

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of small white flowers, likely wild garlic, with a large tree trunk on the right and sunlight filtering through the trees.

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WORKING TOGETHER – PEMBURY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

THE MAJOR incidents of anti-social behaviour in Pembury last year which resulted in an ASBO Dispersal Order brought home the need for all the various 'official' bodies to work closely with our community on improving matters. Since then much work has gone into bringing the various agencies and local community organisations together.

As a result an independent group called the Pembury Community Partnership has been set up consisting of representatives of the Parish Council, Kent County and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils, Kent Police, Neighbourhood Watch, the Pembury Society, Pembury School, local churches and businesses (including the licensed trade) and several areas of village youth work.

The main objectives of the partnership are to establish a village network to share ideas and information and to jointly identify important local community issues and make sure these are dealt with by the appropriate agencies or organisations.



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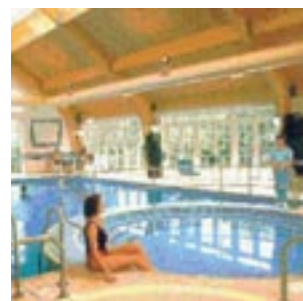
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To do this effectively the group must have a Strategic Vision of what is to be achieved. It has agreed there are six key areas to address:

- youth;
- community volunteering;
- public safety (including CCTV);
- traffic (including speeding);
- business (including local employment); and
- the environment.

Work is now underway to identify the detailed issues within these areas and determine what is already underway to deal with these – and if nothing, decide what should be done, by whom and when.

Obviously much is already happening in Pembury. There is a good community spirit with many dedicated organisations and voluntary groups working hard to provide a range of social, spiritual, environmental and recreational services. Nevertheless much needs to be done particularly in regard to

youth problems and the social and physical environment. Pembury Community Partnership will be working on these with all the ‘official’ authorities and village groups or organisations. If yours is not yet linked to the partnership please contact the secretary Richard Parsons (823193).

Additionally if you wish to make a personal contribution a good way is through volunteering. Inside the back cover of Pembury Village News are a host of village organisations with contact telephone numbers. In the Christmas issue of PVN our County Councillor, Kevin Lynes (01622 694101), appealed for volunteers to assist with SpeedWatch, lowering crime and nuisance, litter and graffiti removal and ‘Friends of Pembury Youth’. For those who like physical effort there is the excellent environmental working group led by Hugh Boorman (823068).

Why not give one of them a call?

David Coleman

THE PEMBURY DIARY – THE WHAT?

HAVE YOU heard of **The Pembury Diary**? It’s to be found on the Pembury website at www.pembury.org (Look in the section called ‘Pembury Village Life’ and click on ‘Pembury Events Calendar’). It contains all events booked to take place in the village so that both individuals and organisations can check what is happening before fixing dates for new events.

This only works if all the village organisations and anybody organising an event let me know when an event is planned so that it can be entered into the diary. Did you know that the Pembury Village fete this year is on Saturday 9 July 2005? Notice of this date was available last August, if you wanted to know it.

Regular meetings such as the WI meetings are inserted as well as special occasions and one-off meetings.

So please let me have details as soon as available and I will insert them into the diary. You will then be able to see which dates clash and hopefully spread out fun events and fund raising dates.

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CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL and Notcutts Garden Centre invite you to enter this year's Pembury in Bloom. There are lots of categories to enter, so dig out your spades, shovel into action and share your floral feats with the rest of the community for a chance to win some super prizes.

"Each year more and more people enter this wonderful community competition," says Councillor June Crowhurst, "and we hope to have even more entries this year."

The free to enter competition is sponsored by Notcutts Garden Centre, Tonbridge Road, Pembury and run in partnership with Pembury Parish Council. Open to anyone living in the Pembury Parish Council area, there are five categories:

- Notcutts Best Front Garden – Prizes: £100, £50 and £25 in Notcutts vouchers;
- Best Hanging Basket – Prizes: £70, £30, £15 in Notcutts vouchers;
- Best Container Planted and Maintained by a child or group of children – Prizes: £20, £10 and £5 in Notcutts vouchers;
- Notcutts Rose Bowl for the Most Attractive Commercial Frontage;
- Best Allotment Shield.

"I love In Bloom competitions," says Notcutts garden centre manager, Jon Kemp. "They are fun to enter. Gardening is interesting and a form of expression and the competition helps to brighten our community."

Closing date for all categories is Monday 11 July, 2005. Judging takes places shortly afterwards and the winners' names will be announced at a special presentation tea to be held in August at Notcutts.

Entry forms will be distributed with the summer edition of the Pembury Village News (out early June) and also available from Notcutts or the Parish Office.



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NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

LISA VANNS was born in Horsmonden, where her parents still live. When she left school Lisa went as a residential worker at the Seven Springs Cheshire Home and later worked as a helper and escort at Larkfield in Cornford Lane.

She moved to Pembury eleven years ago and has been a fulltime mum most of that time. She has three children, the oldest two are studying for their chosen professions and the youngest is at Pembury School.

Lisa enjoys reading and embroidery but also likes meeting people and helping where she can. She believes everything possible should be done to keep the rural environment and community spirit in Pembury. She has joined the Parish Council with the aim of being a help and encouragement in these things where she can.



NORMAN STARKEY has lived in Pembury for seven years having moved from Tunbridge Wells. Before retirement he was a Police Officer in London for 30 years.

Norman is a widower and has a married daughter living in Basingstoke, as well as friends in many parts of Southern England.

He enjoys gardening and had an active interest in several sports in his younger days. He is a seasoned walker – Tunbridge Wells and back once most weeks! He is a member of the Bowls Club and plays Short Mat Bowls in the winter.

Norman has joined the Parish Council hoping he may be able to make a contribution to the wellbeing of Pembury.

JENNIFER AYRES came to live in Pembury 10 years ago having previously lived in Tunbridge Wells and before that in the North of England.

