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## PEMBURY MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN

**S**ATURDAY 14 JUNE 2003 saw the Pembury Musical Picnic on the Village Green, organised by Pembury Parish Council. Live music was provided by 'The Rhythm Kings', mostly light jazz/easy listening, plus a band from West Kent College. The college has a long association with Pembury having joined us for the 1950s Golden Jubilee Ball in 2002 and previous village fetes.

Although a slightly breezy evening, masses of Pembury residents from every part of the village 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.

The first Musical Picnic on the Green was held last year as one of the Parish's Golden Jubilee events and was a runaway success. So many residents asked the Parish Council to 'do it again' and it now seems to be a permanent fixture in Pembury's calendar! Next one 12 June 2004!



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# PEMBURY VILLAGE SURVEY

**D**AVID GRAHAM, Senior Pastor at Pembury Baptist Church has expressed appreciation of the work put into the survey. He believes that by following up the findings and subsequent recommendations of the Survey Team a great deal can be done to make life in Pembury even better than it is now. Existing facilities are not known about, and others could be made available. He is grateful for those who gave time to make the necessary visits, and to those who were willing to answer the survey questionnaire.

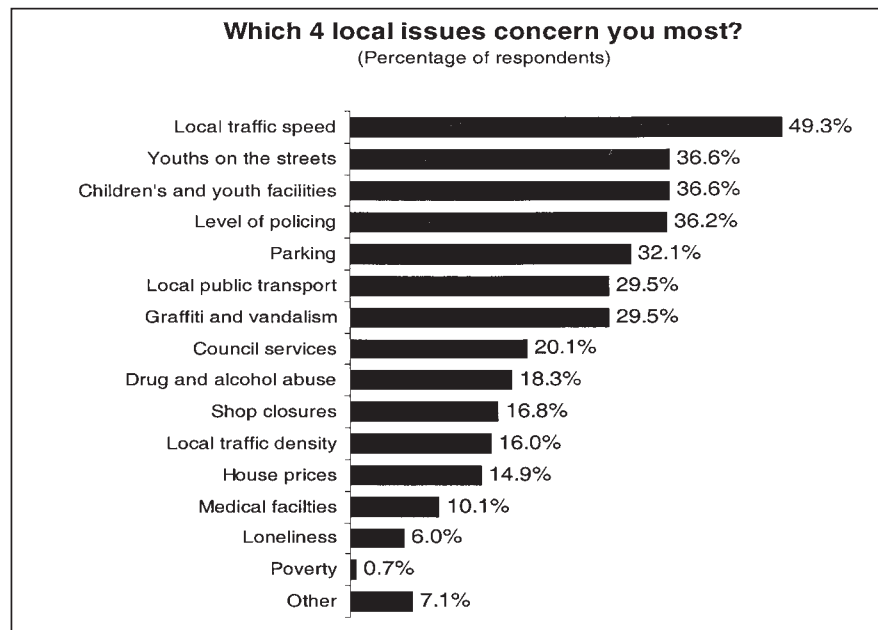
The overall aim in undertaking the survey was to research the needs of the people of Pembury with a view to enhancing their lives by appropriate action.

Background on the social situation in Pembury was gleaned from existing statistical data available from various official sources, notably the 2001 Census; the village has 6,005 people in 2,344 households; 23% of villagers are under 18, 61% 18-64 and 16% over 65. The profile of employment is towards higher skilled, professional and managerial occupations. There are a significant number of persons in receipt of social benefits. Crime, while not a serious problem, is nevertheless quite a prevalent feature, especially in the through roads. 76% of Pembury residents declared to the Census that they are Christians, 5% above the national average.

Pembury has a good number of voluntary organisation, charities and businesses providing services to the village. These

provide a basis on which social action may be developed, while avoiding the risk of duplication.

The survey covered around 11.5% of village households, 268 in number, and was undertaken with the objective of random sampling. We evaluated 'representativeness' in various ways, including the proportion of households interviewed in each road, the type of housing unit, the age of the respondent, gender and family type. The main biases are larger numbers of women interviewed than the population average and higher numbers of families with children than the population as a whole. We also had a lower number of 18-30



but this is explicable, as students would be away at university.

The main results of the survey are as follows:

- Residents consider the village to be friendly and pleasant but also complain there are not enough facilities.
- Most have relatives in easy travelling distance that they see regularly.

- Neighbours are a key source of friendship, beside work.
- Family and home is the key element of the good life.
- Only 36% of the sample “are away in full-time employment”, implying that at least 64% pass a considerable amount of time in the village, with an enhanced interest in its facilities.

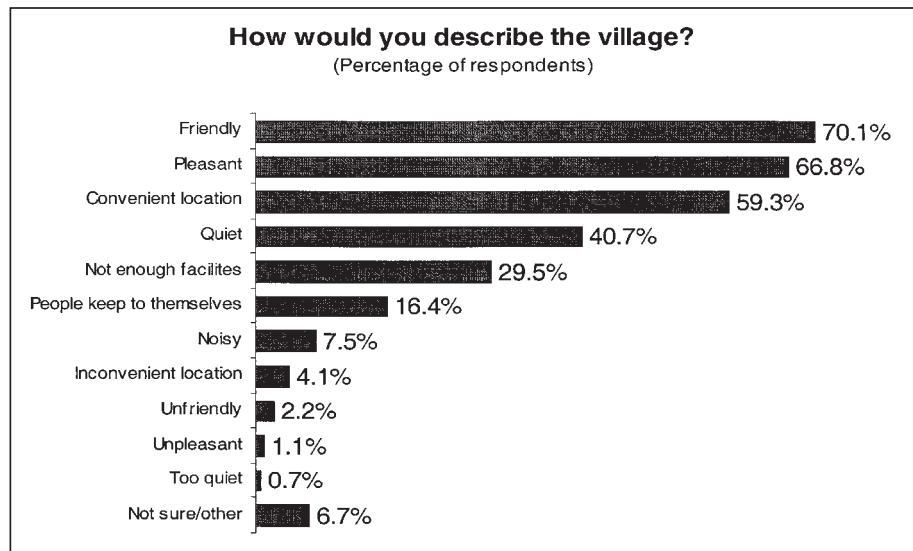
■ ‘Eastenders’ is the most popular TV show, Radio 2 the most popular radio, and the *Daily Mail* the most read newspaper. But a high proportion read broadsheets (30%).

- 25% of residents have a disability or long term illness, of which 10% need help with regular activities.
- 13% said they would value further help or support of various kinds.
- If feeling low, 71% of residents would turn to family members and 50% to friends; only 1.5% said “feeling low” was not an issue in their household.
- Major concerns were with traffic and parking, youths and youth facilities, policing and council services.
- Villagers were broadly content with local facilities, but many did not use them.
- Of potential facilities, the most valued were a cappuccino/coffee shop, youth facilities, advice/adult education, practical help and further community activities.

