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## THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER – IT'S JUST BEGINNING!



### PEMBURY ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL NET FOOTBALL FUNDING BOOST

**F**OOTBALLERS IN Pembury were celebrating in early January following a **£386,502** award to Pembury Athletic (Youth) FC in partnership with Pembury Parish Council by the Football Foundation, the UK's largest sports charity.

The cash bonanza will allow the partnership to build a state-of-the-art sports pavilion on the Pembury Recreation Ground at the heart of the community.

The Football Foundation is dedicated to revitalising the grass roots of the game,



*Representatives from Pembury Parish Council and PAYFC signing acceptance of the grant. Left to right: Kevin Edser, Secretary PAYFC, Barbara Russell (seated), Pembury Parish Clerk, Cllr. June Crowhurst, Chair of Amenities Working Group, David Gow, Chairman, PAYFC, Cllr. David Coleman (seated), Chairman, Pembury Parish Council, Hugh Boorman, PAYFC.*

constructing modern football facilities, developing football as a force for social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities throughout the country. Funded by the FA Premier League, The Football Association, Sport England and the Government, the Football Foundation is the nation's largest sports charity with a £45m budget going straight into the heart of football.

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## PAYFC AND PPC PAVILION PARTNERSHIP – continued

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation said: *“We warmly congratulate the Club and the local FA for their hard work and dedication in securing this award. “Grass roots football is the lifeblood of the game in this country which is why it is vital that projects such as this now have the benefit of Foundation cash.”*

David Gow, Chairman of PAYFC said: *“This magnificent Football Foundation award will provide the young footballers of Pembury with both a club house and changing facility of the highest quality which, based upon their standing in the community, they richly deserve”.*

June Crowhurst, Pembury Parish Council’s Amenities’ Chair said: *“This is excellent news, not only for the junior footballers but the whole local community who will be able to use the marvellous new building. It will substantially improve public facilities and is a further part of the ambitious changes planned for our only recreation ground.”*

## NEW DEPUTY PARISH CLERK



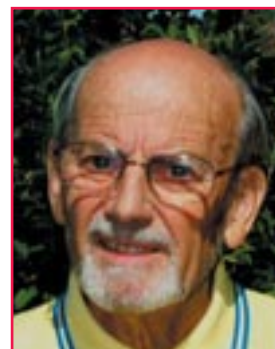
**P**EMBURY PARISH Council has a new Deputy Clerk, Yvette Allen, who has recently joined the very busy Parish Council staff team. Yvette will work alongside the Parish Clerk, Barbara Russell, to help steer Pembury through a very full agenda of both new Parish projects as well as the everyday routine.

Yvette lived in Pembury for a while, but can now bring a very useful outside perspective from her home in Horsmonden where she lives with her husband and four children. *“I have always thought Pembury was a busy, vibrant place with a strong community spirit. I look forward to meeting many more residents very soon and contributing to what will be an exciting time for Pembury”.*

Richard Parsons, who has given the Parish Council such stalwart support over many years as Assistant then Deputy Clerk, is retiring. He will be reducing his hours gradually handing

## LESLIE GREGORY

**P**EMBURY PARISH Council is very sad to announce the death of former Parish Councillor Leslie Gregory and sends its heartfelt condolences to his wife Joy and the whole family. Leslie made a significant contribution to Pembury and the Parish Council, not only strongly supporting highways and planning matters, but also very successfully heading the Public Relations Working Party in a raft of demanding events and initiatives. He only came to Pembury a couple of years before becoming a Parish Councillor on 8 August 2002. In that short time he got to know and help many people and will be sorely missed.



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## PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS . . .

### LOWER GREEN RECREATION GROUND CONSULTATION SURVEY

**P**EMBURY RESIDENTS were asked in October 2006 what their thoughts were about the suggested facilities in the Recreation Ground and also if they had new ideas for further development and facilities.

After individual numbering and logging of forms, it was established that 198 replies were received of which four were from outside Pembury, five were anonymous and five blank; this left a base of 184 valid replies which represents over 7% of Pembury households.

Replies were entered on a spreadsheet and location map in order to process the raw data, and a report was prepared for presentation to the Amenities Working Group of Pembury Parish Council.

#### **Main findings**

92% supported the introduction of a youth area, with 6.5% against, the remainder no reply.

Asked about the suggested facilities – goals/ basketball hoops; games area with railing; seating; low level skate park – some respondents marked the whole section rather than individual items; 32 yes and eight no. More respondents replied individually to the suggestions on the form. Not all the options were selected by every respondent, so raw numbers are probably more significant than percentages. Of those who replied, 120 said yes and 1 no for goals, etc; 97 said yes and 7 no for a games area with railings; seating, 115 yes and 3 no; and 91 yes and 15 no for a low level skate park. Additional facilities suggested for the youth area included: seats with cover against weather, aerial slide/runway/zip slide, bins, water fountain, and gym equipment.

