehicles	Theft	Theft of Motor Vehicles	TOTAL
<b>August</b>			7	1	6	2	1	2	3		22
<b>September</b>		1	1	1	7		1	2	4		17
<b>October</b>	1	1		3	4	1	5	3	2		20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>ROAD</b>											
A21 B								1			1
Brickfields					1						1
Canterbury Road								1			1
Castle Hill		1					3				4
Elmhurst Avenue					1						1
Greenleas					1		1				2
Hastings Road		1	1	2	4		1		1		10
Henwood Green Road					3						3
Henwoods Crescent				1							1
High Street			1		1	3			1		6
Lower Green Road	1				3			2	1		7
Maidstone Road			1						1		2
Old Church Road					1						1
Ridgeway					1						1
Romford Road			1	1				2			4
Sandhurst Avenue					1						1
The Coppice				1							1
Tonbridge Road			2				1	1	5		9
Westway			1								1
Woodhill Park			1				1				2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>



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## ROSIE'S RECIPE CORNER

I HOPE YOU enjoyed the recipes in the Autumn PVN and have had a chance to try them out.

I have received some recipes from Mr Norman Starkey who describes himself as 'a professional, keen on food and cooking' and likes 'simple food'. So here are his recipes:

### **Pasta with smoked salmon and spinach in a creamy lemon sauce - serves 4**

Ingredients:

2 ozs butter  
grated zest and juice of one lemon  
7 ozs crème fraiche  
14 ozs dried pasta  
14 ozs spinach  
8 ozs smoked salmon cut into strips  
chives to garnish (if available )  
salt and pepper

Melt the butter and whip in the lemon zest and juice. Stir in the crème fraiche, warm, season and set aside. Cook pasta in salted water until 'al dente'. Add spinach to pasta. Cook for about 30 seconds and then drain. Toss lemon sauce to pasta and spinach and 6ozs of the smoked salmon. Garnish with remaining salmon and chives.

### **Cappuccino cream – serves 4**

Ingredients:

2 tps coffee (instant is suitable)  
2 tps water  
1/2 a pot of whipping cream  
(Elmlea is suitable )

1 oz caster sugar  
7 ozs crème fraiche  
12 Amoretti (Italian) biscuits  
3 ozs dark chocolate  
(50% - 60% cocoa solids)

Put cream in bowl and whip with sugar. Fold in crème fraiche and coffee. Crush roughly the Amoretti biscuits. Use half of the biscuits to fill bottom of glass (four stemmed will do well). Grate the chocolate and sprinkle one third over biscuits. Add more cream mixture and rest of biscuits. Add another third chocolate shavings and also remaining cream. Decorate with remaining chocolate and chill in fridge. Serve.

For those of you who may not like coffee flavoured desserts (like myself) I suggest substituting the instant coffee with drinking chocolate powder or cocoa powder.

Please keep the recipes coming in. I am sure there are a lot of people who have favourite ones. Please send to me Rosie Latter, 81 Beagles Wood Road, Pembury , TN2 4HZ or if you are on email [rosie@latter.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:rosie@latter.fsworld.co.uk)

Wishing you all a 'gourmet' Happy Christmas!



