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THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS IN PEMBURY

AS REPORTED in the last News, Pembury Parish Council decided to spread celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Queen's accession over several months, thus giving everybody in the village the chance to join in at least one of the events.

Although some preliminary work had already been done, the Public Relations Working Group of Pembury Parish Council, which organised the Golden Jubilee events this summer, got down to the serious planning early in September 2001.



*Left to right:
Councillor
Alison Morton,
Parish Clerk
Barbara Russell
(standing),
Councillor
Wendy
Withycombe
and Councillor
Rosemary Latter
looking through
Coronation
memorabilia*

The first event was the 1950s dance which took place in the Village Hall on 18th May 2002. As well as Ditchett's Chemist and the Parish Office selling tickets direct to the public, village organisations sold tickets through their events and meetings.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE 1950s SUPPER DANCE 17 MAY 2002

OVER 100 GUESTS sat down to a delicious buffet and later danced their feet off at Pembury's first Golden Jubilee celebration. Guests were greeted by Cllr Rosie Latter and Paul Russell, both rigged out in 1950s formal wear, had their photograph taken and then took their places at the red, white and blue decorated tables.



Welcomed by Cllr David Coleman, Vice-Chair of Pembury Parish Council, and Cllr Alison Morton, who was the MC for the evening, guests enjoyed a first class buffet – including Coronation Chicken – provided by local firm S & A Catering. The atmospheric lighting was masterminded by Pembury Players' Derek Goodwin.



Entering into the spirit of the 1950s, guests had dressed variously as teddy boys, 'bobby-soxers', in chic cocktail wear, formal dresses (complete with evening gloves) and formal dinner jackets.





After the Loyal Toast congratulating the Queen on her 50-year reign, the dancing began! West Kent College's own band, 'The Red Cards', ably tutored by Julie Parker, sang

their hearts out with numbers reminding guests of Peggy Lee, Bill Haley, Frank Sinatra, to mention a few! Some expert, not to say demonstration level, dancing by guests impressed everybody.

A beautifully set out display of 1950s memorabilia drew a great deal of attention and a few sighs of nostalgia . . . A raffle with 1950s themed prizes – ranging from a tin



of Ovaltine to a bottle of Gordon's gin – raised £163 for the Royal British Legion. Dancing finished at 11.30pm and in keeping with the 1950s, everybody stood for the National Anthem.

The cabaret, provided by Pembury's own Amberside Dance Studio, was breathtaking. Changes in dance culture from the 1950s to present day were beautifully performed. All credit to them and their tutor, Margaret King.



Dancers receiving a special Golden Jubilee memento from David Coleman (Vice Chairman, Pembury Parish Council) and Cllr Alison Morton

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Cllr Rosie Latter looking at some of the 1950s memorabilia. Photograph courtesy of Courier Newspapers.



West Kent College band 'The Red Cards' with support team

There is no doubt that people enjoyed themselves: the atmosphere was electric and the pleasure palpable! Pembury's Parish Council received many congratulations over the next few days for their incredibly hard work in getting the Jubilee season off to a flying start.

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MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN



SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2002 saw the Golden Jubilee Musical Picnic on the Village Green. Live music was provided by the Syncopators, mostly light jazz/easy listening, plus a light rock/folk group and a brave Highland piper!

At 7pm the fancy dress competition for school age children living in Pembury to find the best King and Queen began. The judges were Pembury's County Councillor Kevin Lynes, Janet Dichett from Ditchetts Chemist and the Trefoil Guild and Councillor Rosie Latter, Chairman of the Parish Council Public Relations Working Group. A good number of high quality entrants made the judges' decision extremely difficult. The winners (which they eventually selected) were 'King' Thomas Bridges and 'Queen' Chloe Gibb, with William Grooms and Elizabeth Price as runners up. All four children received a certificate and a special Golden Jubilee crown as their prize.

Although a slightly chilly evening, masses of Pembury residents turned out with their picnics, wine, tables and chairs, rugs, etc. Glasses clinked, greetings exchanged, children ran around in high spirits, memories stirred as the music played. Only the failing light and exhausted children's yawns persuaded people that it was time to go home.



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A GOLDEN JUBILEE BOUQUET!

Pembury Parish Clerk Barbara Russell was sent this email quite spontaneously from a Pembury resident

Mrs Russell,

I want to let the Pembury Parish Council know that we really enjoyed the Picnic on the Green last weekend. The children loved the freedom of being able to run around with their friends in relative safety, whilst joining in with a family picnic. We liked eating a picnic whilst listening to enjoyable music and it was great to be able to join friends and have a natter.

Later, our daughter of nearly five years was seen dancing to the jazz band, and climbing on to the “stage” to join them. The children surrounding the stage gave as much entertainment as the band! The St. John’s Ambulance man was kept busy entertaining the younger children, and while we were there his first aid services were, thankfully, not required. Unfortunately, we had to leave before the end, as our young children needed their sleep.

Thank you for putting on this event. It is the only Jubilee celebration we have been able to get to, and we have not had the time to organise anything ourselves.

Yours sincerely,
Chris and Kathy Wallwork
Henwood Green Road

GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDING

A grant of £6,100 from the Queen's Jubilee Committee enabled Pembury Parish Council to put on such successful Golden Jubilee events this year. The Council gave a generous subsidy to the 1950s Supper Dance, bought a marquee and event safety equipment and, where not provided by volunteers, paid for musicians, prizes, printing, first aid, decorations, flags, etc. The Council also allocated £1,000 for the cleaning/renovation of the War Memorial and put large flower tubs filled with exotic and very colourful plants by the War Memorial. The Golden Jubilee Fun Run, although cancelled due to lack of support, incurred some expenses which were covered from the fund. A new 2002 sign is to be put up at Bo Peep Corner, thanks to a contribution. Last, but not least, this souvenir colour of the Pembury Village News delivered to each household in the parish has been made possible by a contribution from the grant.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN



FOLLOWING THE success of the Village Fete on the Green last year the Golden Jubilee Village Fete was held on the green on Saturday 20 July 2002. Our King and Queen, winners from the Golden Jubilee Musical Picnic children's competition, opened the fete with great aplomb. Although rain was forecast, it was a bright day with a reasonable amount of sunshine! Traditional stalls such as tin mine, face painting, lucky numbers, raffle, plants, bric-a-brac, sweets, books, together with stalls from village organisations such as The Pembury Society, plus some new attractions – a children's roundabout and play area – meant there was something for

everybody. The tea tent with (yummy) home-made cakes was run by the Evening WI and the barbecue courtesy of Speights Butchers was very popular throughout the afternoon.





Music was provided by 'The Prodigals' who got many feet tapping with classic rock and pop songs. At one stage, there were so many people on the green that the grass was no longer visible! £660 was raised for local charities Headway and Compaidd.

The fete was put together by the Parish Council Public Relations Group. Thanks

must go to all the others who helped set up and took down everything at each end of the day, including two large marquees in a fairly stiff breeze! Pembury School kindly loaned their staging again (as they had for the musical picnic).



However, the lynchpins of the whole event were Paul Russell and Parish Clerk Barbara Russell who did all the 'donkey work' beforehand of organising

the stalls, highways and health and safety, borrowing equipment, securing raffle prizes, etc. as well as being there the whole day until 8pm. Yes, it was hard work, but it was also a great success and a lot of FUN!