There was a large majority for a quiet seating area for adults/older residents – 85.9%, with 8.7% against and the rest no reply. There was general concern that this area should be well maintained and not allowed to be taken over or damaged by disruptive elements.

A footpath link between Woodhill Park and Westway was well supported with 72% of respondents positive, 11.4% negative, 9.2% not sure/no opinion and the rest no reply. Concern was expressed about siting the path, but the Parish Council has already stated (Autumn Pembury Village News) that football pitches or other facilities will not be affected by the path.

Pembury residents responded magnificently with a wide range of imaginative ideas for other facilities! A cycle track, restaurant or café, toilets, crazy golf/putting green, adventure facilities for older children, more bins, adult fitness track/gym equipment, picnic tables and even an ice rink/water facilities!

#### **Overall themes**

Some themes and concerns recurred through the entire consultation.

1. It is important to ask young people themselves about the facilities to be provided.
2. Vandalism is a frequent concern. In the youth area, equipment must be vandal-proof.
3. Youth must 'own' the area and help look after it
4. The path link should be engineered so as to discourage motorised vehicles, especially motor bikes. A number suggested lighting the path, for security.
5. Any shelter will encourage gathering of youths whatever the weather.


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## PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY – continued

6. Many respondents considered the park should provide something for every age.
7. Several feared that the seating area would get taken over by anti-social youths.
8. Additional security was a significant concern, with CCTV, a permanent park attendant, after dusk patrols and lighting the most frequent suggestions. Noise after dark, depositing of rubbish and vandalism by inebriated teenagers were perceived as being the most severe problems.

### The next steps

The Amenities Working Group considered the full report in detail at its January

meeting and proposed that priorities should be: an area for youth with all-purpose sports markings and some equipment including a shelter and small scale street furniture park; a play area for 10-14 year olds; and the footpath link from Westway to Woodhill Park.

An immediate increase in security in the Recreation Ground was also proposed. The Parish Council approved all of these proposals at its meeting on 5 February. The fine detail of the plans will be worked out, specifications drawn up with interested partners such as the Kent Police Secure by Design team and then quotations sought. Watch this space!

## CAB OUTREACH POINT AT PEMBURY LIBRARY

OVER THE past nine months Tunbridge Wells CAB has been providing a weekly advice service on Wednesday mornings in Pembury Library. This has proved to be a real success with an average of three clients being seen most weeks.

The service is provided by a fully trained Advisor providing advice on a variety of subjects ranging from benefits and employment to housing and consumer issues. If the matter cannot be resolved during the initial visit the Advisor will arrange an appointment for the client to either come back or visit the Bureau in Tunbridge Wells.

The current funding for this project ends in March 2007. We are currently looking at ways of attracting new funds from within the local community. If any local businesses are interested in sponsoring our weekly sessions they should contact the District Manager, Brian Wyld on 534328.

## PEMBURY AND THE POLICE

IN LATE NOVEMBER, police executed four warrants in the Pembury area under the Misuse of Drugs Act. As a result five men, all from Tunbridge Wells addresses, were arrested. One arrest was for the possession of Class A drugs, one for the cultivation of cannabis, one for abstracting electricity and two for possession of Class C drugs.

At one of the addresses where a warrant was carried out officers discovered a hydroponics system and, what they believe to be approximately 30 or more cannabis plants, being grown in a shed in the garden. Officers also seized what they believe is the harvest of an earlier crop at the address.

Tunbridge Wells Chief Inspector Russell Nyman said: "The warrants we executed this morning have happened as a direct result of our officers listening to the views of the local community about the issues that matter to them. I want residents to know that we do listen and take appropriate action. We have a very effective neighbourhood police team in Pembury and Tunbridge Wells and there will be similar operations following on from today's to ensure we continue to work to fulfil the needs of local people."

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The Tour is the world's biggest annual sporting event, attracting between 12 to 15 million roadside spectators and more than 2 billion watching on television. Britain has previously hosted stages of the Tour in 1974 and 1994 and this year will host the 'Grand Départ'. The three-day extravaganza begins with the opening ceremony in Trafalgar Square on Friday 6 July and continues with the prologue time trial around the streets of London on the Saturday. On the Sunday, the focus shifts to Kent when Stage One of the race travels across the county and finishes against the historic backdrop of Canterbury Cathedral.

The 2007 Stage One route begins in London, out via Gravesend then through Medway, Maidstone, Tonbridge, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pembury, on to Tenterden, Ashford, Stone Street and into Canterbury for the finish.