After analysing the data the survey team concluded that there are nine areas of need in Pembury for consideration and action in the immediate and near future:

- ☞ adult education facilities
- ☞ citizen's advice

- ☞ cappuccino/coffee shop to meet in
- ☞ community social activities
- ☞ improved council services
- ☞ better policing
- ☞ better management of traffic
- ☞ better public transport



- ☞ practical help for needy individuals
- ☞ better youth facilities

Most of these areas are not addressed, or imperfectly addressed, in the community at present. Already two action groups have been held on adult education/advice and youth facilities to begin the process of improvement.

The Survey Team presented the full report and its recommendations to the leadership of Pembury Baptist Church early in July. Following that it was encouraging to find so much interest on the stall at the Village Fete as the Team sought to convey its findings to the village as a whole. It is hoped that in co-operation with the Parish Council and existing village organisations, we shall begin to see positive steps forward to benefit the community during the coming months.

Those interested in more detailed statistics from the survey can find them on line at [www.pemburybaptistchurch.org](http://www.pemburybaptistchurch.org).

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## ARE YOU PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

*‘THE WORLD is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.’* – ALBERT EINSTEIN

A dramatic statement, but true nonetheless. But does it apply to everyday life in a small village like Pembury?

Another great political thinker, Edmund Burke observed that time and again those who profess to be good seem to clearly outnumber those who are evil, yet those who are evil seem to prevail far too often. Seldom is it the numbers that determine the outcome, but whether those who claim to be good men are willing to stand up and fight for what they know to be right. When good men do nothing, they get nothing good done.

Where is this all going, you may well ask?

Well, ‘the good life’ is not provided courtesy of any government, council or institution; it is provided by people themselves, each contributing in a tiny, everyday way. Some will never do anything that does not benefit them directly and immediately. Put in the vernacular, they don’t give a toss. However, whilst many people are time-strapped, stressed and tired, the overwhelming majority are not bad people.

The ideas of self-reliance and personal responsibility have unfortunately been out of fashion, but when people rediscover these ways of living they find them very satisfactory. Yes, sometimes challenging, but they do give the individual a wonderful shot of endorphins when something positive is achieved.

How to do this? Not rocket science, just tiny acts of contribution; picking up a piece of litter; not leaving a bike sprawled on the pavement, keeping your dog on the lead in the Rec., bothering to report incidents, saying good morning to other villagers (most of them don’t bite); not parking on the pavement, keeping your hedges trimmed, keeping to the 30 mph speed limits, etc.

Beyond these tiny acts, there’s the next stage like going to a village event, making sure you go to vote (people have died to gain that privilege for everybody), joining in a group, opening a conversation with somebody new in a pub/restaurant.

If you want to then get more involved (and feel that inner glow of satisfaction), offer some time or skill to one of the village groups, societies or the Parish Council events.

It’s your choice: bumble along as usual or contribute to everybody’s well-being and feel valued.

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## WHY IS SPEEDING A PROBLEM?

**W**ERE YOU SURPRISED to see the 30mph sign on the front cover? Did you know that it existed? Did you know that this is the sign indicating the speed limit along the High Street and in rest of Pembury?

Let's look at some of the implications of going over 30mph . . .

### **Higher Speeds Cause More Serious Injuries**

Impacts at higher speeds are more severe than at lower speeds, and so they lead to more serious injuries to those involved. At 35mph a driver is twice as likely to kill someone as they are at 30mph.

The probability of serious injury to a person wearing a seat belt in a front seat at an impact speed of 30mph is three times greater than at 20mph. At 40mph it is over five times greater.

In collisions involving pedestrians and cars or car-derived vans, 85% of fatalities occurred at impact speeds below 40mph, 45% occurred at less than 30mph and 5% at speeds below 20mph.

About 40% of pedestrians who are struck at speeds below 20 mph sustain non-minor injuries. At speeds up to 30 mph 90% of pedestrians suffer non-minor injuries. Pedestrians hit at speeds below 30 mph receive mainly survivable injuries, but this changes to mainly fatal injuries at speeds of between about 30 and 40mph.

### **Higher Speeds Cause More Accidents**

Higher speeds mean that drivers have less time to identify and react to what is happening around them, and it takes longer for the vehicle to stop.

Speed is a contributory factor in about one third of all road collisions. This means that in the year 2000, around 72,000 reported road accidents were due at least in part to someone driving or riding too fast.

These accidents caused:

- the deaths of about 1,100 people
- serious injuries to about 12,700 people
- slight injuries to about 90,000 people.

If speeds on urban main roads and residential roads with low average speed (e.g. the High Street, Lower Green Road) were reduced by 1mph, the accident rate would fall by 6%

If an individual drives more than 10-15% above the average speed of the traffic around them, they are much more likely to be involved in an accident and also more likely to commit other driving violations, such as red-light running and driving too close.

### **The nitty-gritty . . .**

Hit by a car at 40mph, 9 out of 10 pedestrians will be killed

Hit by a car at 30mph, about half of pedestrians will be killed

Hit by a car at 20mph, 9 out of 10 pedestrians will survive.

**Sobering stuff. Does driving carefully in Pembury within the speed limit now make sense for you?**

*(Statistical information courtesy of ROSPA)*

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## SOMETHING FOR THE HIGHWAY ENGINEERS . . .

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*'Motorists often claim that it is sometimes difficult to know what the speed limit is on a particular stretch of road. The Government should consider how they can best ensure that the speed limit is always clearly and consistently marked.'* – ROSPA

Your Parish Council has long been lobbying the various Highways authorities for better road markings in this area. Whilst there will always be some selfish people who will go



more than 30mph along that (temptingly) wide stretch of the High Street, we are sure that more drivers would respect the limit if they could actually see a sign!

We have urged painting a circle with '30' on the road or putting additional signs up on the garage side of the junction, but are advised that it is difficult because various different authorities have jurisdiction, a full survey would need to be done, there are no funds in the budget, signs can only be put up once, etc. etc. Common sense itself seems to have gone out for a long drive.

If you want to help with getting something done about this, you could write to the County and Borough Councillors (details on page 37) and our MP, Archie Norman, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. You may also wish to contact the Borough Council Highways Unit at the Town Hall 01892 544835.

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## SAFE ROADS IN PEMBURY?

**W**HENEVER I SEE on the TV news the mangled wreck of a car involved in an accident, I am reminded that my car is just as likely to end up like that if I make a mistake behind the wheel. And what might happen to me? How would my family cope if I was maimed or killed?