Back next year . . .



PEMBURY DRAGONS

ON SATURDAY 24 September a team made up from parents of pupils and including Cath Thewlis, the head teacher, competed in the Annual Dragon Boat Festival at Bewl Water. They were a novice crew which in the most did not have a clue of what was about to befall them.

After a 'dry run' in the school hall, they nervously entered the water to climb into what can only be described as a very unstable craft. As the drum

began to beat adrenaline started to flow and sheer guts and determination kept them afloat when others around them started to capsize. After three exhilarating heats the team earned a place in the lesser of the two finals, eventually finishing 11th out of 46 boats racing. Not bad for a first attempt!

The team wishes to thank all its supporters and hopes to do even better next year.



PEMBURY SCHOOL – OFSTED VISIT 20-24 MAY

OUR LOCAL SCHOOL has recently been visited by the OFSTED inspectorate. Their findings appear to be nothing less than impressive. Here is an extract from the report:

“... the new head teacher provides outstanding leadership and has brought about a new positive learning culture in what is now a successful school. This is evident in the good planning and teaching and the above average standards in six subjects. The school demonstrates its commitment to providing an inclusive education by having created a strong community approach within the village and doing its best for all pupils.”

“Children’s achievements and well-being are at the heart of the school’s principles. Governors, staff, parents and pupils all acknowledge the improvements of the past year. Much has been achieved, although there has been insufficient time for the new initiatives to benefit every subject and aspect. There are still areas for improvement of which the school is aware. Taking this into account, the school provides satisfactory value for money.”

These results are the fruition of an incredible amount of hard work by the many groups associated with our school such as the staff, governors and not least of all the parents. The portents are encouraging with the school having made a significant leap in the performance tables. Be in no doubt, Pembury Primary School is rapidly being appraised as an extremely desirable school for prospective parents. Our congratulations to all concerned – onwards and upwards!

Paul Barrington-King

INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS – NICOLA KIBBLE

AS WELL AS being one of the new members of Pembury Parish Council, I am also a relative newcomer to the village, having moved here from London in September 2001 with my fiancé John and our German Shepherd dog, Macbeth. It was the village web site that first attracted us to Pembury, when we decided to abandon the stress and bustle of London living and head off in the vague direction of Tunbridge Wells for a more peaceful way of life.

It was probably the best decision we have ever made, and we soon settled into the village. It's reassuring to know that there are still places that maintain a sense of community, even if the novelty of friendly neighbours (and strangers come to think of it!) was at first a little strange to us ex-Londoners! Macbeth soon made friends with fellow canines, and though she may look menacing, she's very good-natured, although she is yet to understand that it's not possible for German Shepherds to chase squirrels up trees, despite warnings that she will become a laughing stock among the local cats if they see her clumsy attempts.

I joined the Parish Council because I thought it would be good to do something for the village. I've very much enjoyed it so far and it's been a great way to get to know people and find out all the goings on in the village. Apart from being a Councillor, I work for an IT consultancy, and also spend much of my spare time studying towards a degree in psychology with the Open University; it's a fascinating subject.

I have a very busy year coming up as John and I are getting married in October 2003, and I have become completely immersed in wedding world; a wondrous new world where everything revolves around dresses and flowers and breakfast takes place in the afternoon. There's so much to organise, and on several occasions I have already woken in the middle of the night in a panic after dreaming I'd forgotten to buy a dress or book the reception. Nonetheless, it's a very exciting time for us as we embark on a new chapter in our lives, and I will endeavour to enjoy every moment leading up to the big day. Here's to the future!



PEMBURY LIBRARY UPDATE

THE NEW computers installed in the spring (see Summer edition, Pembury Village News) have proved very popular and several taster sessions to show people the basic procedures have been held. More are in the pipeline.

During the period April 2001 to March 2002 some 242 new members joined the library, 87 of whom were children. 17,409 books were issued (6,140 to children) as well as 157 audio cassettes and 2,568 videos.

Pembury children took part in last summer's reading challenge, whereby if they read three books during the summer holidays, they received a certificate and if they went on to read another three they won a medal. A book token was given to the one who had read the most books and another to the child who had tried the hardest.

The Library has continued to be the link between the Bookstart scheme and the local health visitors. Bookstart is a national scheme to introduce babies to books at an early age. They each receive a bag with two books, a placemat with nursery rhymes on it and booklets (for parents) explaining how to share books with babies. The staff put information about the library in the bags as well and passed them on to the health visitors who handed them out at the 7-9 months hearing test.

Older children have not been forgotten. The Young People's Librarian led a group of children transferring to secondary school in learning how to use a library to research information for projects and homework. She also visited the school to talk to members of Year 5 about the library and what it could do for them.

PEMBURY ACHIEVES BROADBAND!

IN A PRESS RELEASE on 22nd October 2002 BT announced that Pembury was in the first group of ten exchanges to reach their advanced order target and would soon have ADSL broadband. They hope to have the equipment installed in December, so it's broadband for Christmas!

Mark Leman, who has campaigned for broadband for Pembury says:

"I am very pleased that the campaign has helped Pembury to get ADSL broadband. It is a superb achievement and the culmination of 5 months of work by local people. This shows that Pembury is not some rural backwater with no interest in technology but a thriving community with many people and small businesses who depend on the Internet for rapid communications.

"I would like to thank all the people who have helped the campaign, those of you who told your friends, the team who leafleted the whole village, DPI Print and Production for sponsoring the leaflet, the Courier newspaper and Ian Buckley at Zen Internet for helping so much by putting our registrations and advance orders through to BT. This marks the end of the Broadband 4 Pembury campaign, but if you have any problems getting ADSL broadband let me know so we can share solutions."

Editor comments: This is a terrific facility to be able to provide for residents of Pembury. It will upgrade their Internet use in both volume and speed enabling them to process information, and hence learning, so much faster and much more thoroughly. Also, as Internet and telephone can be used at the same time with ADSL, it will also allow parents (and spouses!) of Internet surfers to regain use of their domestic telephone line.

The people and Parish of Pembury owe Mark a good deal for getting the campaign for broadband in Pembury off the ground and also for his persistence, encouragement and motivation of others!

Well done, Mark, and congratulations on such a good result.

PEMBURY FOOTPATH WALKERS

A YOUNG STUDENT photographer we met on one of our walks took a group picture of us to add to her portfolio. We little expected anything to come of it but were thrilled a few weeks later to receive a copy.

We walk around Pembury on the first Saturday of each month, following the established footpaths around the parish. It is a very sociable, mixed age group and we all get a chance to catch up on Pembury happenings and discuss anything else under the sun whilst having an afternoon out in the fresh air stretching our muscles. Basically, a 'win-win' situation!

If you would like to join in, and we would love to welcome you, please contact Kathryn or Neil Franklin on 823212 for details.



Left to right: William McAllister, David Cookson, Peter Parfitt, (kneeling) Brian Toseland, Pat Cookson, Pauline Brookes, Kathryn Franklin, Neil Franklin, Martha Toseland, (kneeling) June Wilmore, Margaret Pettit and Gerald Newman

A BRAVE SON

We received a letter from Mrs Sally Rumary in praise of her son.