She very much appreciates the friendly atmosphere of the village.

Jennifer has offered to serve on the Parish Council believing that by participation in the life of the village she can help maintain its present atmosphere.

She works as a Company Secretary for a Constructional Building Surveyor. In her spare time she enjoys card making and is studying for a BA in theology. Jennifer has three grown-up daughters.



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The Pembury-Lompret Friendship Project

Bonjour !

The Project is starting to gather pace. Village clubs and societies were invited to meet the Project steering group on 24 January and to hear what progress had been made to date.

After a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of Lompret, some basic information about the French village and photos of the visits to Lompret and Pembury, the meeting was invited to contribute ideas for future activities.

So far, the Pembury School Association, the Catholic Church, the Bridge Club, a local crafts group, the Pembury Players, Pembury Gardeners, Scouts & Guides and the Pembury Footpath Walkers have expressed an interest. Very encouraging! We are very much hoping that some of the sports clubs, especially football, will also join in.

Twinning is a movement that aims to encourage cultural, social and educational exchanges and links between people from different countries and very much relies on participants' enthusiasm. This is a great opportunity for Pembury residents who perhaps have not been involved in other clubs in the village to lend their talents and get some fun out of it at the same time!

Finance is a problem as there is no direct funding available from Parish or Borough funds. However, there are some partial grants available such as from the European Union, concessions from Eurotunnel and lots of advice from the Local Government International Bureau. So we are looking for an enthusiast with determination and application-writing skills to help us with making the project financially viable. Please apply here!

We are hoping to invite a delegation from Lompret over for the Musical Picnic and perhaps even get them to 'do a turn'. On verra! The next meeting will be on 14 March and anybody with an interest in promoting the project is invited to come along.

For further information contact **Mike Miller** on 822527 or email Mmille7254@aol.



What is a 'town twinning'?

A twinning link is customarily defined as a friendship agreement involving co-operation between two communities in different countries, endorsed by both local authorities. The two twinned communities organise projects and activities around a range of issues and develop an understanding of historical, cultural and lifestyle similarities and differences. These activities involve a wide range of community members.

There are currently over 2,000 twinning links in the UK, 50% of which are with France and 25% with Germany. The remaining 25% are with communities all over the world, including the USA, China and many countries of the Commonwealth.

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BAPTIST CHURCH APPOINTS STAFF MEMBER

WHEN THE Village Survey returns were collated in Autumn 2003 several important needs were identified. It was also clear that the appointment of a staff member would be necessary so that any projects undertaken would be co-ordinated and sustained.

That appointment has now been made. Several enquiries were received in response to the advertisement for the post but one applicant was clearly well qualified.

Following an interview in which the Chairman and the Secretary to Pembury Parish Council participated with the Baptist Church leadership, Jemma Alexander, wife of Associate Pastor the Revd Wayne Alexander, was offered the position.



Although this is a Baptist Church appointment, it is hoped that village organisations and groups will contact Jemma from time to time to enhance the spirit of co-operation that already exists in Pembury.

Jemma will initially support and develop the groups in the Baptist Church which relate to the community but will seek to encourage further avenues of community involvement.

Jemma brings to her new job impressive skills in business management, experience as a Social Services Carer of the elderly and local involvement as a KCC supported youth worker. Her official title is Community Project Leader and she may be contacted through the Baptist Church Office – 825590 or e-mail office@pemburybaptistchurch.org.

Leslie Gregory

PEMBURY SOCIETY

IT'S ALL CHANGE on the Pembury Society Committee this year. Three long serving members have decided to step down. Monica Marshall who was Society secretary, Lynne Taylor editor of the Society newsletter and Derek Johnson who did such a sterling job as Society Chairman. A special presentation was made to them all at the October AGM. The new members, who will be introduced in the Spring newsletter, have a hard act to follow.

Nick Coslett, Site Project Manager for the refurbishment of Dunorlan Park, gave an informed and interesting talk at the October AGM. I am sure that a walk around the park will take on a whole new

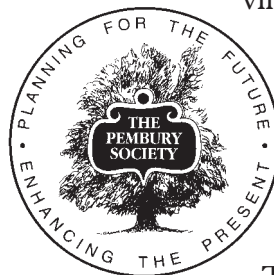
meaning for the many members who attended. Our Spring meeting will take place on Thursday 7 April at 8p.m. in the village hall where our speaker will be

Christine Sayell. Christine has worked with a team from Pembury Baptist Church at an orphanage in Mozambique and will report on how she revisited the orphanage in October 2004.

The Society is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact our Membership Secretary Ken Watts on 822770.

As this is my first article for the Pembury News I am keeping it fairly short but I look forward to writing many more in the future.

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THE WORLD OF DANCING – PEMBURY STYLE

Margaret King from the Amberside Dance Studio reports . . .

NEARLY ALL pupils from age 3 to 17 years took part in our bi-annual dance production 'Garden Secrets' held at Kent College last year. It was a happy and exciting day for all concerned. Kent Air Ambulance, Sport Aid and St Johns Ambulance received a total of £550 from the proceeds raised at this event.

Since then, we have had ISTD examination sessions in ballet, modern and tap dancing with 100% success rate, most pupils gaining Distinction or Merit.



*'Daisies' performed by
Grade One Ballet pupils,
age 6-7 years*



From next term, Saturday morning classes will be held at the Village Hall. These are for children who have recently started full-time school and find 'after school' classes just too much! It will also suit children who attend school outside Pembury and cannot get back in time for our present 'after school' classes.