I guess that if we all realised that getting into a car is getting into a lethal machine which could maim or kill us or someone else, we might observe the road signs about speed, narrow roads and sharp bends, more than we do. They may not all have the force of law behind them, but they are there to stop us making fools or dead bodies of ourselves.

So whether it is in Pembury or elsewhere the message is to drive with care and within the suggested limits for your sake and for others. "It won't happen to me" was what every accident victim thought until the paramedics or undertaker took them away!

Does this all sound like preaching? Maybe, but as I say, every TV news item about an accident preaches to me!

**Leslie Gregory**

## PEMBURY SCHOOL WILD WEST FETE – 21ST JUNE 2003

**T**HE WEATHER was fantastic for the afternoon of the fete. A staggering 1,200 people came to join in the fun and there was a real buzz to the afternoon.

The school choir did very well with their cowboy songs and Indian drumming. The line dancers got things really swinging and a lot of people joined in with their dances. Then the school dragonboat team did a challenge against the clock to put on the lifeboat equipment that the RNLI have to put on in 2 minutes – which proved a lot more difficult than they were expecting!

Children from Amberside Dance then performed some brilliant dances in the cowboy and Indian theme.

Finally, there was an inter-house Tug of War competition with a lot of children from the Juniors taking part. All of the teams did very well especially as many had never done anything like this before.

The fete made a record profit which is largely due to the huge generosity of parents, teachers and many of the local businesses who gave their support. A big thank you to everyone!

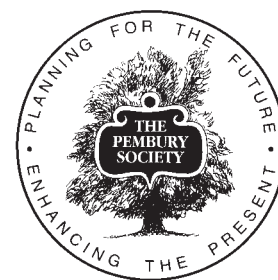
### **Pembury School Association**



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## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

THE NEXT MEETING of The Pembury Society will be held on Thursday 30th October 2003 at the Village Hall at 8p.m. It will start with our Speaker, Bob Ogley, who is the author and publisher of many books about Kent, who has chosen 'The Spirit of Invicta' as the title for his talk. Those of you who attended the meeting when Bob Ogley last spoke to us in October 1996 will recall his stories of the people of Kent during the war and what a successful evening it turned out to be. You may also remember that this was the night of the violent storm when during the meeting; we almost lost the roof of the old Village Hall. This time around, we hope that the elements will be gentler and that Bob Ogley's talk and the A.G.M., which is scheduled for the latter part of the evening, will not be accompanied by 'noises off'.



Our stalwart and much respected and admired Treasurer, Norman Whitton, died recently. He will be greatly missed. He was a quiet man whose measured and wise counsel concerning problems that surfaced from time to time was invariably followed. Thus, we have an empty chair and we are beginning our search for a person who has previous experience of financial matters to fill it. If you are that person, please contact me.

Our management committee remain as enthusiastic as ever and each is doing a great job. Ken Watts, our Membership Secretary, is recovering well following an operation; Simon Galwey spoke on our behalf at the recent hearing concerning the siting of the new hospital, our new Planning Officer Les Cook has been doing stalwart work coping with the ebb and flow of planning applications. Committee and Society members joined forces to make our stall at the recent Village Fete the success that it was with games for children and families and as a focus for the recruitment of new members. An extra word about the Village fete; have you noticed what an excellent and happy event it is now that it is located on the village green? Certainly something not to be missed by anyone who lives in our community!

### **Derek Johnson.**

*Editor's note: If you cannot get to the Pembury Society meeting to hear Bob Ogley's talk on 30 October, he is speaking the week before in Pembury on Wednesday 22 October. Contact Alison Morton on 824938 for more details.*

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## ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHBOROUGH & PEMBURY

**T**HE NEW PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Southborough and Pembury is retired Orthopaedic Consultant, Don Gardner. President for the second time, he was last President in 1973/74 and retired from full time medicine in 1994.

He has been married for 43 years to Bridget and they now live in Upper Hartfield. Since retirement, when not on holiday or tending to Rotary matters, Don spends time with his grandchildren and also tries his hand at fly fishing, he and his son winning the District Rotary Fly Fishing contest in 2002.



His aims for this year are "to try and attract some new younger members. We urgently need them if Rotary in places like Southborough & Pembury is going to go on. But go on it must. I am quite determined as there is still such a lot of work that Rotary does in the community and a tremendous need for organisations such as ours."

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This will be an excellent opportunity to find out about all aspects of Pembury life: clubs and groups will be showcasing their past and present activities as well as future aims and will be able sign up new members – all for free!

The small Meeting Room will have displays of local memorabilia, maps, photos, etc. plus representatives from and information about Pembury Parish Council.

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### **PEMBURY POTTERY**

The Pembury Society tells us that they have had a request from a member of the Tunbridge Wells Fire Brigade for information concerning the history of the pottery in the village. If you have this, or any examples of the products, please contact Rudi Kane on 01797 366038.

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**PEMBURY CRICKET LADIES** have produced a 2004 Calendar, the proceeds from which will go to the Cricket Club with a 25% donation to Hospice in the Weald for every calendar sold. These are now available for sale at £8 each and can be obtained from the Pembury Village Newsagents, by emailing [pemburycricketladies@btinternet.com](mailto:pemburycricketladies@btinternet.com), by contacting Heather Purdy on 824940, Julie Moxon on 824360, or direct from Pembury Cricket Club. We aren't going to publish an advance picture otherwise we will spoil the surprise for those who purchase them!

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**WANTED** – Old postcards to raise funds for the Kent Branch of Sense (formerly Deaf Blind and Rubella Handicapped). Postcards can be new or old, sent or unsent. Some can be sold in lots, the more interesting ones can sometimes fetch higher prices of between £8 and £60. Please contact Barbara Scholten at 31 The Coppice, call her on 823445 to arrange collection or take them to the Sense Shop in the Angel Arcade, Tonbridge.

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### **ROAD/PARKING SCHEMES IN PEMBURY**

The Parish and Borough Councils have been

working together to try to contain parking abuses within the village, especially those which may endanger children near the school entrances. It seems that no amount of requests (and even pleas) to those parking on corners, obstructing views, double parking, etc. near the school have worked. Sometimes it seems that once having passed their driving test, some drivers visiting the school in the morning and afternoon have thrown away their Highway Code thinking that it no longer applies to them. As a consequence, new parking restrictions (yellow lines!) are being introduced in Lower Green Road and Henwood Green Road areas. These are chiefly around the corners of Ridgeway/Lower Green Road, junction area Henwood Green Road/Beagleswood Road/Lower Green Road and Henwood Green Road/Romford Road/Lower Green Road junctions. Similar restrictions were planned around the Lower Green Road/Church Road/Maidstone Road junction area, but TW Borough Council has decided the junction would benefit from a fuller re-design with the aim of making the junction safer overall, so these are on hold for a little while. The Borough Council is also considering restricting parking outside the Lower Green Post Office to a short period to enable users to do their shopping/use Post Office services but to prevent longer term parking there which would be to the detriment of a valuable local facility.