I WOULD LIKE it if you could write praise for my son Scott Rumary and his two friends, Steve and Dan. On 22nd October 2002 my son was in his bedroom with his friends playing music; he had his bedroom window open as his friends smoke and he doesn't. He was looking out of the window; after a short time he called me and said, "Mum, there is someone trying to get into Nick's van" which is a camper van and parked next to the telephone box at Bo Peep Corner.



I went upstairs, looked out and said "Don't be silly, it's probably Nick himself", but he knew it wasn't because every time a car came the man would go and hide in the bush nearby. A few minutes went by and then my son came charging down the stairs and said to me "I'm going to have a look"; so off he went with his friends.

They went up to the van and asked the man "What are you doing?", and he said "Go away, it's my van", but my son knew that he wasn't the owner. They then went to the owner, who was at work, but his partner Julia was there and Scott told her to phone the police as someone was in their van. Scott and his mates said they would go and get him and went back to the van. Dan held the driver's door while Scott got in the passenger side and dragged the man out. He and his friends, Steve and Dan, struggled with him as he was a large built man and got him to the ground. By then I was worried for the boys' safety, so I called my son-in-law Jason and my husband Ivan to go and give them a hand. Jason sat on the man's legs while the boys tied his shoelaces.

My husband Ivan, who is a plumber, went and got some of his ties which he uses in his job and tied the man's wrists until the police arrived. Scott collected up the man's tools, which were two screwdrivers, a saw and monkey wrench.

I thought you would like to know how proud I am of my son, Scott, who is only 18 years of age, for tackling this man and stopping the theft of a camper van. Also, I would like a special thank you from me, his Mum, to say how brave he and his friends Steve and Dan were because they didn't care if they got hurt, but just wanted to stop this man. I would like to thank my son-in-law Jason, daughter Hayley and my husband Ivan for their assistance.

So, not all teenagers are bad, especially my son, who I think is a hero. He hardly ever goes out; all he is interested in is his football and learning to drive. The owners of the van, Nick and Julia, were very grateful to him.

Mrs Sally Rumary (a proud mother) and **Mr Ivan Rumary**

PEMBURY PEOPLE – RICHARD SNOW

DURING ONE of my recent walks around the village I had an enjoyable conversation with one of our residents on the subject of charity and the need to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. As a community we are lucky to have legions of fine people offering time and effort in order to raise funds for deserving causes. It was Nietzsche who threw down the gauntlet when he stated *'He who cannot give away cannot feel anything either'* and it is this that leads me to feature Richard Snow in this edition of 'Pembury People'. His dynamic activities on behalf of our Hospice are always in the public eye and encourage participants to raise monies through activities such as marathons, bike rides and even fire and broken-glass walking!



Richard is known to many people in the village as the Fundraising Director of Hospice in the Weald, a post he has held since 1994. He has lived with his partner Chris and her son Andrew and daughter Jenny in the village since 1999. Richard has two daughters Jennifer (21) and Joanna (18) by his previous marriage. Jennifer is reading American Studies at Nottingham University and Joanna works for a magazine distribution company in Tonbridge.

Richard was born in Farnborough in 1947, the second son of a Brigadier in the Somerset Light Infantry. His brother is BBC TV's Peter Snow and his cousin is Channels 4's Jon Snow. Early years seem to have always been on the move – from Benghazi in Libya to Deepcut in Surrey. His early schooling was spent in Nottingham. *"I still have the loo chain from my first school, Gedling. I can remember going back years later for this souvenir before the old school was demolished"*. Living here may have formed the base for his passion in supporting Nottingham Forest F.C. for over 40 years – his daughter Jennifer is now also a season ticket holder and University radio's Forest reporter!

During boarding school days his parents were based in Gibraltar and he remembers flying out each school holiday. In 1959 the family moved to Shrewsbury and after working at the local library attended the College of Librarianship for two years in Aberystwyth, in spite of not being a good reader of books! At college he was elected Rag Chairman and the college raised record sums for charity (the early seeds were being sown!) *"After being Chief Librarian at two libraries in Bucks, the Deputy County Librarian said I was wasted in libraries and had I thought of working for a charity?"* It was at this time Richard had organised a local running race, which is still being held annually, edited a local history book and set a new world record for eating baked beans – 5lbs in half an hour!

He applied to three different national charities and was offered jobs by them all. He settled on Barnardos and worked up from being area organiser for Wiltshire and for Dorset in 1974 to becoming Regional Director for Wales and the West Country.

After 20 years with the charity he decided he needed a new challenge. *"I knew nothing about Kent and nothing about Hospices, but I wanted to raise money for a local charity that people could identify with."* Richard joined the Hospice in September 1994 when it was known as Hospice at Home based in Tunbridge Wells. He was appointed to oversee the campaign for the new building and to make plans for its annual funding. *"It has been so exciting to see the Hospice grow from a small rented building to where we are today. In spite of some initial understandable concerns, the community has been very supportive and we now have a village fundraising group, shops both in the village and at the Hospice with its coffee shop, and volunteers who give so much of their time in all these areas. We are so grateful for the welcome we have received from local residents."*

Richard's interests include the Zulu war (he has visited all the battlefields and belongs to various related societies), collecting stamps and old post cards and sharing garden duties with Chris – she's the expert! They can often be seen walking around the village. *"We like to get some exercise and enjoy the village at the same time, also distributing the Pembury Village News down Hastings Road"*.

Paul Barrington-King

YOUR CLERK REPORTS . . .

SUCCESS AT LAST for Pembury in the South East in Bloom Competition! Pembury received a commended award in this year's competition; the judges said the following:

The spirit of the In Bloom campaign is evidently spreading through Pembury. There were some lovely front gardens and the Chinese Takeaway in Hastings Road had made a great effort with a very limited frontage. The tour included the beautiful gardens of the Hospice in the Weald, which are planted and maintained by volunteers. Another project worthy of Commendation is the Environmental one – a group having adopted and cleared Half Moon Lane Pond, Rowley Hill and Redwings Lane. The judges enjoyed seeing these, albeit in pouring rain. The Committee is to be congratulated on their Pembury In Bloom Competition, having gained such splendid sponsorship from Notcutts. It is hoped that more commercial premises will join in and help make Pembury even more attractive than it already is.



Commended Certificates were also awarded to: Mr and Mrs Frost, 124 Ridgeway; Mr and Mrs Lawrence, 1 Middlefield; Mr and Mrs Smith, 37 Lower Green Road; Cllr Boorman, Environmental Group; Hospice in the Weald

The Parish Council is committed to improving the local environment and visual amenity. As well as the In Bloom competitions, the street lights in the High Street and around the Village Green are adorned with hanging baskets throughout the summer months, there is the Christmas Lights project each year when local businesses are encouraged to light up their premises and Parish Council supply a tree and Christmas lights outside the Upper Church St. Peters.

The Environmental Group has been formed recently and is very much a “hands on” group of volunteers, led by Cllr Boorman, committed to improving neglected areas. From time to time it enlists the aid of the Kent High Weald project, drawing on their expertise and additional experienced workforce. If you would like to become involved in any of the above projects you would be made most welcome. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Tel: 823193, email pemburypc@hotmail.com for further details.