*'Rockin' Robins' performed
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P.A.Y.F.C. FUN DAY & SPONSORED FRENCH BIKE RIDE SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2005

MANY PEOPLE in the village might now be aware of my drive to improve the recreational facilities for our youngsters. Some progress has been made and at this moment in time we are hopefully at the stage whereby a long overdue plan is to be drafted for the recreation ground. This should springboard further development to provide key areas for sports and activities. At the hub of these vital needs will be the proposed new pavilion. For many of us this is now no longer an option. Plans have been drawn up and the Parish Council has been actively engaged with Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club in pursuance of this facility. Although no longer part of the Parish Council, Hughie Boorman has worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. All of this will, of course, involve a considerable amount of money through grant applications and fund raising. The football club have been busy playing their part and one of the most successful events was the 2003 cycle ride in France. This has contributed to the club's considerable total of £10,000 already raised for the pavilion.

Having had my arm twisted to take part in the ride in 2003, and it should be said being a keen cyclist, I paid my entry fee and received some of the most professional documents I have ever been given for an event of this nature. Clear instructions for transport and meeting points were forwarded along with a waterproof map of the route. I gathered sponsors and the day soon arrived with me driving to Dover to meet the other participants and helpers at the ferry terminal. We breakfasted on board and in no time at all were cycling off the ferry to our starting point in Calais. The mass start would have done credit to the Tour De France and saw us following the wide canal out of Calais and into the countryside. Vans were provided to carry discarded clothing and to pick up any unfortunates unable to complete the route. Refreshment stops were provided with hardy souls from the organisational team offering much needed drinks and food.

We were given lunch at the port of Gravelines with its impressive Vauban citadel. A leisurely pedal back through some surprisingly delightful paysage led us back to Calais and a chance to do some shopping and relax on the voyage home. Upon arriving back in 'Blighty' many of us were looking forward to a well deserved night's rest.

Now, the main purpose of this article is to inform you all that this is a great day out, being not only an opportunity to get fit but also to raise money for the new pavilion. This is a day for the young and for the not so young (last time ages ranged from 8 to over 60) but I would insist that you prepare well as forty miles is a considerable distance. Follow the advice that the organisers will give you as part of your joining instructions regarding fitness, clothing and cycling safely. The route is flat and almost traffic free.

Last time 102 brave souls went over the sea to France and £5,000 was raised through sponsorship. We want to beat that number this year. The date is set for **SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER** and entry forms will be available in March. Contact Charlie Hambleton on 824022 to receive further details and register your interest. I will be there and hopefully so will my two sons Freddie (10) and Rory (8) and at this stage there is no truth to the rumour that we will be riding a 'Goodies' triple bike! So, if you are fired up by this article, get your bikes out of the garage and come and join us in a real adventure with a very real opportunity to play your part in getting our pavilion built.

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Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 21 March 2005

The 2005 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 21 March at 8pm. This is a public meeting open to all who live in the Parish and it is a chance for residents of Pembury to learn about what has been happening in the village over the past year and to put questions to Parish, Borough and County Councillors. The councillors want to hear your views and your ideas about the future of the village. This is the place where you live – take part in its life.

Pembury Village Quiz

The Pembury Village Quiz will be held in the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury on Friday 13 May 2005. The Quiz is open to all organizations to enter teams of six people at £12 per table. There will be a Bar and a Grand Raffle and the organising committee would gratefully accept any donations for prizes. The Quizmaster will be Keith Merrin and we hope you all enjoy the evening.

Tables available by advance booking and all contestants should be ready for a prompt start at 8pm. Half tables may be booked and they will be paired with another team. The winning team will receive the Parish Council Cup and a cash prize to donate to the charity of their choice.

Further details contact Janet Ditchett. Tel: 822586

Safety On-Line

Banks, consumer organisations and the police are giving out advice about protecting yourself and your computer against fraud, especially in respect of on-line banking.

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- Never respond to an email asking for personal security information, e.g. ‘memorable data’ or ‘password reminders’.

- Make sure that a website you are ordering from is reputable and displays the little yellow padlock symbol at the right bottom line of the screen.
- Do not send your credit/debit card number, etc in an ordinary email
- Ensure that there is up to date firewall and anti-virus software installed on your computer. It is strongly recommended that you subscribe to the supplier’s update service that automatically sends you new protection utilities, often daily.

(Disclaimer: This is for general information only and compiled from several sources. It is not an exclusive or comprehensive list and no liability of any sort is accepted.)

Pembury Players’ Tsunami Appeal result

The performance of ‘Snow White’ which took place on Wednesday, 12 January donated all profits (including those from the bar!) to the DEC Tsunami Appeal. They raised an impressive £250 from the raffle proceeds throughout the week and the Wednesday tickets.

Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School Centenary Reunion

The Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School was opened in 1905 with 19 pupils. It is now to celebrate its 100 years at a Centenary Tea Party on Saturday 2 July 2005. This will be a ticket only event so any old girls who would like to take part must apply for tickets by 17 June 2005. There must be many old girls in the Pembury area and many must have friends who no longer live in the area who may just be interested in catching up with their friends at school.

If you would like any more information contact me or the school directly on admin@twggs.kent.sch.uk

Janet Ditchett 822586 or jmditchett@freephone.net

The Friends of Pembury Old Church are organizing a Barn Dance at Pippins Farm Barn on 18 June at 6pm. There will be a live barn dance band, licensed bar, and food for sale. Tickets cost just £10 and are available from Hastings Road Post Office, from Pauline Hawker on 824327 and Carole Wakeford on 822030. Tickets are limited, so hurry and get yours now to avoid disappointment!

CAROL SERVICE AT THE GUIDE HALL

THE RAINBOWS, Brownies and Guides held their Christmas Carol service on Friday 17 December at the Guide and Scout Headquarters. The hall was packed – over 50 girls attended with their families and friends. Heather Hughes from St. Peters came to talk about Christmas and the meaning of the Christmas story, and we played a very different version of pass-the-parcel! We were delighted to see everyone, and the retiring collection raised £57.33 for the Hospice in the Weald.

Many thanks to the Guiders who give up so much of their time, not only at Christmas but all through the year.