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### **HOWARD STACEY**

We were very sorry to hear of the death on 11 August of a very well known member of the Pembury e-group – Howard. He was a lively contributor and had a reply for anyone who posted a message with the group; sadly no more.

We understand that Howard was cycling along the A21 northbound side shortly before the slip road into Tonbridge. The accident was described as a collision with an articulated lorry.

Our sincere condolences go to his wife and daughter at this time.

## PEMBURY PEOPLE

### DAVID GOW

*“England have the best fans in the world and Scotland's fans are second to none” – KEVIN KEEGAN*

**F**OR THOSE OF us in Pembury who have witnessed the football activities provided for our youngsters I think that I would, for once, have to agree with Mr Keegan. As the subject of this edition of Pembury People I have chosen one of the hard-working team of volunteers responsible for the astonishing progress of the young soccer aspirants in our village. Although determined to accord credit to others within the club, I managed to coerce David Gow to be interviewed and to offer his perceptions of Pembury.



David was born north of the border in Paisley, Scotland. He is married to Karen and they have a daughter, Emily, who is seven years old. David's initial move to our special village instigated comments from work colleagues such as *“What? It will take you about half-an-hour to get to work. Why on earth are you moving there?”* David recalls *“The half-an-hour referred to the three mile journey from Pembury to Tunbridge Wells in 1983. It is almost impossible to imagine that there was no A21 bypass and that all of the Maidstone traffic made its way (very slowly) up Lower Green Road”*.

His professional interest in football began as a sixteen year old when he secured an administrative position with the Scottish league club St. Mirren. This led him to become involved with team activities involving the youth squad upwards. It was during this time that he came under the spell of Alex Ferguson (*N.B. the Scots call him Alec*). The now famous Manchester United manager had just taken on one of his first managerial/coaching roles. David regards this experience as invaluable and recounts that even at this early stage Ferguson was a luminary who inspired all around him.

At the age of twenty-one David hopped over Hadrian's Wall, to join us Sassenachs, and moved to Stevenage to progress his new professional role in the computer industry. With predictable gusto he soon became involved in a radical and pioneering initiative to offer information technology in South Africa. This transnational concept was offered during the difficult time of apartheid and proved to be incredibly successful. Soon David was off on his travels again and found himself in Germany for the next nine years. During this time he forged strong links with the league club Eintracht Frankfurt. His experience with the German youth training model provided a lasting inspiration that appears to have become embedded in our local soccer training activities. He states *“My experiences there*



*and across Europe confirmed my opinion that there are many excellent ways to develop young footballers. When I returned to England in 1997, I wanted to introduce people to those methods and add them to our own way of doing things”.*

Fortunately, Laurie Frowde, the then Chairman of the Pembury (Youth) Football Club, gave David the opportunity and he is pleased to record that many in the club have passed on these methods to the young players. Three years ago, Laurie stepped down as Chairman and David considers himself fortunate to have been elected in his place. Thanks to the excellent foundation laid by Laurie, and the hard work of all those involved in the club, the number of players has now grown to over 250. Boys and girls take part in age groups ranging from Under 7s to Under 18s.

Anyone who has met David will recognise his passion for ‘The Beautiful Game’ and he adds *“Working with the club has allowed me to meet many, many people in the village; the players and their families, our coaches and committee members, Parish Councillors such as our good friend Hughie Boorman, Borough Councillors and Mrs Thewlis, our Primary School headmistress, who has been very generous with the provision of training facilities. I would like to thank everybody connected with the club as they have given me a wonderful insight into the village of Pembury with its great vitality and many contrasts. A village with a heart – much more than a three mile traffic jam from Tunbridge Wells.”*

**Paul Barrington-King**

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## KENT COLLEGE GCSE RESULTS 2003

A\*-C grades: 94%  
(national average 58.1%)

A\*-B grades: 70%

A\* & A grades: 32%  
(national average 16%)

A\*-D grades: 100%

### **Notable achievements:**

- Kate Dow, age 16 from Sevenoaks has won a Silver medal from the AQA examining board for her performance in drama. She has been recognised as the joint top candidate in the Arts group of GCSE subjects out of 43,983 students. Kate said she was “delighted and amazed!” to have won the award. She will be attending a presentation and luncheon in London in November to collect her medal.

### **Top local students:**

- Joanna Walters, age 16 from Robertsbridge, achieved 6 A\*s, 2 As, 2 Bs
- Charlotte Richardson, age 15 (a year younger than her year group) from Matfield, achieved 4 A\*s, 3 As and 2 Bs.
- Both girls have gained scholarship places to Kent College Sixth Form.

Headmistress, Mrs Anne Upton, said: “There are some really special personal achievements this year. We are delighted that Kate Dow has won a drama award for coming joint top out of almost 44,000 students nationwide. We were also pleased that despite a drop in results nationally in modern foreign languages, all our grades in these subjects were A\*-B.”

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## HOSPICE NEWS

**O**NCE AGAIN it's time for the Hospice Glasswalk/Firewalk Challenge. Entrants are sought for this spectacular event which takes place on the evening of Thursday 30 October at The Land Registry, Hawkenbury. Last year 61 walkers raised over £14,000 in sponsorship. The events are organised by a professional company who run expert training sessions before the walks. It is necessary to register by the closing date of October 18th and a minimum sponsorship of £150 is required. Spectators can enjoy the fireworks display, quiz, refreshments and bar, and music provided by The Challybeats. There is no charge for spectators and potential entrants should contact Richard Snow on 820534 to find out more. We welcome the world-famous London Community Gospel Choir to Tonbridge School Chapel on Friday 4th October. Tickets are now available at £12.50 each (unreserved) and applications should be sent to Mrs T. Ingham at the Hospice ( 820533). Full details of all Hospice events and information about the Hospice can be found on our website: [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk), or from the Hospice reception.

Don't forget to come and see our display of Christmas cards and gifts in the Hospice shop in the village and at the Hospice itself. At the Hospice do pop in for a cup of coffee and a cake or sandwich from the Coffee Shop which is open 10am to 4pm daily.

A new Health Information Service is available at the Hospice, providing access to information on most illnesses, but primarily cancer. The room off the reception area offers a whole range of literature, internet access by appointment, and access to other support services. It is primarily intended for patients, families, health professionals and also for the public.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

Kim Brophy has moved to the position of Voluntary Services Manager and, with Jane Bagge as Volunteer Co-ordinator, would be pleased to discuss any enquiries from prospective volunteers.