It is the time of year, when despite the dark evenings and inclement weather, we begin looking forward to the spring and perhaps to taking on an allotment to grow fresh fruit and vegetables. Plots are available for a rent of £15 full plot, £7.50 half plot or £3.75 for a quarter plot for a year.

Tennis permits are also available on a monthly, two monthly or annual



basis for a cost of £15, £20 or £50 respectively. This allows almost unlimited play on the two new courts in the Lower Green Recreation Ground.

Finally, burial and cremation plots can be reserved in the lovely open space tranquillity of the Upper Church of St. Peter's Burial Ground. Charges on request to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Barbara Russell



VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

ITHINK THE village should say a great big ‘thank you’ to all the organisations in the village that look after our young people and older residents, those who provide entertainment and other services that we take for granted. Try and imagine what it would be like without, for instance, WVS, Darby & Joan, The Pembury Society, junior church, junior football, cricket coaching, Scouts and Guides (including Cubs, Brownies and Rainbows), the afternoon and evening WIs, bridge club, gardening society, bowls clubs, village market and many, many more.

A special ‘thank you’ must go to the village groundsmen who are responsible for the upkeep of so many things around the village. Everybody, resident and visitor alike, seems to comment very favourably on how delightful the village green looks.

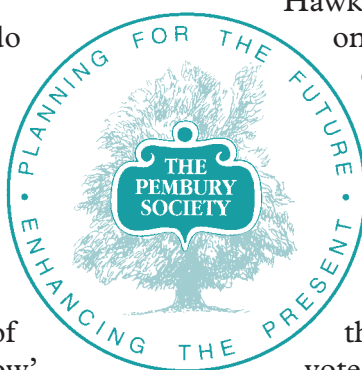
Given the problems in the rest of the world, please remember to give that little extra this year to some of those charities who look after the less fortunate; taking the comfortable and pleasant surroundings in our village for granted, we sometimes turn a blind eye to what is happening to similar people in villages thousands of miles away.

Hugh Boorman

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

THE MAIN reason for the existence of our Society is to keep a watchful eye on proposed building development in and on that area of land that lies within the parish boundary, and an especially concentrated gaze on any infringement of the Green Belt. It follows that if you want Pembury to retain its present character and to continue to be a green and pleasant place in which to live, for now and for future generations, then you will join the Society.

One of the other things that we do is to hold spring and autumn meetings which are both socially attractive and interesting in content. At first glance, it might seem old-fashioned to think of going to a meeting to listen to a speaker. At second glance, especially if you are one of those who are already 'in-the-know', you might be surprised to find that these people who are individually and carefully chosen for that evening do provide a diversion that is much superior to the general run of programmes currently available on television. Typical of those who gave these talks and reminiscences was Bruno Peek, Chairman of The Queen's Jubilee Committee – worldwide – who was our speaker at the autumn meeting in October. He was the man behind the organisation of over 2000 bonfires all over the world which were lit, like a long



commemorative flare-path, as the sun and the day of the Jubilee progressed from the Pacific across the continents to Britain and then beyond. His was a great story, told with the humorous edge that we all enjoy, and nearly one hundred of our members were favoured with a unique experience.

After the talk the business side of the AGM proceeded well, with a good involvement of those present. We were sorry that John

Hawker has had to vacate his seat on the Committee due to other commitments and that Don Oke, our Vice-Chairman and Planning Officer has had to leave because he and his wife Cynthia are moving away from the village. We will miss them all. The happier side of this is that Simon Galwey was voted on to the Committee and

there was an interest shown by several other members in playing an active role in the Society. I hope to be able to report the outcome of this in the next edition of the Pembury Village News.

For next year's calendar, our spring meeting will be on the evening of Thursday 10th April 2003 and the autumn meeting and AGM will be on Thursday 30th October.

Have a very good year!

Derek Johnson

THE MILLENIUM COMMITTEE

THE LATEST news regarding the bound book, entitled 'Pembury People' to which many of you contributed during the Millennium year is that it has been collated and arrangements have now been made for its binding. When this is done, a copy will be provided for the Pembury Library, whilst the master copy will be handed to the Kent County Archives at Maidstone for safekeeping. It is hoped that this will become an interesting and sometimes rich source of information for those in the years ahead who wish to discover a 'snapshot in time' of some of us who have lived and thrived in our village.

Derek Johnson

PEMBURY EVENING WI

WE MEET the first Friday of each month in the Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm. This year has been filled with lots of interesting speakers two of whom live locally. In February this year Richard Snow came along and told us about the Hospice in the Weald and in October Denise Barnes gave an “off-the-cuff” talk on how she came into the estate agency business.

Some of the other outings are worth mentioning like the trip to Hever to see “Sisterly, Sisterly” in the open-air theatre. We had a picnic tea by the Lake and this year the weather was brilliant. A ‘flight’ on the London Eye was thoroughly enjoyed by our members with a trip down the River Thames afterwards. Both trips meant that the members’ partners could come along. We had several fund raising events like the Jumble Sale and the Coffee Morning. We ‘manned’ the tea tent at the Jubilee Village Fete and again we won first prize at the Matfield & Brenchley Horticultural Show with our theme of a “Children’s Jubilee Street Party”.

Every meeting we have a produce stall, cards and brick-a-brac for sale to the members. We enjoy a chat over refreshments and the evening ends around 10pm. New members are always very warmly welcomed so if you would like more information then please contact our Secretary Chris Johnson on 823150.

Rosie Latter

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Leslie Gregory, member of the Village News Working Group, interviewed the newly appointed Associate Pastor at the Pembury Baptist Church.

Wayne Alexander, who completed his training for Christian ministry at London Bible College in the summer, was welcomed to Pembury Baptist Church at a special service on 12th October. I caught up with him a few days later to find out a bit about him.

LG: Where was home and what led you to leave it and train as a minister?

WA: Worthing, where I was your average teenager; but then at 16 I became a Christian and life changed dramatically. After sixth-form college and some family difficulties I took a year out, visited India and my desire to help people became a call from God to study for the ministry.

LG: On the face of it, a Kent village like Pembury seems an unlikely place for an enthusiastic young minister. How come you came here?

WA: I was invited to come to Pembury

Baptist Church through a college friend and immediately felt drawn to the Pastor, the people, and the young people of the Church and village. Things worked out amazingly and both the Church and I felt we could work together.

LG: You must have a vision of what lies ahead for you and the Church.

WA: I believe there are many opportunities for the Church to serve the village, just as Jesus intended the Church

should do. I want to be part of that.

LG: Are you settling in OK? Getting to know people? Finding confirmation that this is where God wants you?

WA: Definitely yes to all that. I'm impressed by everybody's welcome. God is opening doors of friendship already.

It's good to have Wayne around. I hear that the young people at the Church are looking forward to some great times with him. And there is quite a lot of enthusiasm among older people too. We'll watch this space!

Leslie Gregory



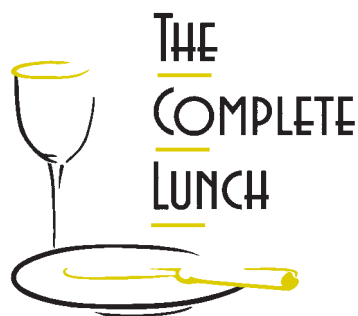
FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

FOR THE FIRST TIME The Friends of Pembury Parish Church were unable to hold their annual Coffee Morning and Sale on the Village Green on Saturday 7th September as the weather decided to move towards winter. All that can really be said is that the gardens welcomed the prolonged rain and we were fortunate to be able to hold the event in the Upper Church, where everything went with a swing.