The race enters Tunbridge Wells at Southborough, travels along the A26 into the town down Grosvenor Road into Crescent Road and out via Pembury Road to Matfield, Brenchley, Horsmonden, Goudhurst, and Sissinghurst and then on to Ashford.



The cavalcade that travels in front of the race is a huge procession of around 200 carnival-style decorated vehicles that gives out souvenirs, promotional items and other 'goodies' to spectators along the route (around 16 million gifts in 2006), making the Tour de France a fun family event as well as a superb sporting spectacle.

Because of the need to keep the riders, spectators and general public safe, the Tour takes place on completely closed roads, which means that affected roads (including bridges over the route) will be closed for several hours. Alternative routes will be signed. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent Highways will be providing detailed advice and information to people and businesses along the route. More information will be published nearer the time.

For Highways enquiries please call the Contact Centre on 08458 247 800 or e-mail [highways@kent.gov.uk](mailto:highways@kent.gov.uk)

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Your local elected authority is Pembury Parish Council, which is responsible for:

- Representing the interests of Pembury to all authorities and agencies
- Developing community spirit and assisting social cohesion
- Pembury Community Partnership, a very active group drawn from Council, police, churches, school, Pembury Youth Initiative, business, police, County Council, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit TWBC, Pepenbury, Scouts & Guides, High Weald Housing, Neighbourhood Watch, etc.
- Being a Statutory Consultee on all planning applications; providing local knowledge and recommendations to the Borough Council
- Highways (street lighting in Belfield, Romford, Henwood Green and Woodside Roads, bus shelter provision and monitoring highways, traffic and other street lighting)
- Open spaces and leisure facilities (Village Green, Lower Green Road Recreation Ground, Coronation Gardens, Woodside

Playing Fields and the Old Church grounds)

- Allotments (Woodside Road)
- Burials (cemeteries by St.Peter's Church and Lower Green Burial Ground)
- The Pembury War Memorial
- Environmental issues (Tree & Verge Wardens and Pembury In Bloom competition)
- Public Information (Pembury Village News, notice boards and media liaison)
- Events (e.g. Musical Picnic, Pembury Fireworks, local exhibitions)

Recent major triumphs include the new small children's playground and the pavilion renewal in partnership with the PAYFC (*see page 3*). More is to come!

Pembury Parish Council recently adopted its own logo '**Working for Pembury people**' which is self-explanatory, but to work it needs you, the people of Pembury, to participate. The current Parish Council retires in May and a new one will need to be elected. Now is your chance to contribute to practical local decision making.

Contact Barbara Russell, the Clerk to Pembury Parish Council for more information tel: 823193 (10am to 12 noon), email: clerk@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk or post to: 6 The Grove, Pembury TN2 4BU.


## LITTLE RASCALS

**L**ITTLE RASCALS is pleased to announce the upgrading of all its play equipment! The project has recently invested £6,000 in children's play equipment that the children and parents/carers are really enjoying.

Little Rascals is a project for Pembury Community Action; Pembury Baptist Church's community services. It is a welcoming and friendly parents' and carers' toddler group run on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10am till 12noon. Refreshments are provided and the cost is £1 per family.

Little Rascals is a real dose of needed encouragement for the majority of the parents and the carers and the children enjoy it, too!





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## YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS – LOCAL ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

**T**HERE ARE few things more important than the care we receive following an accident, but you may have heard in the local press about a storm that's been brewing with regard to the Accident and Emergency service in Tunbridge Wells.

Over the last few years, despite a dedicated and skilled clinical workforce, our health service has descended deeper and deeper into financial crisis. Throughout the country deficits have grown in our hospital trusts and stories of bed, ward and indeed hospital closures illustrate a service on the brink of meltdown.

Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt has promised that she will erase all deficits – some £700 million nationally – by the end of this financial year and generate surpluses by the end of the next. At the same time, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust have formulated a radical plan to reconfigure services, creating savings and efficiencies in the process.

But change to our emergency services is invariably unpopular and many suspect that 'reconfigure' all too often means reduction. It was against this background that the changes to A&E were proposed.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospital Trust felt that rather than sustaining two full A&E facilities at Maidstone and Kent & Sussex Hospitals respectively, it would instead develop one major specialist trauma centre in Tunbridge Wells and reduce services at Maidstone to specialise in heart attack and stroke cases which, it argued, formed the majority of blue-light admissions anyway. As the new hospital at Pembury opened, the Kent and Sussex would be closed and the major A&E would transfer to Pembury in due course.

Maidstone Hospital, which already has an excellent reputation for complex inpatient elective operations, would in turn grow its capacity in areas such as complex cancer care.

Response to the plan was swift and robust.