At the moment we are particularly looking for volunteers to work on weekend reception (all shifts). If you feel you may be able to offer some time at the weekends, please contact the volunteer department on 820500.

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## 2003 VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN

**L**AST YEAR'S Golden Jubilee Village Fete was a highlight of an extremely busy year for the Parish Council and this July saw a more 'normal' fete, but with about the same number of visitors! Rain did not appear – a miracle! It was a bright day with a reasonable amount of sunshine. Traditional stalls such as tin mine, face painting, lucky numbers, raffle, plants, brica-brac, sweets, books together with stalls from village organisations such as the Pembury Society plus some new attractions – a childrens roundabout and play area – meant there was something for everybody. The Survey carried out by Pembury Baptist Church was showcased and attracted a great deal of interest. 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. Ice cream came from Ace (our usual supplier) plus the very welcome presence of a freezer-full from Brady's (Lower Green PO).

Music was provided by Richard Reyn and his group 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! Well over £600 was raised for local charities Headway and Compaid.

The fete was put together by a dedicated team from the Parish Council Public Relations Group. Thanks must also go to all the other helpers who helped set up and took down everything at each end of the day, including two large marquees. Pembury School kindly



loaned their staging again (as they had for the musical picnic).

However, the lynchpin of the whole event was Parish Clerk Barbara Russell who did all the 'donkey work' beforehand of organising the stalls, highways and health & safety, borrowing equipment, securing raffle prizes, etc. although she could not be there for the day itself (Something about a holiday in Cyprus was the excuse offered . . . !).

Yes, it was hard work, but it was also a great success and a lot of FUN! Back next year . . .





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## PUBLIC ENQUIRY

### **Public Enquiry to hear Kilmartin's Appeal in reference to their Planning Application for a District Hospital at Knight's Park – July 2003**

I attended the opening of the enquiry on 8 July in order to secure a speaking spot for Pembury Parish Council during the enquiry.

The Inspector outlined the structure of the enquiry as follows:

- Opening statements from each side
- Expert witnesses from each side
- Cross examination of witnesses by the other side (both parties in turn)
- A site visit to Knights Park at some stage
- Speeches from organisations and individuals who have notified the Inspector that they wished to speak followed by any other members of the public
- Summing up and discussion of conditions
- Main parties' closing statements, Kilmartin's last

The Inspector saw the issues as follows:

- The implications for local development plans, e.g. Rural Fringe, Metropolitan Green Belt
- Highways implications
- Green Belt (in general)
- The impact on local residents
- Ecological impact
- Travel patterns, especially ref. accessibility for non-car users in light of the Government's policy to reduce individual car use
- The need for staff accommodation (given the local housing situation)
- Alternative sites including Pembury Hospital site

He also asked each side to put forward thoughts/proposals about the possible future of the Pembury Hospital site if the project went ahead in Knights Park.

Pembury Parish Council Chairman Sarah Clarke spoke expressing deep reservations about the planning implications of Knights' Park site. Not only would the proposed development impact on land designated as Metropolitan Green Belt, Rural Fringe and Site with Nature Conservation Interest/Local Nature Reserve, Kent Special Landscape Area. but the provisions for traffic load, particularly for emergency access, would be completely inadequate. She also mentioned Pembury residents' anxieties about the future of the current hospital site if it were not used for the new hospital. A number of other Pembury residents spoke opposing the appeal.

The enquiry is now closed and is being considered by the Secretary of State; we should hear the outcome by the end of the year.

**Cllr Alison Morton**

Pembury Parish Council

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## VILLAGE HALL COFFEE SHOP NEW DAY – NEW LINE-UP

**A**S A RESULT of the article in the last newsletter, we were delighted to see some new faces, receive a few offers of help and get some new ideas. We are delighted to say that Pembury will not be losing its weekly coffee shop and drop-in zone, but this will now be on a Tuesday – 9.30 to 12 noon. There will still be a full market on the last Tuesday of every month. However, anyone can have a stall at any of the coffee mornings but they will need to set it up themselves – fee only £2.50 (locals rate). Contact Sue for more details. Whilst there have been slight changes, we hope to offer the same welcome.

Both St. Peters Church and the Bowls Club have offered to man the kitchen and be responsible for proceedings once a month which gives all us regulars the chance of a rest and being customers for once. If any other groups or organisations feel they would like the opportunity to promote themselves, whilst helping the Village Hall funds and providing a service to the community, please call us to discuss details.

A really big thank-you to all our helpers and customers for their loyalty and kind words. We hope you will all enjoy the new arrangements and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9 September 9.30-12 noon and every Tuesday thereafter. Market Day Tuesday 30 September.

**Sue Boreham – 824385. Evelyn Liddimore – 518271**

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## PEMBURY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

**A**LL OF YOU who created material for the ‘Pembury People 2000’ bound book will be interested to know that, following the work of collation and indexing, the pages have been copied and the ensuing pair of books are currently being bound. It is intended that they will be put on display at the Village Exhibition during September. After they have been shown, the master copy will be lodged with the county archive at Maidstone, whilst the duplicate copy will be offered to the village library for reference purposes. As a footnote to this project, the Chairman and I would like to mention the advice and individual service offered to us by PDC Copyprint of Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells who did excellent work in duplicating the original pages.

**Derek Johnson**

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## PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

**A**NOTHER SUCCESSFUL and progressive season is drawing to a close. The Tuesday side have retained their Evening League title and the Saturday 1st team are at present lying second in their league with two matches to go. The 2nd XI have retained their spirit and this year used the opportunity to bring the colts into the side giving it a much younger appearance. The Colts continue to grow with between 40/50 now receiving coaching.

The social side continues to thrive but the real success story has been the well-publicised suggestive, but tasteful, Cricket Club Ladies Calendar 2004. TV and radio appearances and newspaper articles have helped to promote the calendar and to date nearly 100 copies have been sold. (See ‘Snippets’ on page 15 for details of where to buy calendars.)



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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

### PEMBURY SCHOOL 1962

Anne Johnson, formerly of Maidstone Road, Pembury, now living in Tunbridge Wells, forwarded a photograph from her daughter Corinne Johnson which had been taken in Spring 1962. The children are about 6 years old; Anne wondered where they are now . . .

*Back row, left to right:* ?, ?, Bobby ?, Christine Taylor, Jennifer Maplesden, Carol Clements, Susan Daniels, ?, ?, Philip Greatrex

*Standing row, left to right:* Kevin Clifton, ?, Colin Bird, Kevin Tate, Philip Saunders, David Spiers, Michael Ashton, Leslie Hook, ?