The many attractive stalls were laden with wonderful things – Aladdin's cave comes to mind and we have never had so many cakes. A great big THANK YOU to each and everyone who was involved in any way – this enjoyable morning could not be held at all without your help and generosity. Wonderfully, over £700 was raised for the repair and maintenance of the Old Church.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW HEAD AT KENT COLLEGE . . .

MRS ANNE UPTON was previously Senior Mistress (Deputy Head) of Burgess Hill School for Girls in West Sussex, a boarding and day school of similar ethos and size to Kent College. Mrs Upton has a BA(Hons) in History and Politics and a PGCE in History at secondary level. As well as teaching History at Burgess Hill School for Girls, she has previously been Head of Humanities, and has considerable experience of leadership, management and the provision of high standards in girls' education.

One of her aims as headmistress will be to ensure the students get full use and enjoyment from the school's superb new facilities. Mrs Upton is a great advocate of the learning skills courses (accelerated learning) which Kent College has been running in the last few years, and she looks forward to further developing these.

As an enthusiastic supporter of extra-curricular activities and residential trips, Mrs Upton has regularly organised ski trips abroad and led study tours to Russia. Having lived on farms in Kent and Sussex as a child, Mrs Upton knows the area well and was very much looking forward to returning. Her interests include theatre, the National Trust and the Countryside Commission, gardening and keep-fit. She has one daughter aged 21.

Mrs Upton adds: *"The school has welcomed me, and I feel very supported as I make my way trying to grasp the ways of KC. Every school is different, even if one has been a senior member of staff in an equally good independent girls' school for many years. I enjoy having the boarders around me in the evening and at weekends: sharing their worship in mid week prayers and on Sundays is very special. KC is everything and more that I could have hoped for. I moved in mid August and I feel very at home here having grown up on farms in the Weald from Broad Oak to Tenterden, from Bethersden to Canterbury."*



PEMBURY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

THE CLUB has just started its seventeenth season, which runs from September until April and it continues to improve each year.

The main West Kent S.M.B. League has four divisions and Pembury currently has three teams in this League, all named after trees in Pembury. One team is in the first division and two are in the second.

Last year an afternoon league was started and with great enthusiasm from our members we were able to enter two teams – Elm and Damson. The end of the season saw Damson winning the League with Elm finishing fourth, giving great encouragement to our afternoon members.

Each year members enter the Kent County Competitions and at the moment we have

nine members competing, one member Simon is just 14 years old. This gives us the chance to play against Badged players who play for Kent.

The club meets in Pembury Village Hall one evening and one afternoon each week, also once a fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon. We play four inter-club competitions through the season and also arrange friendly matches with other clubs.

At Christmas time we all get together for a dinner at a local restaurant and a good time is enjoyed by all.

We are always happy to enrol new members, just contact me on 822509 to gain more information.

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SNIPPETS

A21 ROUNDABOUT

We received the following information from Operations Directorate 4, Highways Agency in late September:

There are new units being constructed on the Longfield Industrial Estate and to take the increase in volume of traffic there are roundabout and junction improvements at the North Farm roundabout such as making the roundabout three lane.

The works are due to take 40 weeks and start in October although a definite date has not been finalised yet. There are expected to be some overnight closures but not on the A21. So now we know!

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council has been wanting to develop facilities in the 'Rec' for sometime now and its Amenities and Allotments Working Group has been working hard on a plan. Some younger residents had approached the Council earlier in the year to ask if there could be more facilities for skateboarding, but something not quite so challenging as the half-pipe that stands in the ground at present. The Parish Council is considering a complete overhaul and is proposing a brand new pavilion, a 'skate park' for skateboarders and skaters, a multi-sports area (probably by converting the now defunct – and dangerous – old hard tennis court), replacement/refurbishment of the metal climbing frame and updating and better layout of the kindergarten play area. They are also looking at the possibility of a BMX bike track in the woods. Obviously, the Parish Council will be consulting with local residents. Watch this space!

NEW SHOP IN PEMBURY

We are pleased to welcome RM Video in Pembury High Street who provide videos and DVDs for hire. This should lessen the distance (and pollution of driving into a town) when wishing to have a film to watch at home.

DARBY & JOAN CLUB NEWS

Doris Down, who has given 29 years' service to the Club, has stepped down due to ill-health. The new contact will be Jim Woodhams on 823990. He comments: "She will be difficult to replace for she has been our chairlady for so long, holding the club together through thick and thin. We appreciate all the hard work she has done while suffering severe pain. She will be helping from home whenever possible."

The first meeting of 2003 will be on 7th January at the usual time of 2pm and the usual place – Pembury Village Hall. Members will hear about the arrangements for collection of the retirement pension. As there are now a few new members, Jim hopes the club will be able to arrange some entertainment for each meeting.

"IT'S A BOY!"

An exciting family musical, suitable for all ages is to take place at Pembury Baptist Church in December. We didn't have the exact dates when we went to press, but for more details, please contact the Church Office in Romford Road on telephone 825590.

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

You might like to make an advance note of some events being planned by the Parish Council for 2003:

Musical Picnic on the Green – 14th June 2003

Pembury Village Fete – 12th July 2003

Village exhibition – End September/
beginning October 2003

Village fireworks – 7th November 2003

The Pembury School Association has just advised us that the School Summer Fete is likely to be 21st June 2003.

CHIROPODIST CLOSES

We have heard that Dawn Hodgson who ran a surgery from Dr Singh's former GP surgery in Lower Green Road no longer operates from those premises. We wish her luck in her future activities.



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SNIPPETS – *continued*

CCTV IN PEMBURY HIGH STREET

You may have noticed that there is a CCTV installed high above the High Street; this is to keep an eye on any incidents of a dubious nature in the High Street area!

GOLDEN JUBILEE FUN RUN

Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to lack of interest; only half-a-dozen entries were received. This was a shame as the organisers, principally Brian Horgan and Janet Greenwood, had put in a lot of preparatory work.

VILLAGE FIREWORKS

Once again, this was a great success with even very young children spontaneously thanking us for the ‘lovely, lovely fireworks’! Despite the wet weather during the day, the hard rain held off during the evening allowing everybody to enjoy themselves. Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club sold teas – very welcome on a chilly evening – and DG Enterprise sold illuminated novelties, giving a donation of £35 to our charity collection. Donations were collected at the Recreation Ground gates for the St John Ambulance and £686.91 was raised.

Thank you to the residents of Pembury for their generosity.

SPORTS ARCHITECTS – IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

You will have read above about the planned new facilities in the Recreation ground. If there is an experienced sports ground architect who could help with advice and support for the project, we would love to hear from them! Please contact Barbara Russell, Parish Clerk on 823193 9am to 1pm Mon-Fri or email pemburypc@hotmail.com

NEW YEAR’S EVE DISCO

Maureen Wickham and Margaret Seldon will be running their disco again in the Village Hall on 31st December from 7.30pm to 12.30am. Fancy dress is optional – use your imagination! All ages are welcome, sandwiches and crisps/nuts provided, bring your own drink. All profits and raffle proceeds in aid of the Air Ambulance. Tickets which are £10 for adults, £5 for under 14s are available from Heidi on 824142 and Margaret on 824627.