A demonstration at Mote Park in Maidstone saw public protestors joining with GPs and consultant surgeons. Kent County Council Leader Paul Carter said *"a lot of nonsense was being talked" by the Trust, commenting that "Kent County Council cannot support making such a change in isolation at a time of intense upheaval in the NHS"*.

KCC's own NHS Overview and Scrutiny

Committee met last month to hear representations from Rose Gibb, Chief Executive of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Steve Phoenix, Chief Executive of the new West Kent Primary Care Trust. By a majority of just seven to six, the Committee voted to overturn the proposed plans. Rose Gibb commented *"I think the committee's decision is very*

*unfortunate"* and added *"... we are going to have to look at more radical solutions"*.

When the National Health Service was first launched back in 1948, one of its essential principles was to provide the best possible care for local people close to home. And whilst A&E demand in Maidstone is also served from Medway Maritime, the William Harvey in Ashford, the QEQM in Dover and the new Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, our own Kent and Sussex Hospital is aptly named after the two catchments it is called upon to serve.

If we lost our A&E at Kent and Sussex Hospital, it would mean emergency blue-light traffic having to travel to Maidstone via Colts Hill. At the best of times, the road is slow and dangerous. When every second counts for a critical case in the back of an ambulance, I shudder to think how the regular traffic jams might affect the outcome.

To deny the people of Tunbridge Wells a quality A&E facility is unthinkable, which is why our MP Greg Clark has campaigned so vigorously and why at County level I have met with the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Graham Gibbens, to argue in the strongest terms that we must retain quality local health services for local people.

**Kevin Lynes**



## SNIPPETS

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 2007 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 19 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.

### ELECTIONS – 3 MAY

Local elections are to be held on 3 May with polling stations at the Village Hall and Pembury Baptist Church, open from 7am to 9pm.

### PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ

The quiz will be held in the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury on Friday 11 May 2007 7.45pm for prompt start at 8pm. The quiz is open to all organisations and groups to enter teams of six people at £18 per table. There will be a bar and 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 are available only by advance booking – phone 822586 for details. Entry forms with entry fee must be with the organisers by Monday 30 April 2007. The winning team will receive the Parish Council Cup and a cash prize to donate to the charity of their choice. Parking is very limited, so please leave for essential users only.

### MULTI SPORTS IN THE REC

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is organising multi-sports sessions for school age children and young people again in the Lower Green Recreation Ground. These will be on 2 to 5 April inclusive, from 9.45am to 12.15pm. Just turn up for an active and enjoyable morning!

### MORE POLICE SUPPORT FOR PEMBURY

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Nicholas Brown, 26, has taken up his post as PCSO for Pembury. He was recruited in November 2006 and has recently completed his training programme at the Kent Police College. Nicholas will be on patrol from 25 January working out of the Paddock Wood police office.

Nicholas was born and educated in Tunbridge Wells and lists sport, especially football and cricket as among his interests. Nicholas said: "My role is to be out on foot as a visible presence in the area and I will be working closely with neighbourhood police officer PC Martin Pemble to combat criminal damage, graffiti, anti-social behaviour and minor disputes. I am looking forward to this new role and to meeting people during the course of my work."

PCSO Brown can be contacted through the weekly surgery at Paddock Wood police office on Tuesday evenings between 7 to 8pm or by telephone on 502143. If the call is an emergency please dial 999.

### THEY SANG THEIR HEARTS OUT!

The Carol Singing outside Tesco's on the 20 December last year had to be hurriedly changed to the Camden Arms. Despite this change, the three churches gathered and sang to a very appreciative audience inside the Camden Arms and managed to raise £119.15 for Hospice in the Weald. Thank you to Carol and James Cunningham for their hospitality and to everyone who gave so generously.

### GET OUT YOUR GLAD RAGS . . .

After the fantastic success of the Pembury 2006 dinner dance at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Pembury, a new date for 2007 has been arranged for Friday 18 May. Again at the Ramada Jarvis in Pembury to include a welcome drink, three-course dinner dance with live music, £30 per person optional black tie. Proceeds from the raffle and auction will be donated to the new Pavilion in the recreation ground in Pembury, something which all the village benefit from.

Book early to avoid disappointment. For



more details and to book your tickets please ring Philippa on 822674

### NEWS FROM THE HOSPICE

Saturday 19 May, 10am-2pm, Plant Fair, at Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury.

Hundreds of shrubs, plants and trees for sale, donated by many local (and not so local) plant, specialist, tree and garden centres. The variety is amazing and so are the prices! Early morning barbeque, refreshments, cakes – the atmosphere is wonderful, even in the pouring rain – we know, it's happened to us! Come anyway – you'll love it! Put the date firmly in your diary and bring the children too – they can have a yummy bacon buttie whilst you browse!!