Moira Allan, District Commissioner



WOODHILL SCOUT AND GUIDE CENTRE – A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

SITUATED IN the village of Pembury, three miles from Tunbridge Wells, the building is sited adjacent to the Recreation Ground with entry from Woodhill Park, Pembury, and consists of two halls and a central service area of kitchen and toilets. One hall has direct access to the equipped kitchen which in turn has access to the office which can be used as a leader's room. The halls are centrally heated and there is a telephone. The building is in its own grounds with a wooded area for wide games and a campfire site.

The building is available for hire by units of up to 30 children at £2.50 per head per night inclusive, (minimum charge £50) by prior booking, during school holidays and overnight if available.

Booking Sec: **Janet Ditchett**, 7 Cornford Park, Pembury TN2 4PW. Tel. 822586

CAROLS AND TEA AT KENT COLLEGE

OUR BOARDING students from 20 different countries hosted an afternoon tea on Sunday 12 December from 4pm until 7pm to which we invited about 70 Pembury residents. It is an annual event that the elderly residents look forward to attending as some of them are not able to get out much and this gives them a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. They enjoyed a meal in the school dining hall and each group of visitors sat with some of the boarders ranging from age 10-18. Afterwards they sat around the large Christmas tree in the school entrance and enjoyed a Christmas service led by the school Methodist Chaplain, Revd Jacky Quarmby, with carols accompanied by the school orchestra. The visitors were transported to and from the school by staff.

Two extracts from thank you letters that we received:

"Once again Kent College has provided a wonderful evening – a really delicious meal with delightful companions." Elizabeth Coxon-Taylor

"We would like to say a big thank you for inviting us to join the boarders Christmas tea and a carol service, we enjoyed both very much. We also appreciated being picked up and returned to the door. Please say thank you to all the girls involved in making the evening special." Joan and Trevor Dobbs.



Year 7 boarder Rebecca Reynolds with some of the visitors

PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

THE CLUB had a very successful season in 2004. Our first team won the league and has gained promotion, with the second team coming third in their section. Our juniors were also successful. The Under 13s were first in the Colts league, with our Under 15s runners up in their section.

Winter net practice has already started. The season starts on Saturday 23 April with a 'friendly' against Wadhurst. Saturday 30 April we have two games against Southborough. Our league matches start on Saturday 7 May. Junior coaching lessons start on Saturday 7 May at 10am. Any junior aged 7 years and over will be welcome. Junior parents will be welcomed and are invited to join the club as social members.

Everyone is looking forward to the new season with confidence, with a number of the Colts knocking at the door for a place in the league sides. New members will be welcome, and for more information, please contact our secretary Andy Weaver on 824362.

The AGM will be held at the club house on Sunday 20 March 2005 at 10am prompt.

David Cole (Chairman)





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PEMBURY'S COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Operation Vodka

As a result of my involvement in Pembury's various anti-social problems in recent months, I was invited to join Kent Police on an evening shift in late December. I was fortunate to have a chance to chat to the Paddock Wood Police Community Support Officer, whose positive experiences bode well for the imminent Pembury Community Warden. I was joined by PC Chris Goddard, Pembury's Community Officer and PC Stuart Ballard from Edenbridge, we climbed into our Land Rover, and the shift began.



'Operation Vodka' was a specific crackdown on antisocial behaviour – and saw us patrolling Rusthall and St Johns on foot, checking locations where police intelligence had pinpointed particular trouble hotspots. Visiting managers of off licences and supermarkets, the officers provided a welcome face and a reassuring presence. Back into the car, and on to Westerham. PC Ballard was born in the area, but increasing centralisation has led to a reduction in 'local knowledge' and contacts – surely the very essence of effective policing. This approach also places a huge reliance on new technology – radio communications must be totally reliable, satellite positioning systems must be able to locate every house.

Our circuit then took us to incidents in Westerham, Pembury, Sherwood, Tonbridge, and Tunbridge Wells town centre, where just five minutes before the end of shift at 2am we attended a public disorder incident involving around twenty young people. The officers immediately defused the situation, arrested the ringleader and dispersed the remainder.

During the shift, the officers gave me some idea of the type of incidents they take in their stride every day. With every new anecdote, my respect and admiration grew – we really are incredibly lucky to have these dedicated professionals looking after our communities. Never again will I question the levels of funding asked for at County to provide their service.

Pembury Champions

You'll probably have seen my recent leaflet which called for "Pembury Champions" – volunteers for anything from litter picking and graffiti removal around the village, to helping with youth activities and traffic issues. The response was excellent, and I have now found the funding to help these groups get off the ground. In particular, a "SpeedWatch" group will use the latest hand held laser gun technology to track down and report careless and speeding drivers along Lower Green Road, High Street and Hastings Road, and their Police training will begin shortly. But we still need more volunteers – the more we have the more we can achieve. Call me on 01892 890922 if you feel you could be a "Pembury Champion"!

Pembury School – Family Learning Day

Most of my Saturday mornings are spent catching up on jobs round the house, or keeping my daughters amused as we traipse around Tesco! So it was a welcome change to visit Pembury Primary School recently with my wife and children for the Family Learning Day, organised in conjunction with Kent County Council's Arts & Libraries Service.

This was the first time that Cath Thewlis and June Cook had tried the event, which seeks to involve parents and their children together in learning. A wide range of activities were available, from learning Japanese language, culture, and origami, to music, puppetry and storytelling, and attendance exceeded all expectations. The event was so successful that it was run again on 5 February, and attendance was almost twice that of the first event. Clearly Pembury parents are positive about their children's learning and the equally positive attitude of Cath Thewlis and June Cook enables Pembury Primary School to remain at the very 'heart of the community'.

Kevin Lynes

PEMBURY PEOPLE – JAMES CUNNINGHAM

Few things are more pleasant than a village graced with a good church, a good priest and a good pub.