IMPROVE YOUR HOUSE, BUT . . .

DO YOU KNOW that anyone who replaces windows, installs a central heating boiler or has a conservatory built after the 1st June this year (2002) must have building regulations approval?

We, in The Pembury Society, had no knowledge of this ruling and it is salutary to note that if you don’t comply with this, then the penalty is high and so will be the cost of removing or altering the improvements made after this date without approval. Under ‘Part L’ of the building regulations, all new windows, glass doors and window lights will have to comply with more rigorous standards to cut heat emissions and help meet environmental targets set at the Kyoto summit.



One happy aspect to this news is that if your chosen supplier of windows is registered with FENSA, a trade organisation (which sounds a bit French!) then you shouldn’t need building regulations approval.

However, it would pay to check this out because the fine for non-compliance to register is up to £5000. Whilst the replacement of rotten panels and parts of rotted frames is excluded, if you even do the big replacement jobs yourself, you will still need building regulation approval from the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Derek Johnson

BROWNIES AT THE FIRE STATION

1ST PEMBURY BROWNIES paid a wet visit to Tunbridge Wells Fire Station on 9th October. Twenty two Brownies and eight adults spent an entertaining two hours finding out how the station operates, with two firemen from Red Watch.

The Brownies learnt how calls come in, how the firemen respond and how the engines are operated. They saw firemen sliding down the pole, and were disappointed not to be allowed to do it too. Some Brownies also got to use the thermal imaging camera, which was great fun. Then the Brownies were shown where the firemen sleep at the Station.



After this the Brownies explored inside one of the engines before it was taken out to test the lights and siren. Then, to their great delight, the Brownies got to test the hoses. Twenty two wet Brownies then got ready to go home.

All this fun was part of the “Safety in the Home” badge, and whilst at the Fire Station the Brownies learnt about fire safety in general and the need for smoke alarms in particular.

Many thanks to Red Watch – we had a great time.

Moira Allan, 1st Pembury Brownies

TRICK OR THREAT?

David Mills, one of our Borough Councillors reports on some unhappy events during Halloween last month.

I’VE HAD number of complaints since last night (1st November) of youngsters throwing missiles, including eggs, at doors and windows of houses where they have been unsuccessful in persuading people to give them ‘treats’ or even when residents are out or for any reason don’t answer the door. This seems to be carrying the idea of ‘tricks’ further than is reasonable. Certainly some old/disabled/otherwise vulnerable people have felt intimidated and this isn’t at all fair.

If you have children (and it appears this has to include some in their late teens) who are involved in this by all means encourage them to enjoy the fun and have a good time. But please tell them that there are limits and that they should respect others. I hope there won’t be any need for complaints of this nature next year.”

David Mills

PEMBURY ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

NOW THAT we are into the winter months I expect that most gardeners are already planning the layout of their garden for next year. Could I ask that you all preserve a part of your garden that is specifically for butterflies for food and shelter? Privet, laurel, hawthorn and holly, but not conifers, provide nectar and are best planted on the north side of the garden. Several garden visitors spend the winter in hibernation including small tortoiseshell, peacock, common and brimstone. Ivy growing on a fence or a wall is also another source of food and shelter.

For summer food plant buddleia underplanted with primroses, marjoram, candytuft, honesty, statice to name just a few plants that will encourage the butterflies to your gardens. This year has been conspicuous for the absence of butterflies from our garden so let's see if we can change that around.

Now that undergrowth and vegetation has nearly died back the Environmental Group will spring into action immediately after Christmas. Even half an hour every now and then makes a big difference to our projects. Our Pembury Group was recently awarded a certificate from the 'Britain in Bloom' organisers for its efforts, so well done those who worked so hard.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me on 823068 or leave a message on the answerphone and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Hugh Boorman

THE LITTLE PATH . . .

LAST ISSUE I asked how far back people's memories went of the little path along the bank in Henwood Green Road. Thank you to the many people who phoned me and 'caught me' around the village. It seems there are two paths to consider; one that was already there 75 years ago, before some of the houses were built when the road ran through orchards – and the second one that was re-formed after the road was widened and a proper footpath built, in around 1964.

Three people vouched for walking along the bank when they went to school back in the 1930s and even the late 1920s. Of course, it is not possible to say exactly where this path was because the road has been changed.

In 1964 land was obtained to widen the road and the spoil that was thrown up at the sides formed a new bank. It seems that the local children at the time were determined not to lose their little path and straight away started to walk a new path across. Interestingly, two people remember that it used to have a second section. One man told me of how he used to get sent to fetch coal from Sturgeons on his bike. He spoke of going up the first section, nipping across a driveway and then up the next steeper one. Sometime over the years this has been smoothed and grown over. One resident told me that in the 1970s, when the path was not nearly so well defined because it must have been relatively new, the children tried to get a third bit going. This would have been along the steep wooded part. It seems that this bit was just too steep to get established.

So thank you to everyone who spoke to me and thank you also to the owners of the two houses whose bank we walk along. The land is actually their responsibility, and without their willingness, this three-generation old game could not carry on.

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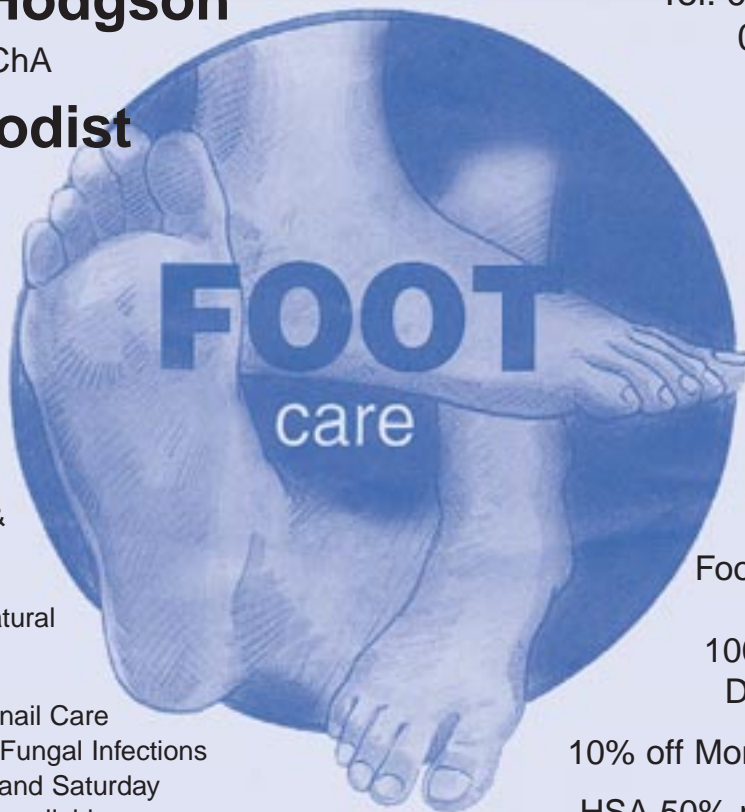
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MY PLOT

THIS WAS the year when green manuring changed from a curiosity to a necessity for me. My woodchip frenzy of 2001 meant I grew hardly anything except beans in 2002 – in fact, my onion sets were smaller at the end of the season than they were when I planted them! I entered one in the autumn show in the ‘amusing vegetable’ class under the pretext that it was better to laugh than cry . . . and won!