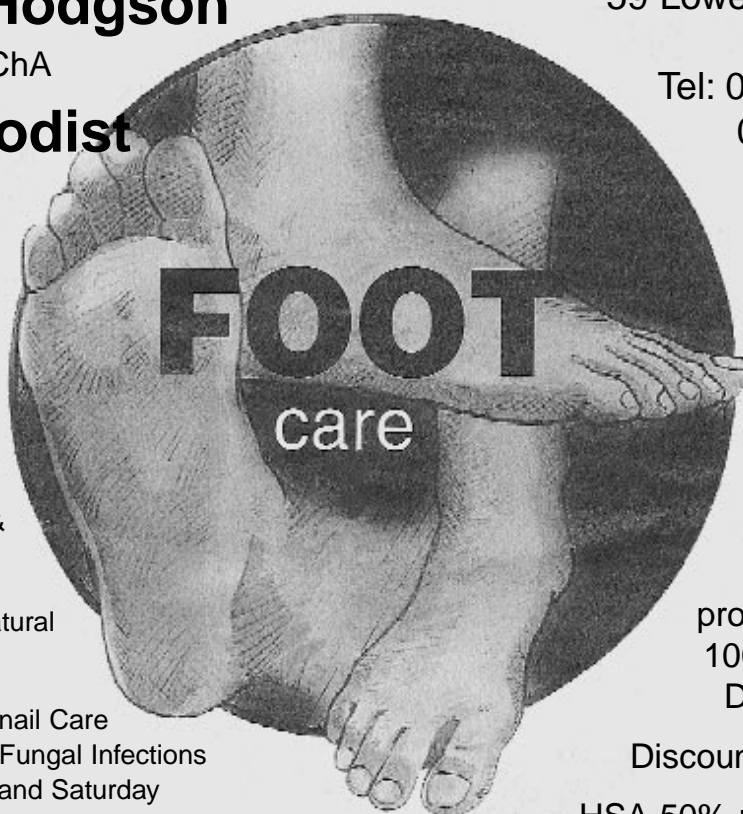
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## Your Clerk *Reports* . . .

**T**HE PARISH COUNCIL is currently involved in a number of consultations and projects, some of which concern the village only and others which have more far reaching implications.

If you have walked down Rowley Hill recently (Old Church Road from Gimble Way to the footbridge over the A228 bypass) you will have noticed how overgrown and littered it has become. Who is responsible for this gated road is unclear and so a group of parish councillors led by Cllr Hugh Boorman have undertaken to cut back and clear the undergrowth and hedges. To keep areas like this attractive and pleasant to walk through a certain amount of maintenance is needed. If anyone feels they are able to offer assistance with this project please ring Hugh on 823068. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Another project being organised by Hugh is the clearance of a pond at Amhurst Bank, again offers of help would be greatly welcomed. This project is being partly funded by the Kent High Weald Project.

The Remembrance Service was even more thought provoking this year after the events of 11th September and Steven gave a very pertinent sermon spanning the topic of war and the giving of life. He started by outlining the ancient biblical conditions and support for war in those days. He later drew attention to the works of Jesus in Matthew chapter 5 which gave a conciliatory approach. The Church of England has documented its general position which is summed up by the support for war in extreme circumstances. Stephen concluded by reminding the congregation not to forget why those who have died in recent conflicts gave their lives.

The parish fireworks display was very successful (report on page 3) but I would like to mention our groundsman, Tony, without whom the event would have been much more difficult to organise as he spent all day making the grounds as safe as possible.

Many parishioners have expressed their concern about the closure of the Camden Car Park to motorists other than those using the Camden Public House. The facts are as follows:

- The Car Park is owned by the Camden Arms but for many years was leased by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
- The lease was allowed to lapse in the year 2000 but the manager permitted limited parking.
- The Public House is now under new ownership.

**Barbara Russell**

A PEMBURY resident has up to 75 Christmas trees grown over the last seven years ranging from 4ft to 12ft (most quite large) and they are all being dug or cut up.

They are being sold at £10 each regardless of size and all proceeds go half to the Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club and half to the Scout & Guide Fund.

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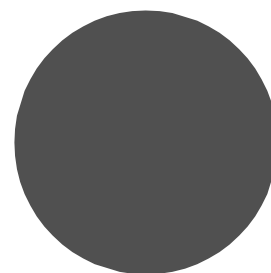
### ST PETER'S

16 December	9.45 am	Family service with Junior Church Christmas production – Upper Church
23 December	6.30 pm	Parish Carol Service – Upper Church
24 December	4 pm	Children's Crib Service – Upper Church
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist – Upper Church
25 December	8 am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45 am	Family Eucharist with carols – Upper Church
	11.30 am	Holy Communion with carols – Old Church
30 December	11.30 am	Carol Service – Old Church
6 January	9.45 am	Family Service with Youth Group sketch 'Kings Behaving Badly'



### ST ANSELM'S

22 December	7.30 pm	Carol service followed by confessions
23 December	10.30 am	Holy Mass
24 December	7.30 pm	Carols followed by confessions
	8 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas
25 December	10.30 am	Holy Mass
30 December	10.30 am	Holy Mass



### PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

20 December	2 pm	'Little Rascals' Christmas service
23 December	10 am	'Y' Christmas?
	6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight
25 December	10 am	Christmas Day service
30 December	10 am	'Y' New Year?