We hope to have a surprise local guest celebrity open the Fair for us but this is

to be confirmed. For further info call, Fiona Parry on 820508.

### CONTACTING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

Kent Police has launched a new, simplified scheme to access your neighbourhood police team. Just go to the Kent Police website homepage at <http://www.kent.police.uk> and enter your postcode in the box at the right, then click on Go! Details how to contact your neighbourhood team will appear. Click on the interactive link to send an email direct to your local police officer.

Easy! If you simply want the email address and you don't need to visit the website for full information, then you can email our local team direct on [tunbridgewellsnhp@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tunbridgewellsnhp@kent.pnn.police.uk)

## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY INVITES YOU!

**T**HE PEMBURY SOCIETY is keen to recruit new members. Anyone living in the village is welcome to join at very low cost and the Society is open to members of all ages. It is entirely non-political and takes a general interest in village welfare and activities. The Society holds at least two public meetings a year in the village hall, usually with guest speakers, to which all members are welcome but anyone can come along and join if they wish. It's an opportunity to meet like minded villagers and chat over a glass of wine and later, a coffee. The committee meets monthly and informs the membership via periodic newsletters.



The main aims of The Pembury Society are to promote high standards of planning and architecture, to help protect the environment and preserve features of historic interest. It wants to ensure that Pembury remains a pleasant place in which to live and preserves its fine vistas; surely what every Pembury resident wants. It acts as the village "voice" when it matters. The more members we have the more we can truly say we represent the village and the more effective our voice. The Pembury Society is Pembury's civic society, serving the interests of all residents and enjoying those common interests in a friendly atmosphere. So there's really no reason not to be a member.

We monitor all planning applications in Pembury and keep an eye on any other issues affecting village life. Last year we were instrumental in the Bo Peep sign project and now we are interested in pursuing projects to have the War Memorial cleaned, erect a new ornamental sign on the village green, get the overgrown bush at Woodsgate Corner pruned back and trying to get something done about the empty shop in Henwood Green Road. We are also working on some other ideas to benefit Pembury residents. As a member you will be welcome to suggest further improvements for the village.

Contact our Membership Secretary, Ken Watts on 822770, email our Secretary, Jan Cook at [lesjan9@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lesjan9@tiscali.co.uk) or come along to our Spring Meeting on 10 May 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**David Moore**, Publicity Officer

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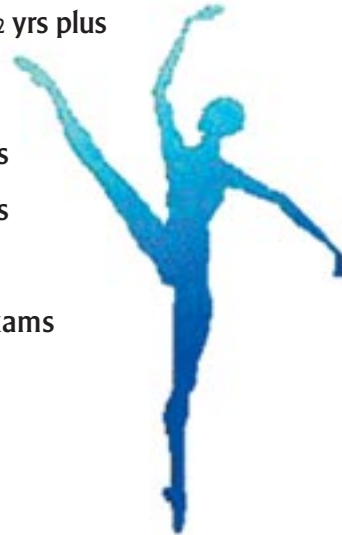
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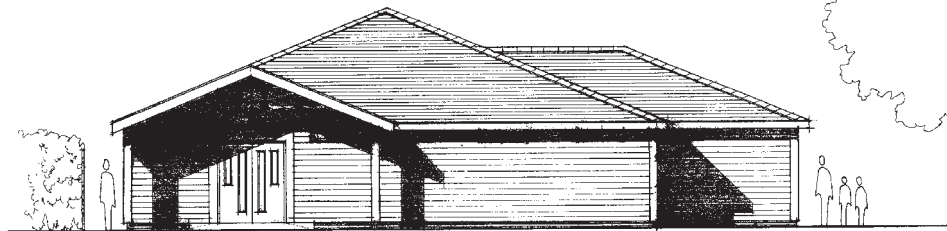
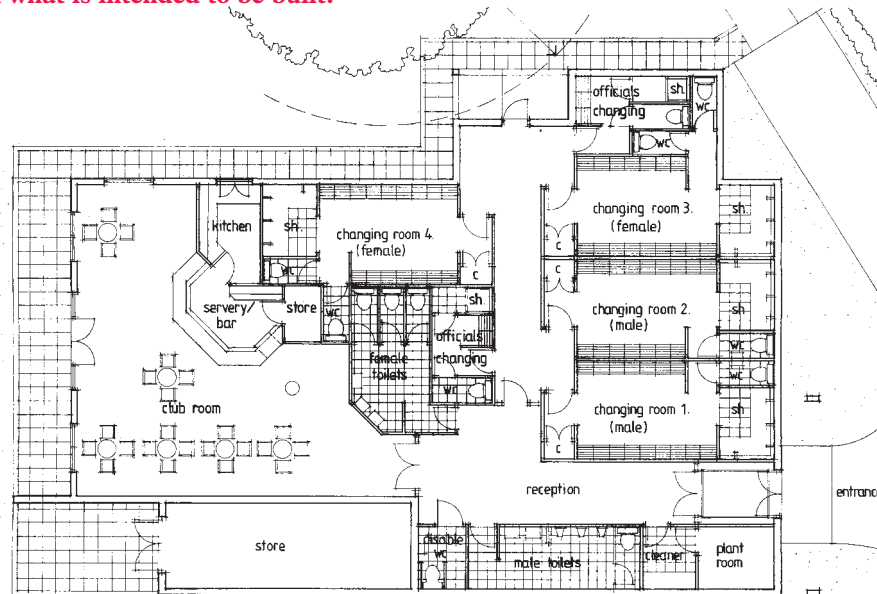
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## PAVILION PLANS