To put things right, I have grown field beans to nourish the soil wherever the chips were and I am hoping that the wood will have finished composting.

This is my neighbouring plotter Tony.

He has also tried green manuring. In fact the previous tenant on his plot had been doing it for years. And if you ever wanted to see proof, then take a look at these potatoes.



First we have the crop from one of my plants that weren't green manured – total 4lbs. Then we have one plant that was wood-chipped – total 6½ ounces. Last, but anything but least, we have Tony's – an incredible 8lbs from one plant. Need I say more?

It was a fantastic autumn for my

Victoria plums. There were so many that we tried to thin the fruit down from about seven per cluster to three, otherwise the fruit is small and the branches snap off under their own weight. Apart from eating tons, we have plum chutney, plum jam, plum wine and frozen plums for all the year.

Lastly I must mention my cucumbers. I bought some really expensive seed (£1 each) and from four seeds I ended up with one plant which yielded two cucumbers – at a final cost of £2 a cucumber. I also grew some much cheaper seed at around 12 seeds for £1.69, and have totalled about five cucumbers – approx 34p per cucumber. Tony meanwhile had so many that he has even resorted to making cucumber soup!

I'd have to hate him if he weren't so generous in donating his surplus produce to me.

Caroline Mazze

JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

WINTER IS upon us once more and with it some respite from our gardening.

However, it is the perfect time to plan ahead for next spring and summer choosing seeds and plants from gardening catalogues during these long winter evenings. While browsing, you may like to consider the article on butterflies from last winter's issue. You may already have some of the flowers mentioned that are vital for butterfly survival. The mauve/blue Scabious with its pin-cushion centre is little seen in gardens, but definitely worth a place. Variable coloured Statice and creamy white Honesty are marvellous for dried flower arrangements and so easy to grow. A clump of nettles hidden behind the garden shed or alongside a hedge will provide a haven for many butterflies to lay their eggs on. Cut back regularly to encourage fresh growth.

There are many more flowers that attract insects and birds. The stately Sunflower as it heads towards the sun, is particularly attractive to Finches that feed on the seeds. Our garden birds look to us for vital refuge, especially in winter. When natural food becomes scarce, they rely on supplies put out for them. They are creatures of habit and will return to your bird-table once they learn there is food there. All sorts of kitchen scraps make a welcome meal, but always moisten very dry bread. Feeders of seeds and nuts help to supply their needs too. The small Tit family are such fun to watch with their acrobatics! Birds need water for drinking and bathing. Any shallow container is ideal and you will enjoy watching them having a bath!

Roses that are bare-rooted can be planted now and through the winter. There are so many to choose from but I would recommend modern ones that are disease resistant – and some are thornless. You need to have a sunny position and light moist soil. Your planting hole should be wide enough to take the width of the roots

and deep enough so that the budding union will be 1" below the soil surface. Before planting, cut out any damaged shoots and tough, not fibrous roots by about a third. Put about a spade-full of well-rotted horse manure and a small handful of bone meal (for good root formation) into the planting hole. Work in soil around the roots, fill the hole gradually and tread down firmly. Keep well watered, but not sodden.



Collect leaves of Oak and Beech for making your own leaf-mould. It is invaluable for your acid loving plants; they love a thick mulch of it. Pierce a large plastic bag with holes (use a fork) and keep leaves moist while shaking and turning them intermittently. They take a few months to decay down to a brown flaky condition resembling peat.

Try and keep a few corners of the garden a little 'untidy' for the benefit of insects like beetles and small animals such as hedgehogs and frogs to provide some warmth for an over-winter home. Slugs and snails also like to over-winter. There seems to have been an influx of them last summer. They are not our friends so seek them out from their hiding places and dispose of them as you will (your choice!) before they have a chance to multiply and make a feast of your early daffodils. One hopes the natural predators will help as part of their diet.

Sweet Pea seeds can be sown now under glass for early summer flowers next year. Soak the seeds the night before sowing to soften.

Finally, keep a check on your Dahlia tubers and Gladioli corms for rot. Spray greenhouse Fuchsias and Geraniums with water occasionally. Finish winter pruning. Continue the compost heap. Protect containers with bubble wrap in severe weather.

Have a wonderful Christmas and may we all look forward to a peaceful New Year.

Happy gardening!

Jan Davies

HOSPICE NEWS

FIREWALKERS

SEVEN PEMBURY walkers took part in the hospice Firewalk held on October 31st at the Land Registry, Tunbridge Wells. The event is in its fourth year, and has raised over £13,000 each year. Congratulations and thank you to Gemma Blackford, Samantha Jones, Tracey Woods, Richard Glazzard, Chris Cooper, Lyndsey Smith, Dawn Hodgson. In addition, John Midwinter from Marino's Fish Bar, walked for the second year. Denise Barnes took part in the glasswalk challenge. Thank you to all who sponsored them. In total, 50 firewalkers and 12 glasswalkers took part in the event.

'BLOOMING' HOSPICE

Congratulations to the Hospice gardening volunteers who have won a commendation for the hospice gardens in the recent South East in Bloom competition. The judges were impressed by "the beautiful gardens at the hospice and the amount of voluntary help given in planting and maintaining them". To check information on the hospice and a current list of coming events check our website on www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk. The hospice is looking for volunteer van drivers to drive our new Hospice shops van to distribute goods between our shops and to collect waste. If you are interested please contact Steve Lane, Trading Manager on 820500.



ACTION ON WASTE CAMPAIGN

ON 2ND NOVEMBER we had the first meeting of Pembury Action on Waste group representing Pembury, Paddock Wood, and Five Oak Green. It was decided that Brian Horgan was to be Group Chairman with Siobhan Shalaby chairing all meetings which will take place every two weeks in the Pembury Village Hall. Paul Hewitt is to handle media and also will be the Treasurer while Chrissie Cottenham will assist Paul with the secretarial work. Tim Sanderson will represent Five Oak Green and Paddock Wood. Other volunteers will be needed to either take responsibilities or take part in activities that the group committee feel we should undertake.

Brian John Horgan 822412

Chairman Pembury, Paddock Wood, and Five Oak Green Waste Campaign

Editor's note: The Action on Waste Group is an independent lobbying group of residents and is not in any way connected with Pembury Parish Council or any other official body.



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ROSIE'S RECIPE CORNER

CHRISTMAS CAN be a very busy time for most of us; buying Christmas presents and then staying up late to wrap them in time to open Christmas morning. Christmas is a special time for me. I enjoy going to Church Christmas morning and then spending time with my family. I am sure we all celebrate in many different ways and I thought that for this edition I would have a change from the usual type of 'recipe'.

This particular ‘Christmas Cake Recipe’ was sent to me from Laurie Wilkinson. May your Christmas be filled with laughter, love and friendship.



Ingredients

1 cup of water
2 cups of dried fruit
1 cup of brown sugar
1 cup of sugar
1 tsp salt
8 oz nuts
4 large eggs
1 tsp baking soda

Juice of one lemon

1 bottle of whisky

(I think the butter should have been in this list but Laurie left it off)

Method

Sample whisky to check for quality.

Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again

to be sure it is of the highest quality.

Pour one level cup and drink. **REPEAT.**

Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one tsp sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is still **OK**. Cry another tup.

Turn off the mixer. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the bearings pry it loose with a drowscriver.

Sample the whisky to check for tonsisticity.



Next sift two
cups of salt, or
something . . .

Who cares?
Check the
whisky (hic)

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something, whatever you can find. The oven. Turn the cake 350 degrees.

Don't forget
to beat off the

turner. Throw the bowl out of the window,
check the whisky again and go to bed

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Please send your recipes to **Rosie Latter,**
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PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

THE CLUB RUNS sides on Saturdays (two league sides), Sundays, a Tuesday Evening League plus a flourishing Colts section.

The season has been the most successful on and off the field for a number of years. The 1st XI won the Kent County Village League title for the first time (*as reported in the Kent & Sussex Courier on 30th August - Editor*) and the Tuesday Evening League side successfully defended their title. The development of the Colts, who practice on Saturday mornings, has been pleasing. They have won the majority of the matches they have played and are integrating well into the senior sides. Junior coaching nets will take place January to March. Contact Keith Hemstalk on 824492.



The social events have been varied and well supported; Jubilee inter-club match; various BBQs; World Cup breakfast; plus the annual matches against Rams (Chairman's Day) and Autumn Leaves. Events during winter will include the League and Club dinners and the Chairman's Dinner Dance. New Members always welcome (Hon. Secretary, Andy Weaver, 824362).

Peter Massie

COMMUNITY LEARNING

ITHOUGHT I would take this opportunity to say a 'hello' and introduce myself to the local residents. I am employed by the Kent Guidance Consortium (KGC) as the Community Learning Adviser (CLA) for Mid and West Kent and have responsibility for Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and districts.

The main focus of my role is to work with community groups and organisations in the area to offer support to encourage people to take up learning. Recent projects have included: computer skills for the retired, story time for mothers and toddlers, personal development for all, and a community garden project. Working in a 'brokerage' role I can offer the community a choice of courses from all the local education providers, thus ensuring your learning needs are met. I work closely with a team of Careers Advisers, known as Community Learning Mentors (CLMs) who provide advice and guidance to the individuals and groups of learners in community settings.

Perhaps your local group would like to know more about what learning opportunities are available in the local area and what can be brought into your own community setting, or maybe you would like more information on what the KGC can offer, then please do give me a ring. Remember that learning can be fun and the sky is not the limit.

I can be contacted on: 01732 358101; Mobile 07879 605910;
or by e-mail: pauline.rowe@wkc.ac.uk

The Kent Guidance Consortium also have a very useful website: www.learntowork.org.uk

Pauline Rowe

Community Learning Adviser

CHURCH SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

ST PETER'S

17 December	2 pm	Carol Service for Senior Citizens – Upper Church
22 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
29 December	11.30 am	Carol Service – Old Church

ST ANSELM'S PEMBURY

21 December	7.30 pm	Carol service
22 December	10.30 am	Sunday Mass
24 December	7.30 pm	Carols
	8 pm	First Mass of Christmas
25 December	10.30 am	Holy Mass
29 December	10.30 am	Sunday Mass



PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

19 December	2 pm	'Little Rascals' Christmas service – All welcome
22 December	10 am	Christmas Sunday
	7 pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 December	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion
25 December	10 am	Christmas Day celebration
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DECEMBER 2002

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JANUARY 2003

- 1 New Year's Footpath Walk – Stonecourt Lane – 10.00am
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: London Underground – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: The Ice Man – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 7 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 8 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Wartime Memories – 2 Highfield Close – 8pm
- 9, 10 & 11 Pembury Players: Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' – Village Hall – Evenings plus Saturday matinée
- 13 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 13 St Peter's Photographic Club: Exhibition preparation – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 21 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 25 Pembury Junior Football Disco – Village Hall – 8pm. Contact Ian White Tel.824301
- 27 St Peter's Photographic Club: Table Top evening – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15pm.
- 4 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 5 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Live & Work Study 'Caring Together' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Afternoon WI: As Time Goes By – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI: One, Two, Button My Shoe – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 8 WI Jumble Sale – Village Hall – 2pm
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 St Peter's Photographic Club: Theme competition – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 15 Line Dance – Village Hall – 8-11pm Contact Claire 01580 754379
- 18 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 24 St Peter's Photographic Club: Slide cavalcade – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 27 Pembury Gardeners' Society: AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
- 28 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 7.30 for 8pm

MARCH

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 4 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 5 St Peter's Mothers' Union: AGM – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Afternoon WI: Flowers with Music – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI: Gardening for Wildlife – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 St Peter's Photographic Club: Members' Holiday Photos – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 15 Line Dance – Village Hall – 8-11pm. Contact Claire 01580 754379
- 17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm
- 18 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 24 St Peter's Photographic Club: TBA – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

CRIME IN PEMBURY

IT REALLY IS good news for the residents of Pembury with the reported crime figures for the July, August and September quarter dropping to 38, against 54 in the previous quarter. This represents an overall reduction of 29.7% and should encourage everyone to believe that with a little effort, crime can be beaten. However, criminal damage and theft remain persistently high.

Please keep the telephone calls going into the police, no matter how small the suspicion, and please be patient because if you put the phone down it could result in an unreported crime.

I do request that you make me aware of any unusual or difficult instances when trying to contact the police.

We must also congratulate and thank a group of local youngsters who observed a person attempting to break into a car. Not only did they apprehend him, they used their own mobile phone to call the police, who made an arrest. Well done and thanks from everyone.

On a seasonal note, normal message, especially to all you busy people doing the bulk of the Christmas shopping. Don't leave purses, handbags or wallets unguarded or on view in shopping trolleys or cars, along with Christmas presents. At home, avoid leaving sheds unlocked or tools out in the garden.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a crime free New Year.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Drugs	Theft from Motor Vehicles	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences	TOTAL
July 2002		1	1	2	1	1		1	3	10
August 2002	3		3	4	1				5	16
September 2002		2	1	2			1	1	5	12
TOTAL	3	3	5	8	2	1	1	2	13	38
ROAD										
Beagles Wood Road	1									1
Church Road				1						1
Hastings Road		1	1	1		1		1		5
Henwood Green Road		1		1					2	4
Henwoods Mount				2						2
High Street			3		1		1		2	7
Lower Green Road				1						1
Maidstone Road			1						1	2
Romford Road			1						1	2
The Grove	1									1
Tonbridge Road	1			1	1				7	10
Woodhill Park				1				1		2
TOTAL	3	2	6	8	2	1	1	2	13	38

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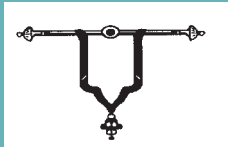
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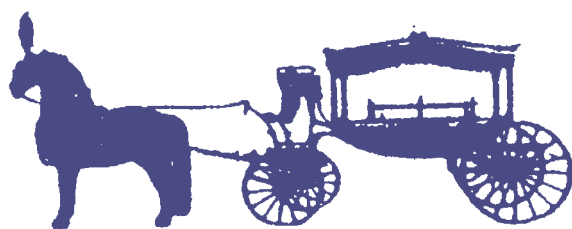
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