(John Hillaby-author and adventurer)

According to Hillaby's quote, we in Pembury appear to be fortunate in meeting the requirements of a 'pleasant village'. Not only do we have good churches and ministers but also some excellent public houses. The Camden Arms is one of these establishments and the landlord, James Cunningham, is this edition's Pembury Person.

I managed to pin him down during one of his brief moments of respite from the pressures of running a busy pub. James has been married to Carol for thirty-two years and they have two daughters, two grandchildren and 'one on the way'. He began his career at the age of ten by working for his father, a retired Regimental Sergeant Major in the Scots Greys and latterly a sales and marketing director for Scot-Boyers, during his school holidays.

One of his first 'accounts' was supplying sausages and black pudding to a butcher in Northolt. This early interest in food and



catering was furthered by his education in Norbury, south west London, and a management course at Mid Kent College. He soon found himself as a catering specialist for Nestle and after eight years James started his own catering supply business. The company was soon supplying over one million sandwiches per annum as well as bakery products, prepared meals and snack boxes. James was the first to develop the now familiar blister-pack sandwich box. The blue chip list of James' customers included P&O Townsend, Sealink, Gatwick Airport, Brands Hatch, County Show Catering and Tesco. Much of this achievement was down to working long hours and, although successful, it was soon time to seek a new challenge.

After selling the business seventeen years ago, James moved into the licensed trade with Whitbread and ended up as senior manager for Brewers' Fayre. His portfolio of responsibilities at that time included being a qualified assessor and verifier for the hospitality industry. James' licensed premises have included The Leicester Arms at Penshurst, The Grange at Langton Green, The Old Polegate Station, Coopers at Stone Cross and most notably The Beachy Head. The Cunninghams applied their collective energies into revamping this famous pub. Having overseen a complete and expensive renovation of the premises, a major catastrophe was soon to strike as the pub was sadly destroyed by fire.

After a brief tenancy at another establishment the Cunninghams set about the complete restoration of The Beachy Head and subsequently built another successful business.

Due to its unusual location, James recounts the many times that he had to dissuade people from attempting suicide from the sheer cliff face. Ten times he sat and talked to the unfortunates on the cliff edge until the police arrived. One chap attempted suicide three times in one day [unsuccessfully!]. Many documentaries and news features were made at the pub with interest not only from the BBC but also from the United States of America where great interest is shown in this famous landmark.

Unable to resist a challenge the Cunninghams' next move, three years ago, was to purchase the lease to The Camden Arms in Pembury where James concentrates on the behind the scenes administration with Carol very much front of house.

James is heavily involved with the annual Kent County Show where he is Chairman and Chief Steward of Catering. With attendance at over 100,000 for the three days James is keen to record that 60% are from the Maidstone area with less than 2% from West Kent and wishes that more people from our area would visit the show. His dynamic leadership on the committee has led to significant improvements in the running of this event with the budget now in excess of £1 million pounds. Visitors to the Astor Pavilion at the showground have included the Duke of Kent and Princess Michael. Another interest for James is driving forty four ton articulated trucks which allows him some quality time to reflect upon his many business pursuits. James is also keen on some plans to establish a regular farmers' market on the village green to promote and support local producers.

To conclude, although not all of us might agree with Plato's remark when stating "*He was a wise man who invented beer*", many of us in the village are grateful for James and Carol's efforts in offering us a venue such as The Camden and we wish them every success for the future.

Paul Barrington-King

MY PLOT (BRIEFLY)

IN JANUARY, when this gets written, there really isn't too much going on in my allotments. Which isn't to say that other people aren't still working away – just that I'm not. What I can still do is go and harvest, but even that can seem too much like hard work in January. It really is worth it, though. I've got calabrese, leeks, Jerusalem (f)artichokes, cabbage, swede and even potatoes to pick, pull or dig up. And a bunch of roses (with no foliage, mind!) is such a treat.

The best thing at this time of year is to get out the seed catalogues. Seed and holiday brochures drop through the letterbox in equal measure from Boxing Day onwards. They know their marketing . . .

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JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

WITH THE DARK days of winter now behind us, Spring has arrived. Gardens are already becoming alive with glorious displays of spring flowers that lift our spirits and gladden our eye.

Despite still cold days we can plan ahead for our annual bedding schemes and perennials that will bloom this year. These days, many people have less time for seed growing and prefer to buy seedlings or young plants for potting on and eventually transferring to the garden. Plugs are small, well rooted plants raised in cellular trays with a layer of moisture retaining gel and have the advantage of less root disturbance. They can be purchased early spring onwards and benefit from transplanting as soon as possible (don't allow to dry out) to larger trays or pots in fresh compost. I usually add a little sharp sand to assist drainage. Take care when removing the plugs, don't pull them but with a dibber (or even a pencil) just ease them gently out. Keep the pots or trays in a fairly warm place, temperature of around 15°C is fine, and out of direct sunlight, for a week or so. Keep them moist and spray lightly sometimes. Hardening off is the next stage which is quite crucial to prevent shock and damage to the young plants. They need to be introduced to colder (or possibly hotter!) weather conditions before planting out in the garden. Put the plants in a colder area, greenhouse, cold frame or cloches and ventilate them daily. In the event of frost or cold snap, simply take them inside again or cover with horticultural fleece. Conditions should be fine by mid-May to plant out in prepared beds to which a little general fertiliser can be added.