*Sitting row, left to right:* ?, Yvonne Sanderson, ? Susan Blackford, Pamela Ridley, Corinne Johnson, Rosemary Greatrex, Jane Bateson, ? Paula Stoner

*Sitting in front, left to right:* ?, Brian Websall, Andrew Campbell, Julian Atherall



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### COURIER EXTRACTS

My dip into the archives of the Kent and Sussex Courier from 1903, one hundred years ago, gives us a local insight into the social and administrative world in which Parishioners of Pembury lived all those years ago.

The first, which caught my eye, was the headline “Night Poaching at Pembury”. This was a story of a local labourer who was charged with entering by night on land in the occupation of a local businessman for the purpose of killing game, being armed with a gun, powder and shot. The case against the labourer was given by a P.C. Bishop of the Kent County Constabulary, who was stationed at Pembury, who told the Court that at about ten to three in the morning, he was on duty near Church Wood near to the Old Church Pembury in the company of another witness when they heard a shot fired in the wood. Quite soon after, a

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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST *continued*

man came out of the wood and walked on the road unknowingly in the direction of the Police Constable. It was reported that the constable turned on his lantern whereupon the labourer ran away but was soon caught and taken into custody. When searched the labourer had on him, a gun with one barrel loaded and also six lots of shot done up in papers, six lots of powder and three gun caps and a bag in which was found some pheasants feathers. When charged the labourer emphatically denied that he was ever in the wood at that time but on the corroborated evidence produced, and after a list of previous convictions were proved, the labourer was ordered to pay £1 and six shillings costs or go to prison for 14 days. The labourer asked for time to pay this princely sum pleading on behalf of his wife and family but this was refused “on account of the serious nature of the offence”, the labourer accordingly went to prison.

I don't know what your thoughts were when you read the above but mine were how things have so vastly changed over the last 100 years. Alright, there might still be a little poaching going on, not necessarily in Pembury, but can you imagine a police constable being on duty near Church Wood at ten to three in the morning, complete with a lantern and the Courts refusal for the payment of the fine “on account of the serious nature of the offence”, ending with the Defendant being sent to prison for 14 days. I also wondered what the equivalent amount of money the £1 in 1903 is to us one hundred years later.

The other item I picked up was through a report of the annual meeting of the Parishioners of Pembury (note – not the Pembury Parish Council) at the end of March 1903 which was held at the Board School, with Mr C. Gower in the chair. A Mr Nash, Chairman of the Sanitary and Water Committee, gave a report of his committee's work during the previous year which had great significance to the Parishioners of Pembury. All during the previous year, it was reported that efforts had been made to obtain sanitation for the Parish and though it had been a long and difficult matter, the Chairman announced, “Those who were anxious to connect to the system could now do so”. Another long-standing project, which it seemed was coming to fruition at that time, was in relation to the supply of water to the Parish. Unfortunately at that time, the Parish Council had to deal with two authorities for the water supply to the whole of Pembury.

It was in the spring of 1903 that the local Rural District Council had entered into an agreement with the South Kent Water Company for the supply of water to the lower part of Pembury leaving the Parishioners of the other part of Pembury to deal with the Tunbridge Wells Corporation. The Parish Council had stated they were sorry that the whole parish could not be supplied but they had reckoned on the principle that “half the loaf is better than none”. This had its effect on the future of Pembury water suppliers, in that up to the late 1990's, Parishioners were still paying two separate water authorities for the supply of water.

More news of “Pembury in the Past” in future issues.

**Henry Plant**

## PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH TRIP TO NEWHAM, EAST LONDON

**F**ROM 26-31 JULY, nine members of Fuse, Pembury Baptist Church (PBC) 14-18 year old youth group, travelled to Canning Town in the borough of Newham in East London. It was with the organisation Oasis Trust who set up “Faithworks in the City” where youth groups from all over England come together solely to show and demonstrate God’s love.

There were five different bases around England, including London, Leeds, Birmingham, Bristol and Derby, where the youth took part in community projects to serve God in deprived areas of England.

It contained six days of ground level mission, inspirational teaching, training, social action and worship to help the youth discover how their faith can transform the local community.

As we were the largest group there, we were allocated the job of heavy duty, which consisted of removing a deep rose garden surrounded by a big brick wall in Scott Wilkie Primary School. Jake Wyatt impressed us all with his amazing sledgehammer techniques as with Jez Burgess with his pickaxing skills. Ashley Duckworth painted dinosaur footprints in the playground area, while Will White photographed the occasion. It took five afternoons to shovel three skips worth of rubble, soil and rose bushes, with roots longer than you could ever imagine, but everyone was still smiling at the end despite backaches, shoulder pains, cut legs . . .

As well as our heavy-duty work we also spent an afternoon litter picking where Rhiane Davis, Laura Robertson and Anna Russell set straight to work, only to be slightly put off by “bin juice!” and lots of deep, prickly bushes, full of litter!

Wayne Alexander, PBC Associate Pastor, led a really inspirational worship one morning with the theme of the parable of the prodigal son. Jemma Holmes, our other leader (and Wayne’s fiancée!) bravely shared her own experiences, which touched the hearts of many young people who felt able to talk through their own problems with them.

Although there were times of trial, testing and sometimes what seemed like pointless tasks we never gave up hope in ourselves or God. There were times when we were tired from digging or the thought of litter picking in a place where people wouldn’t see, let alone care seemed ludicrous. However, Jake found a perfect verse to help and encourage us all. 1. Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.”

*Top Row: Will White, Laura Robertson,  
Wayne Alexander, Jemma Holmes,  
Anna Russell.*

*Bottom Row: Rhiane Davis, Jake Wyatt,  
Jeremy Burgess.*



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## JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

**A**UTUMN IS the mellow season, a time of glorious golden and amber tints on foliage, plus seed-heads and berries that all give interest to the garden well into winter. The spiky and pom-pom forms of Dahlias continue to delight us with their brilliance. Also the late flowering Aster family that offer a wealth of colour which must be a bonus at this time of year. They have spent the summer growing and when the number of daylight hours fall they are triggered into flowering. How about that for ingenuity! Hydrangeas are fading but the large mop-heads turn into wonderful muted greens with touches of pink and red. Cut a few for drying while they are at this stage. Hang them upside down for a few weeks and they will provide an instant display in any large container for the house, and keep looking good for several months.



Raising plants from seed is simple and inexpensive, especially seeds from your own garden. Now is a good time to collect these as they ripen – the pods should be brown. Watch they don't pop and spill out! To store dry seeds, pick small bunches on their stems and enclose them upside down in brown paper bags (hard to find I know!) so that the seeds drop as the pods open. Don't forget to label.