These plans are an outline and certain details may change but it does give an idea of what is intended to be built.



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## PEMBURY PAVILION – ‘RAISING THE ROOF’

**T**HE FINAL PUSH is on to find the last piece of the fundraising gap for the new community pavilion. This building will be a community-wide facility benefiting all age groups of the Parish. The building will provide a home for the Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club and other village groups and activities.

This initiative has been pioneered by PAYFC and Pembury Parish Council to provide: “A home for all, at the heart of our community, in Lower Green Recreation Ground, Pembury.”

Through enormous efforts by the PAYFC and Pembury Parish Council partnership, we have now secured £456,502 of the £482,502 needed to build this new facility.

A grant of £386,502 (80% of the total project costs) has been awarded to the partnership by the Football Foundation (*see page 3*), and further grant applications have been submitted to other prominent local organisations.

However, we still need to find the shortfall of £6,000 to complete the build cost.



*Old pavilion, built in 1934, being demolished in 2006. (Demolition funded by Pembury Parish Council.)*

The building works must start in MAY 2007 and, in order to comply with the funding criteria, all the monies have to be in place before works can commence. Further funds are also needed to kit out the new building with furnishings, equipment etc.

We are asking you, **the COMMUNITY OF PEMBURY**, to work with us and raise these funds. PAYFC is holding a number of fundraising events which we hope you will find time to attend, and enjoy yourselves along the way. A “Raise the Roof” Disco was held on Saturday 3 February 2007 at the Village Hall and started the fundraising with a healthy £2,000.

Apart from just sending your donations direct to PAYFC via the Treasurer, Jane Ange-Payne, Priory Cottage, Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4JD there are several other events you can take part in . . .

### “BUY A BRICK”

Every Pembury family and local business are invited to buy a brick for a special wall inside the new pavilion. Bricks will be etched with local people’s names and businesses and cost £70 per family (with individual rates for businesses), and additional bricks at £15. You can buy as many bricks as you wish and have your name(s) engraved on the face of the brick for posterity, and built into the **“PEMBURY WALL OF FAME”**.

You will have the pleasure and knowledge that you will be recognised in years to come as being one of the founder members supporting the new building and you will become a member of the “Foundation Family”. Details of where to obtain your application forms can be obtained from Kevin Edser on 823643 or Jamie Wyatt on 823130 but hurry, as this opportunity will close at the beginning of April.



## **QUIZ NIGHT/ MINI AUCTION OF PROMISES**

**Saturday 21 April 2007, 7.30pm, Pembury School**

Know your football? Got someone in your family that knows the difference between Slade and Oasis? Latin names of plants? If you do, and have, AND relish the chance of winning the prestigious PAYFC Quiz Award 2007, then here's your chance.

Sprinkled in between the various rounds of questions there will be the "Mini-Auction of Promises". Promises donated so far include "three-course meal cooked and delivered to your door", "doggy walking", "car washing . . . etc, etc." Teams of up to six people are invited to enter at £30 per team. Nibbles are included in the price and drinks will be available from the bar.

Tickets are available from Kevin Edser tel: 823643

## **"PINT A WEEK CLUB"**

By end of 2007 we shall have our new pavilion. (Hooray!) However, we will still need to raise funds to cover the heating, lighting and other running costs. We are therefore starting the 'Pint a Week Club'. Your children will be getting the major benefit of the facility, so please join!

Here's how it works. Become a member for just £2.31 a week (£10 a month)\* Every Friday there will be a draw for £100; on 1 June and 1 December there will be a special draw for £500.

Forms are available from your age group team manager or Steve Dunkerley on 822529.

*(\*Minimum 18 years of age and membership period six months)*

And finally . . . details of all events and where to get your tickets from, are available from Charlie Hambleton on 824002, Kevin/Carole Edser on 823643, and David/Karen Gow on 824119.