With the promise of warmer, dryer summers, as a result of global warming, sunny garden areas are likely to be constantly dry especially with sandy or stony soils. So the rule of thumb is to go along with nature and not fight it! When designing a dry bed or border it is best to select plants that have adapted to survive drought. These sites are best planted sooner rather than later so that plants can establish before a possible drought. Many of these plants are of Mediterranean origin and can create a natural style which is popular now. This can be multi-layered to fit in a wide variety of species which could include low shrubs as a mainstay of the garden. Perennials will dominate the plantings but many annuals too like dry hot conditions. Combined with a mulch of gravel or wood-chip, which helps to reduce water loss, they should continue to look good throughout the summer. Plants for dry sunny areas include lavenders, cistus, rosemary (all aromatic leaved); many grasses, salvias – many varieties of blues and mauves, also blue spikes of veronica longiflora, flat heads of achillea filipendulina as a yellow complement - these can be cut and dried for winter arrangements. Brilliant pink lychnis coronaria is a biennial which self-sows. The thistle-like eryngium after flowering leaves behind statuesque seed heads. Pink shades of sedums and echinacea arrive for late summer and are also a feature well into autumn.

Some main jobs for March; lawns begin growing, so apply a good fertiliser before you start to mow; eradicate moss with a combined moss killer, then rake it out and spike to improve drainage. New lawns may be sown from the end of the month, hardy annuals sown into the garden and gladioli planted. Half-hardy flowers can be sown under glass, roses should be pruned and heather that has finished flowering clipped back.

April is probably the best time for planting ever-green trees and shrubs but they may need protecting from cold winds for a while. Seedlings should be pricked out after two pairs of leaves appear but still protect from cold and frost. Apply good general fertiliser (with plenty of potash for flowering) around perennials and summer flowering shrubs.

May is the month we should safely be able to plant up bedding schemes, hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs for a brilliant summer show. Keep a watch for pests and diseases and treat promptly. Bulb foliage that has yellowed can be removed now.

Happy gardening! **Jan Davies**

PEMBURY CUBS GO TO EURO DISNEY

A GROUP OF Cub Scouts from Pembury joined over 320 other cubs from Kent on a trip to Euro Disney over the weekend of 28-30 January 2005.

The number of coaches required was seven and they were different colours and named after the seven dwarfs. Pembury were in coach seven, Sleepy Blue. We met at Rochester and were all given our Kent County Disney Trip 2005 red baseball caps and bags and a wristband, which we wore for the duration of the trip to keep everyone safe.

After making sure everyone was aboard we travelled to the Davy Crocket Ranch at Euro Disney via the Euro Tunnel.

After a hurried breakfast we travelled to the Disney Theme Park and spent the day there. It was snowing in the morning, but it did not stop us having fun, on all the different rides and amusements. We also spent time in some of the shops so the boys could buy souvenirs for their families. Most of the Cubs also met up with Mickey, Pluto, Goofy and the other Disney characters.

The whole Kent group met up again for Dinner at Planet Hollywood and gifts were presented to the two main organisers from Kent County Cubs as thanks for arranging the trip.

We finished dinner and had time to watch the Disney parade through the park, which was wonderful. All the Disney characters were on floats, which were lit up with hundreds of lights.

At 9pm we were back on Sleepy Blue to travel back to the Davy Crocket Ranch for hot chocolate and cake before bed.

One of the boys was unwell in the night

and during the morning so we had to take a trip to the first aid centre where he was cared for during the remainder of the morning. The rest of us went to the Walt Disney Studios and saw a spectacular car stunt show, which all the boys enjoyed. There wasn't time afterwards to join the queue for the Rock and Roll roller coaster as we had to collect our poorly cub from the first aid area in the main park, have lunch and get back to the coach in plenty of time to occupy the back seats for the journey home. As we managed to have lunch in Pizza Planet, the boys were not too disappointed.

We left promptly and had a pleasant journey home even making up enough time to get an earlier train home. We rang our home contact to advise him to let all the parents know we would be arriving back at Rochester an hour ahead of schedule.

Everyone on the trip received a souvenir Disney studio mug and Mickey Mouse key ring in addition to the caps and bags given out at the start of the weekend.

The cubs enjoyed it immensely and were all keen to know when we were going to arrange another trip to Euro Disney!

I was pleased that the cubs had fun and were reasonably well behaved for most of the weekend.

The cubs that went on the trip were Brynn Monkman, Conner Fitzgerald, Brynn Salter, Alec Fleming, Jordan Tampsett and Joe Meiners. A very big thank you to Paula Monkman who joined me and my son Alex on the trip, as a Parent helper.

Rebecca Eastwood
Cub Scout Leader

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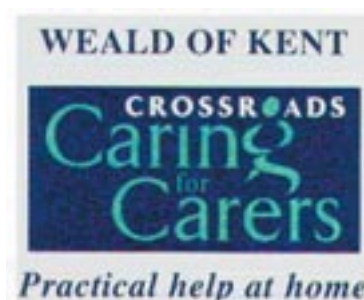
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There are now around 200 schemes running in England and Wales. We are a registered charity constantly looking to raise funds to continue and increase our much needed service which is free to Carers.

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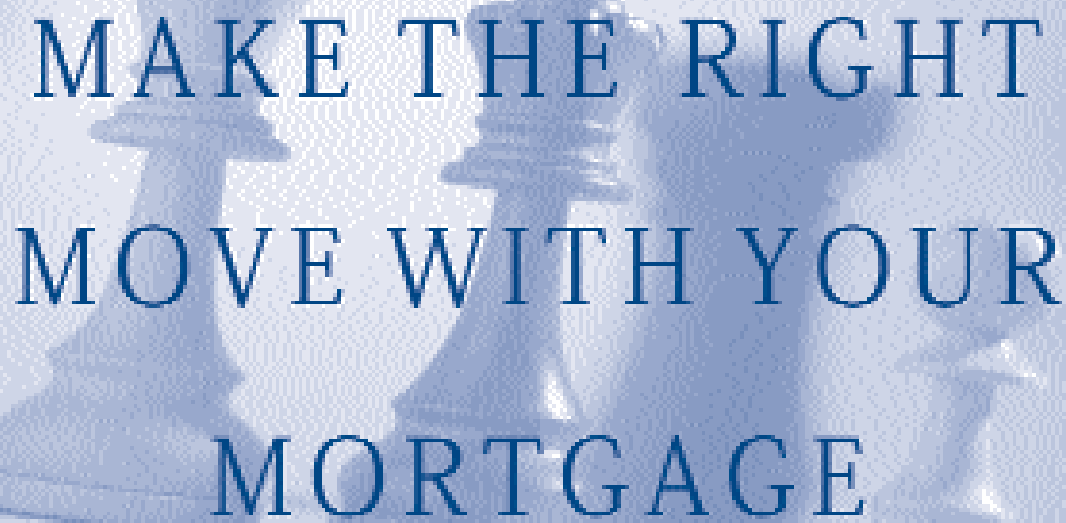
PEMBURY VILLAGE YOUTH FOOTBALL WINNERS