At this time of year our thoughts turn to planting ready for a welcome Spring display. Containers of all shapes and sizes are becoming more and more popular and are ideal for this. A recently discovered variety of winter pansy with ruffled edges that has a double effect, in all colours, would be highly unusual and decorative. Another newcomer is a double Primrose that produces clusters of pretty rose-like petals that come in a wide range of colours. Together with the Polyanthus 'Victoriana Gold Lace', these would make a really eye-catching display. For Wallflower enthusiasts there is an early dwarf variety available that blooms from Autumn through to Spring, and brings welcome winter colour and delicious scent.

If you are considering planting shrubs, Autumn is an ideal time while soil is still warm. There are some less usual ones, namely – Escallonia 'Gold Brian', a stunner to grow against a south facing wall or fence. It has butter-yellow leaves and rosy-red flowers in late Spring and sporadically through Summer. It will thrive in any well drained soil, is pest free and can be grown as a hedge. Height and spread is 3-4ft, but is easily controlled with clipping. An enchanting deciduous shrub that can be grown in a container is a dwarf variety of the popular Weigela – 'Pink Poppet'. Stocky and profuse flowering in late Spring to early Summer, it likes sun or light shade, moist fertile soil and grows to 2ft. Watch for early frosts. Young shrubs need Winter protection with a 2in. layer of shredded bark or compost.

The usual Autumn jobs await. Cut back the spent stems and foliage of perennials that have finished flowering. Tidy beds and borders of spent annuals and falling leaves as the Autumn progresses and prepare them for Spring displays.

Bring in frost-tender plants such as Fuschias and Pelargoniums. Dry and store Dahlia tubers and Gladioli corms in a frost free place. Clean the greenhouse (Jeyes fluid if you can – it is still obtainable) and the glass. Remove shading and check the heater. Line with bubble wrap for winter use.

Lawns may need some attention. Re-seed worn patches or sow seed for new lawns. Turf can be laid now and through October. Continue your compost heap with all your kitchen and garden vegetation waste – but not potato peelings.

Happy gardening!

**Jan Davies**

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## BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

**3**RD PEMBURY BROWNIES enjoyed their second pack holiday this year at Downe, Biggin Hill. Twenty Brownies all had fun discovering animals and nature, walking, kite-making, cooking and washing up. Lots of indoor crafts (including spider-making) kept them busy while it rained.

Many thanks to all our helpers and Brownies for a super 4 days.

**Wendy Plane**, Brown Owl



FRIDAY 4 JULY was a busy day for the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in Pembury. Along with nearly 90 other girls from Tunbridge Wells they met at Adamswell Camp Site for a picnic, campfire and sing-song. Due to rain over the previous few days, the campfire was slow to light, but once it got going it was brilliant!

The singing was led by Jay, our own Guide Leader, and Merlin from Tunbridge Wells. We all learnt some new songs as well as singing old favourites. We all had a great time – many thanks to the organisers

**Moira Allan**,  
1st Pembury Brownies

*Pembury Rainbows say goodbye  
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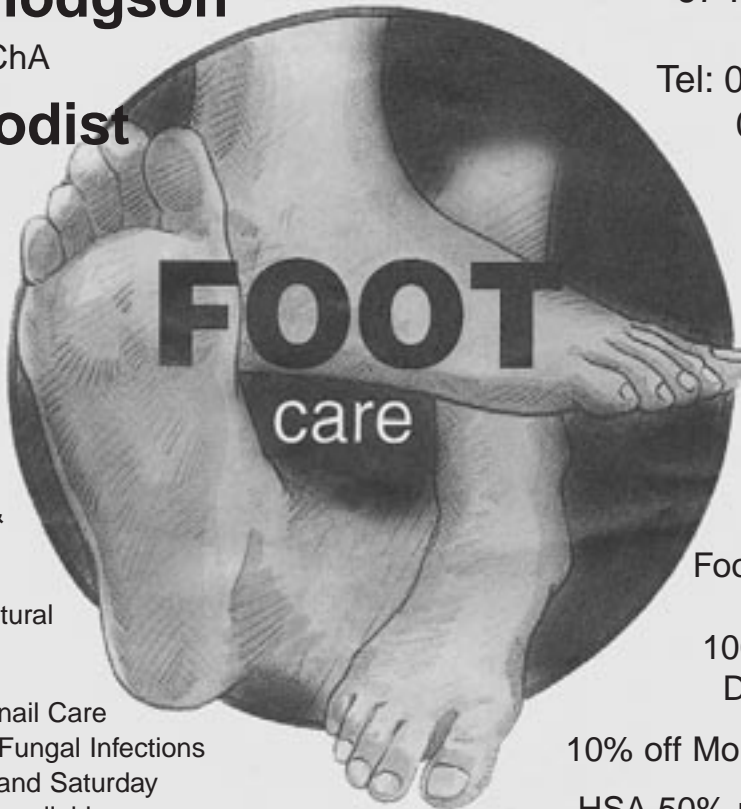
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- 1 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Pembury Matters' Barbara Russell – Upper Church – 8pm
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI : 'Kent – an unusual view' – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe' – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 5 Harvest Thanksgiving – Upper Church – 9.45am; Old Church 11.30am and 5pm
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 13 St Peter's Photographic Club: Results, Hawkhurst/Goudhurst outing – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 18 Pembury School: Auction of Promises – Pembury School Hall – 8pm
- 27 St Peter's Photographic Club: Speaker TBA – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 23 Teaspoon Club: Afternoon social tea club – St Peter's Upper Church – 823021 for details
- 25 Pembury Gardeners: Annual Dance – Village Hall – 8pm
- 30 Pembury Society AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
- 30 Hospice in the Weald: Fire & Glass Walk – contact Richard Snow 820534

### November

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 2 Hospice in the Weald: Film 'Adventure in the Hopfields' – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 3 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 3 Hospice in the Weald: Christmas Market – Hospice – 11am to 4pm
- 6 Pembury Afternoon WI: AGM – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI: AGM – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Village FIREWORKS – Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road – 7.30pm
- 8 RNLI Autumn Fair – Catholic Hall – 10.30am to 12.30pm
- 9 Remembrance Sunday Service – Upper Church 10.50am
- 10 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 St Peter's Photographic Club: Theme Competition – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 12 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Impact of Debt on an African Family' – Upper Church – 8pm
- 15 St Peter's Autumn Fair – Upper Church – 10.30am
- 20 Teaspoon Club: Afternoon social tea club – St Peter's Upper Church – 823021 for details
- 24 St Peter's Photographic Club: Holiday evening – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 29 Pembury School: Christmas Fayre – Pembury School Hall – 11am-2pm

### December

- 1 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 3 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Christmas Supper – details to be advised
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Christmas Party – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 4 Hospice in the Weald: Light Up a Life – Hospice – 6.30pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Christmas Party – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 8 St Peter's Photographic Club: Match A Slide, Battle – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 8 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 18 Teaspoon Club: Afternoon social tea club – St Peter's Upper Church – 823021 for details

## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**S**ADLY, OUR downward trend in the number of reported crimes came to an abrupt halt in the period April to June. The previous quarter's figure was 44 but that has jumped back up again to 52. This was mainly due to an increase in criminal damage, up from 11 to 15; fraud and deception up from 2 to 6; and whilst there have been minor decreases in other areas, theft offences rose 50% from 6 to 9. The one good result is that the number of reported assaults dropped from 13 to 4.