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## IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

**M**ANY OF you will have seen the recent television 'Y Course' series on ITV introduced by David Frost which received a lot of media attention not least for the issues it raised.

You may have again wondered if there is more to life than our three score years and ten and 'is there something beyond all this . . . ?

You will soon be able to see for yourself, as Pembury Baptist Church will be running the same Y Course during January and February 2002.

David Graham, Pastor of Pembury Baptist Church, says that the Y Course is an eight week exploration of the Christian faith, which claims that there is indeed much more to life than meets the eye! So why not take him up on it and go along and have a look? No session lasts longer than an hour and a half.

The first evening of the course will be on Tuesday 15th January at the Baptist Church in Romford Road. If you want more details please ring 825590



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### **REGULARS**

Village Market – Village Hall Thursdays 9.30am – 12noon

### **DECEMBER 2001**

31 Disco – Village Hall – 7.30pm – 12.30am

### **JANUARY 2002**

- 1 New Year's Footpath Walk – Stonecourt Lane – 10am
- 2 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Wartime Memories – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 3 Pembury Afternoon WI: Christmas Comes But Once A Year – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI: A Brief History of Cruising – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 11-13 Pembury Players: Little Red Riding Hood – Village Hall
- 14 St Peter's Photographic Club: Exhibition preparation – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 22 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 26 Pembury Junior Football Event – Village Hall – 8pm
- 28 St Peter's Photographic Club: Table Top evening – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Hospice in the Weald – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15p.m.
- 5 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 6 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Life Before Ordination – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Magic Lantern Show – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 11 St Peter's Photographic Club: Theme competition – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 13 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion – Upper Church – 10am and 8pm
- 16 WI Jumble Sale – Village Hall – 2pm
- 19 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2 pm
- 25 St Peter's Photographic Club: Slide cavalcade – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 28 Pembury Gardeners' Society: AGM – Village Hall – 8pm

### **MARCH**

- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Women Preparing for Easter – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Car Park – 2.15pm
- 4 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 5 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 6 St Peter's Mothers' Union: AGM – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Spring Fever – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 9 Pembury Football Club: Race Night – Village Hall
- 11 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 St Peter's Photographic Club: Members' Holiday Photos – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 15 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 7.30 for 8pm
- 18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm
- 19 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 25 St Peter's Photographic Club: TBA – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 30 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm



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### Upper Church

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9.45am The Parish Eucharist  
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10.00am Holy Communion  
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Sunday Mass 10.30am  
Holy Days – Vigil Mass  
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The hypocrites cry and pretend they understand  
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All because I'm a Jew.  
My friends are gone, and I know,  
That I'll be the next to go.  
Yet still they say "It'll be alright"  
But how can it be while we all still fight.  
So here I go to a concentration camp,  
Where it's dark and cold and damp  
We are treated as though we are inferior,  
The Nazis all think that they're superior.  
If they're so great then why can't they accept  
That we're all different, now I'm the next.  
So in a gas chamber I go to die,  
But I'll ask one question, one word. WHY?

**Anna Russell, age 14**

Note: This poem is on display at the Imperial War Museum's Holocaust Exhibition

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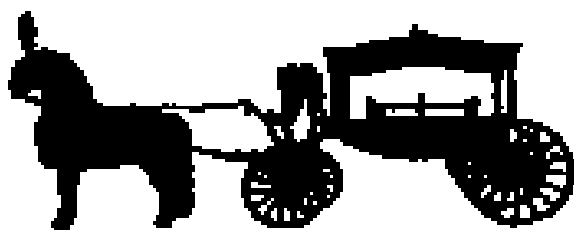
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