A TEAM FROM Tuesday night village youth group held at Pembury Baptist Church won a five-a-side football tournament organised by West Kent Youth Association and Tunbridge Wells Youth and Community.

Seven teams competed at the Angel Centre on Sunday 6 February and through their hard work and enthusiasm, the team from Pembury won – scoring eighteen goals! The team went on to win even after losing one of their team players due to illness.

The team have now been put through to the County finals due to take place on March 6 in Canterbury. Well done to all who played – Grant who managed the team and the KCC staff who took them. All the best for Canterbury guys!





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RECIPE CORNER

Good Friday Sole

Traditionally, no meat is eaten on Good Friday; instead fish dishes are generally served for the main course. So how about trying this one?



Preparation Time – 20 minutes

Cooking Time 15-20 minutes

Calories per serving – 504

Ingredients

4 large Lemon or Dover sole fillets, skinned
175g (6oz) cooked, peeled prawns
2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
2 spring onions, sliced
1 tbsp chopped fresh dill
150 ml (1/4pt) dry vermouth
25g (1oz) butter
2 egg yolks
1 tbsp tomato purée
115 ml (4 fl oz) double cream
salt and pepper, to taste
dill sprigs, to garnish

Preparation

Cut each fillet in half lengthwise and place in a frying pan.

Mix prawns, eggs, spring onions and dill together, spread over fish, and fold each fillet over. Sprinkle with vermouth and dot with butter.

Cover tightly and simmer gently for 10-15 minutes, until fish is cooked and filling is hot. Transfer to a warmed serving dish.

Blend egg yolks, tomato purée and cream into

pan juices, and heat gently until thickened. Season, pour around fish and serve, garnished with dill sprigs.

Cook's Tip!

Heat the sauce gently, stirring continuously until thickened but do not boil or the sauce may curdle.

Serve with potato croquettes, peas and sweetcorn. Half a tomato with each serving will add a contrasting colour.

It sounds just the meal for this Holy Day and will be good for your sole!

Welsh Cakes – Picau Ar Y Maen

Ingredients

8 oz (200g) plain flour
1 level tsp baking powder
Pinch salt
4 oz (100g) butter
3 oz (75g) castor sugar
3 oz (75g) currants
1 egg
2 tbsp milk



Preparation

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together. Rub in the fat and add the other dry ingredients. Beat the egg lightly and add enough milk to make a firm paste. Roll out on a floured board to a thickness of 1/4 inch and cut into rounds. Cook on a greased griddle for about three minutes on each side until golden brown. Cool and sprinkle with sugar. Serve alone or with butter.

CHURCH SERVICES AT EASTER 2005

St Peter's

20 March Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.30am	Palm Sunday Procession from the Village Hall to the Upper Church
	9.45am	Parish Eucharist with Dramatic Reading of the Gospel
	11.30am	Holy Communion with Kent College in the Old Church
	6.30pm	Taize Candelight Service – Upper Church
24 March Maundy Thursday	8pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion – Upper Church to commemorate 'The Last Supper'. (The Church will remain open until midnight to keep vigil.)
25 March Good Friday	10am	Family Service
	11am	From the Baptist Church Ecumenical Procession of Witness to the Village Green
	12 noon	'An Hour at the Cross', a service of meditation, prayer and praise – Old Church
26 March	8pm	Easter Vigil – Old Church
27 March Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – Old Church
	6.30pm	Evensong for Easter – Old Church



There will be services in the Upper Church at 8pm each evening through Holy Week except Good Friday.

St Justus and St Anselm's

20 March Palm Sunday	10.30am	Mass	Pembury
24 March	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Paddock Wood
25 March Good Friday	12noon	Stations of the Cross	Pembury
	3pm	Solemn Liturgy	Paddock Wood
26 March Holy Saturday	8pm	The Easter Vigil	Paddock Wood
27 March Easter Day	9am	Mass	Paddock Wood
	10.30am	Mass	Pembury

Pembury Baptist Church

20 March Palm Sunday	10am	'Palm Sunday – The Journey'. This is Tear Fund Sunday
25 March Good Friday	10am	Meditation with Communion
	11am	Walk of Witness to the Village Green followed by Service
27 March Easter Sunday	10am	All-Age Celebration

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Coffee Morning – Village Hall Tuesdays 9.30am – 12 noon, full market last Tuesday of the month same times. WRVS Lunch Club – every Wednesday at 11.45am in the Pembury Village Hall during the school term time.