Unfortunately, the summer from June onwards has seen an alarming increase in the amount of criminal damage or vandalism being committed around the village, with severe damage to the Scouts' and Guides' hut, the junior football club pavilion, the bike ramp, tennis courts, bus shelters, the senior football club changing room, the allotments, with plots and sheds being damaged, peoples' cars and fences, and the YMCA building to name a few.

Now, I don't know about you, but I have had enough, not only with the jobs or what ever you want to call them who are committing this damage to yours and parish property, but also with the complacency with which we accept it. "Well, what can we do?" is the most adventurous statement most people come out with. We know the police can't help because of their low numbers and that itself puts our problem low on their list of priorities.

Well, I'll tell you what we will do. In the Autumn, when most people will have had their holidays, I will call a meeting in the Village Hall of all the village organisations. If other members of the public wish to attend, they will be most welcome.

It has to be a structured meeting otherwise it will defeat the object. The police will not be invited to this meeting in order to avoid a 'slanging' match, but they will be to the second one once our ideas are agreed.

The good guys in this village must outnumber the bad guys by about 500 to 1, so what are we worried about? But ask yourself this question. "Do you want Pembury to look like some ramshackle, broken-down estate run by hooligans?" Of course not.

And now for something completely different . . . how some of the 'good guys' in Pembury use their own time for the good of the less fortunate – over to Anna Russell's report (see page 29).

### Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Atson	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Theft Offences	Other Offences	TOTAL
April 2003		2	1	1	7	2	1	2		3	1	20
May 2003	1	2	1		6	1	1	1	1	4		18
June 2003			2	2	2	3	2	1		2		14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>ROAD</b>												
Beagles Wood Road			1									1
Bellfield Road					1							1
Brickfields			1		3							4
Bulls Place			1									1
Elmhurst Avenue		2										2
Hastings Road		1	1		3			2		3		10
Henwood Green Road					1		1	1	1			4
Henwoods Mount		1									1	2
High Street					1	6				1		8
Kings Toll Road					1							1
Lower Green Road					1					1		2
Maidstone Road				1			1	1		1		4
Old Church Road				1								1
Romford Road							2					2
The Grove					1							1
Tonbridge Road	1			1	1					3		6
Woodhill Park					2							2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>

# YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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## Parish Council

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*Chairman, Christmas Lights & Pembury in Bloom Working Group*

## Clerk to the Pembury Parish Council

Mrs Barbara Russell, 6 The Grove, Pembury, Kent TN2 4BU. Tel: 823193.

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# CHURCH TIMES

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Upper Church

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am The Parish Eucharist and Junior Church

10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

### Old Church

11.30am Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)

Evening services as advertised on Church noticeboards

## CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM – PEMBURY

Sunday Mass 10.30am

Holy Days – Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Confessions:

Sunday 10.15am

Weekday Service:

Wednesday – Mass 7pm

## PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

We praise God and hear his word on Sunday at 10am and 1st and 3rd Sunday at 7pm.

We have many activities during the week for mums, toddlers, young people and senior citizens. Ring the church office 825590 for details.

## YOUR CLERK REPORTS

***“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”***

*(Edmund Burke, 1729-1797, political thinker and advocate of a co-operative relationship between government and citizens)*

Sadly, again this summer we have experienced a spate of mindless vandalism to Parish property. Amongst areas that have suffered are bus shelters; the one at Woodhill Park having been repaired was, within days, vandalised again, the Lower Green Recreation Ground pavilion, the tennis courts, the skate ramp, the football pavilion at Woodside and the allotments.

Does nobody ever see these crimes? Please, please, if someone is doing something they shouldn't be, call the police (emergency number 999, other calls 01892 502025). When wishing to report incidents, please be patient and give the police a fair and reasonable time to respond. If there is just an answering machine, do make the effort and leave a message. We need to keep reporting incidents so that the true picture is built up. Many drops become a trickle and many trickles become a river. In the end, this will be the only way in which we can put a stop to this expensive, destructive pastime.

Do you realise that every rate payer in Pembury pays for these repairs to Parish property? It means that the groundsmen spend time repairing damage, the office staff spend time reporting the crimes and organising repairs and a good deal of your money is swallowed up on materials for repair. Your money could be better used elsewhere in the village providing and maintaining amenities for all of us to use.

We all know that the majority of youngsters would not dream of performing such acts of vandalism and that, as usual, it is the few spoiling it for the many. Let us pull together and make a determined effort to stamp this out. If you are a parent, find out what your children are doing, who they are doing it with and where they are doing it. Make sure it is not them causing the problems. I'm sure you don't want the police knocking on your door, I know I would be mortified!

**Barbara Russell**



# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

## AGE CONCERN

Mrs Sandra Springett. Tel.: 522591

## ALZHEIMERS DISEASE SOCIETY

Simon Rooksby, Pineview Day Hospital  
Pembury Hospital. Tel: 823535, Ext 3515

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Mike Cartwright, 16 Cornford Park, Pembury.  
Tel: 823235

## BLACK & WHITE MARCHING MILITAIRE

Tel: Louise 823097

## BOWLS CLUB

Len Birnie. Tel: 01892 681222

## BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Mrs J. Fichtmüller, 19 Belfield Road. Tel: 823002

## BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION

Secretary: Mr R. G. G. Whitlock, 6 The Forstal.  
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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Deacon Bill Eason. Tel: 824133

## COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Hugh Boorman. Tel: 823068

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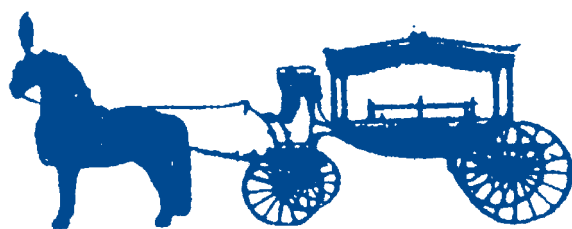
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