*Artist's impression of new pavilion*



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## PEDAL FROM PEMBURY TO PARIS!

**A**S PART OF the “Raise the Roof” campaign to raise money to build and equip the new community youth football pavilion for Pembury, the club is organising a 200-mile “Pedal from Pembury to Paris” bicycle ride. The riders will complete the course in three days from 27-29 April.

Some spaces are still available, but the ride is strictly for experienced cyclists. The entry fee is £195 and includes two nights’ basic board, roadside support vehicles and snacks, and a group Eurostar ticket back to Ashford.

Participants will need to invest considerable time and effort just to get fit enough to do it, so please give generously if you are asked to sponsor any of the “crazy” guys who are doing this worthy event. If you would like to make a donation towards the event in general, please contact Donald Allan on 822373.

As we go to press, we understand that this event is being supported by the following participants from Pembury: Donald Allen, John Reynolds, Glenn Maule, Stephen Dunkerley, Paul Bain, Charlie Hambleton, Paul Barrington-King.

Information and forms can also be downloaded from the Pembury Village News website [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)

### **Advance notice for ‘family cyclists’:**

**Saturday 8 September – The Third Bi-Annual PAYFC Bike Ride in France – the famous 40-mile family bike ride around the Pas de Calais.**

This year will feature a special presentation to all those completing the ride for the third time. For details contact Charlie Hambleton on 824022.

## WHAT FUNDING IS PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL CONTRIBUTING?

**V**ERY SIMPLY, PAYFC approached the Parish Council with the idea that the only way to be able to afford a decent new building was to try for a big grant from the Football Foundation. This would mean majoring on junior football benefits, but with a substantial general community use, including other sports and recreational opportunities. We agreed to back this and work in partnership with PAYFC in investing cash in obtaining planning permission and more cash (£20,000) in engaging a nationally respected architect to draw up a detailed design and obtain tender prices. We are also putting a further £50,000 into the final project as well as having paid for the demolition of the old pavilion.

**David Coleman**

Pembury Parish Council Chairman



## COMPAID TRUST UPDATE

**F**OLLOWING A YEAR of anxiety and industry, and with a determination to survive, we have now settled into temporary accommodation. There have been a few hiccups on the way, but that is to be expected considering that we have relocated the organisation to three sites with three members of staff home based.

We would not have got this far without the dedication of our staff and supporters. I would like to thank our friends in Pembury for their contribution to ensuring our survival beyond December 2006.

Having acquired a temporary home, we have a breathing space to face our next challenge, which is to fundraise for our own property.

We are at present negotiating with a local organisation regarding our future and will let you know the details when we have a positive outcome to report. In the mean time we are with you all in spirit if not in body.



*"Making the best of our situation and enjoying different challenges."*

Speaking about bodies, our Chief Executive, Betty Howell made a spectacle of herself in the press recently by posing dressed in a tracksuit whilst appearing to be in training for the marathon. Now anyone who knows Betty will be aware that whilst the spirit may be strong the body will not go along with that idea at all. She was of course trying to enlist the support of a fitter contender to run in the marathon for COMPAID Trust.

The Trust does not have allocated places, so we are looking for someone who has a

place already but does not want the hassle of acquiring sponsorship and then collecting the donations when they are triumphant and have finished the course. COMPAID Trust would take on that work and support the participant. If we are too late for a "champion" this year, please consider our request for the 2008 marathon.

We will be grateful for ongoing support from our friends in Pembury. (Main contact number 08452 412134)



## CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

ON 1 AUGUST 1907 Robert Baden-Powell held the first experimental scout camp at Brownsea Island in Dorset. Less than 20 boys took part then; today Scouting and Guiding is the largest voluntary youth movement in the world. 25 million Scouts in 216 countries.

On 1 August 2007 Scouts from all over the world will take part in a "Sunrise Promise" at 8am local time to celebrate the Centenary.

Pembury Scouts intend to be part of this unique event which will take place on the Village Green. If you are or have been a



Scout, Cub, Beaver, Rover or Venture Scout, Network or Fellowship, you are invited to join us at 8am on 1 August 2007 to renew your Scout Promise and take us forward into the next 100 years.

The invitation is extended to our sister movement, the Guide Association including Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Rangers and members of the Trefoil Guild.

We look forward to meeting as many who can make it on 1 August 2007.

**Michael P Cartwright**  
Group Scout Leader, 1st Pembury 4th  
Royal Tunbridge Wells Scout Group

## PEMBURY YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY – MAKING A SONG AND DANCE

ON 2 DECEMBER Pembury Youth Theatre Academy produced its first show, at the Baptist Church in Pembury. The audience were treated to a rousing opening number 'Land Of A Thousand Dances'; they came from various positions in the church, jumping on to the stage to perform a lively dance routine, accompanied by the younger members playing inflatable saxophones and guitars.