March

- 14 Pembury-Lompret meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 21 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm
- 26 Gardeners Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

April

- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Support Dogs – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 4 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 6 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Light Across Europe – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday party – Village Hall – 2pm
- 7 Pembury Society Spring Meeting – Main Hall, Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 10 'Books & Bits Sale' – Village Hall – 11am to 1pm – Contact 824385
- 11 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 11 Floral Art – Meeting Room, Village Hall – 8pm
- 18 Pembury Footpath Walkers AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
- 22 Pembury School: Pamper Evening – 7.30pm to 10pm – Contact 824852
- 25 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

May

- 4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: My Professional Life, Sarah Clarke – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 5 Local elections – all day
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Sunhill Court, High Street – 2pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions and Quiz – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 9 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 RNLI May Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am to 12 noon
- 13 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 7.45 for 8pm
- 14 Larkfield Open Day – Cornford Lane – Contact 822168
- 21 Pembury Gardeners: Plant Sale – Village Green – 10am
- 28 Hospice in the Weald Plant and Country Fayre – 10am to 2.30pm

June

- 2 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Talk 'Fuchsias' by Ronald Holmes – Catholic Hall – 7.45 for 8pm
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Wind of Change, Bob Ogley – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: Pantomime/Music Hall – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers: All day walk – details from 823212
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 St Peter's Mothers' Union: China Re-visited – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 11 Musical Picnic on the Village Green – 6pm
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 16-18 Pembury Players summer production – look for notices in the village nearer the time!
Pembury Village Hall Management Committee AGM – 8pm
- 18 Barn Dance – Pippins Farm Barn – 8pm – details from 822030 and 824327
- 25 Pembury School Summer Ball – Kent College – 8pm – Tickets 824852 or 823334
- 28 Hospice in the Weald: Strawberry Fair – Downingbury Farm – 11am – 4.30pm

CRIME IN PEMBURY

HERE WE GO again, another year. I trust you had a good Christmas.

The last set of figures published, July, August and September, as you know were quite disastrous – 64 reported incidents. Even though the police initiatives did not really start until 3 October, I had hoped for a vast improvement this time. However, there has been only a marginal improvement – down to 60, with theft and criminal damage still much too high. The worrying increase, from five reported incidents to nine – an increase of 80% – is that of assault, although I am not in possession of any details.

However, I am confident that the next report will show a dramatic decrease in the number of reported crimes as a result of a knock-on effect from the police initiative.

I am certain that the ringleaders have had their collars felt and I cannot emphasise enough the important role that parents have to play.

Constantly review your own security and improve it, where possible and ladies, don't leave your handbags unattended on your shopping trolleys; remember . . . be vigilant.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Drugs	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Theft Offences	Other Offences	TOTAL
October 2004	2	1	2	8	2	1	1			6		23
November 2004	5		4	2	1			1		3	1	17
December 2004	2		2	8	1		1	1	1	3	1	20
TOTAL	9	1	8	18	4	1	2	2	1	12	2	60
ROAD												
Beagles Wood Road			1					1				2
Bellfield Road				1								1
Bulls Place										1		1
Castle Hill						1						1
Church Road				1						1		2
Elmhurst Avenue											1	1
Hastings Road	1			2								3
Henwood Green Road	3			7					1	1		12
Henwoods Mount			2									2
Highfield Close				1								1
High Street	1		1	2	3					2		9
Kings Toll Road										1		1
Lower Green Road	1		1	2			2			1		7
Maidstone Road				1	1					1		3
Old Church Road										2		2
Romford Road										1		1
The Grove				1								1
Tonbridge Road	3	1	3					1		1		9
Woodhill Park											1	1
TOTAL	9	1	8	18	4	1	2	2	1	12	2	60

HIGH WEALD EVENTS – A SELECTION

Wednesday 23 March

Are you a Charlie or a Tommy? Help install a hand rail and plant hazel trees. The challenge is to do it in a day! (Unlike Ground Force who get two!).

Hilbert's Wood: Meet at the entrance of Hilbert's Road, TQ594407

Wednesday 30 March

Extraordinary Easter Entertainment! Let your imagination run wild by creating wonderful willow structures, guaranteed to impress your friends and neighbours, even yourself! You will also have the opportunity to discuss the future management options for the Reserve; we want to hear your views!

Barnett's Wood: Meet by the mini roundabout at the bottom of Powdermill Lane, TQ591421

Wednesday 6 April

Remember you're a Womble! Womble down to Barnett's Local Nature Reserve and join in the wombling fun with the Countryside Officers. We will be celebrating National Spring Clean month by tidying up this important Reserve.

Saturday 7 May

Dawn Chorus – Join us on this magical walk around Barnett's Reserve to distinguish the soloists that combine to make up the dawn chorus. When

you are finished, beat the morning chill with a warm breakfast from the barbecue. Don't forget your binoculars.

Barnett's Wd, TQ591421 Time to be confirmed. Meet by the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Powdermill Lane.

Saturday 4 June

Amazing Adders – Join us for an exciting day learning how to become snake detectors. We will learn techniques needed in order to monitor and survey these protected species. Booking is essential.

Friday 24 June

A moonlit walk with flying mice and nighttime butterflies! Come and see what's attracted to the lamplight as we learn to identify these wondrous creatures of the night. Wear warm clothes and bring a torch.

Barnett's Wd, TQ591421 9.15 pm. Meet by the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Powdermill Lane.

Please bring suitable clothing and a packed lunch. Projects start at 10am and finish at 3pm unless otherwise indicated

Tel: 01580 715 918 www.khwp.org.uk

Please ensure you contact Kent High Weald Project for full details and book a place at chosen events.

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, 3rd and 5th
Sundays at 6.30pm. Other
evenings to be announced.

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

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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Bruce Ballantine, 6 Maidstone Road, TN2 4DD. Tel: 822156

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Little Stanton, Romford Road
TN2 4AY
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Chairman of Parish Council



Cllr David Coleman
22 Ridgeway TN2 4ER
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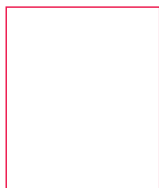
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Cllr Norman Starkey
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TN2 4LW
Tel: 823227



Cllr Lisa Vanns
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Len Birnie. Tel: 01892 681222

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Deacon Bill Eason. Tel: 824133

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Terry Cload, 56 Herons Way. Tel: 823966

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Hon. Secretary: Andy Weaver. Tel: 824362

FRIENDS OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

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Headmistress: Anne Lawson. Tel: 820204

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