The show was a mixture of song and dance; a few very brave youngsters sang solos bringing a few tears to their parents' eyes. There was a comic Lou and Andy sketch from television's 'Little Britain', a majorette demonstration and the audience were taken back in time to the old music hall days with 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles', with bubbles filling the air around the audience. The finale song 'You've Got A Friend' was definitely the show stopper of the night with all the members singing their hearts out making it a perfect end to a very magical night.

From the December show PYTA have been able to donate £400 to the children's ward at Pembury Hospital. They are now busy working to their next show on Saturday 30 June, once again held at Pembury Baptist Church.

If anyone is interested in coming along to join us or for more information please telephone Dee Barrington-King 825144 or Maddy Earley on 824489.



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## PEMBURY PEOPLE – DENISE BARNES

**M**ANY OF US, I am sure, will recognise the value and importance of our local businesses in the village. Too often the sobering caveat of ‘use it or lose it’ leaves a sad legacy with many neighbouring communities being left barren, devoid of shops and enterprise that once provided a local service for local needs. One name that has become synonymous with Pembury, as a stakeholder and as a valued resident, is Denise Barnes. Her business on the High Street has become a familiar landmark for the many who wish to reside in our special community and I am grateful that she has agreed to be featured as one of my ‘Pembury People’.



Denise originally comes from Norfolk, but at 19 she married an American and lived in the States for ten years during which time she got divorced. She then lived and worked in Geneva, at United Nations, then Zurich as a chauffeuse to a Swiss ‘gnome’, and later spent a year in Germany. When she returned to England, her friend had just become the cook to Mr and Mrs Teacher and Lady d’Avigdor-Goldsmid at Somerhill, which is now a private school. When Denise needed a home, Mrs Teacher invited her to take one of the empty flats at Somerhill, where she lived in a ‘grander style than she was accustomed to’ for two years! Later, her sister, Carole, and her mother both moved to Pembury.

Denise eventually re-married and began training as an estate agent in Sevenoaks. Promotion brought her to Pembury as manager of Prall Champion & Prall (now Your Move). She found Pembury a thriving and friendly village, and three years later she decided it would be a perfect place to set up her own estate agency. That was 19 years ago and it made sense, as the business grew, to make her home in Pembury.

Those were the heady days of 1988. Denise remembers how there used to be a queue of people waiting for her to open the office well before 9am so they could get their offer in before anyone else on a house they had probably seen just once, and had made a decision in less time than it takes to choose a raincoat.

It was too good to last and only nine months later a four-year recession kicked in. But Denise battled on, opening her second branch in Horsmonden during this time; many people thought her mad, but it became another successful branch. She sold the business two years ago which had expanded to seven branches and 45 staff two years ago, as in her own words, she wanted a complete change and pursue something she’d always loved, but rarely had the time – writing.

She had made notes over the last (wait for it) 30 years, but only six months after selling, she had finished her first book called *‘From Bad to Worst’*. It’s about a year she spent in 1973 as a vegetarian cook at a health clinic in Bavaria, knowing no German and virtually no cooking! She says it’s more of ‘a woman’s book’ and hopes it will make her readers laugh. However, we’re assured that men aren’t banned from reading it! The book is to be published this summer and Denise is hoping to give a talk in the library, not to mention making some sales. You can’t hold down even an ex-estate agent where there’s a sales opportunity!

## PEMBURY PEOPLE – DENISE BARNES – continued

With more spare time than she's ever had, although she remains a consultant for her old business and is deeply interested in its progress, she has become a governor at Tunbridge Wells High School. One of the practical things she enjoys is helping children who have difficulty reading.

"I adored reading when I was a child. I never minded being punished and sent to bed early as I always had a book on the go and my trusty torch," she recounts. "Helping these children gives me enormous pleasure, particularly when they finally catch up with the rest of their class, and say they are now actually enjoying reading which they used to find boring."

Denise has just completed the Silk Road from Moscow to Beijing by train, and if that three-week 12,000-mile trip wasn't going to be long enough, she decided to go all the way by train from London to Moscow. At the moment she is planning her next trip to Australia (travelling all over the country by train again) with her sister in March. She says with a grin that she *has* to go as it's 'research' for the novel she's writing – I'm sure we all believe her!

When asked why she still lives in Pembury she answers: "In some ways, it's still quite old-fashioned, which I like, and I've made some close friends in the village over the years. It's also very handy for Tunbridge Wells. And being loyal to Pembury seems a good way of showing my gratitude to the people who gave me such incredible support when I broke away from the corporates to start my own business all those years ago."

**Paul Barrington-King**



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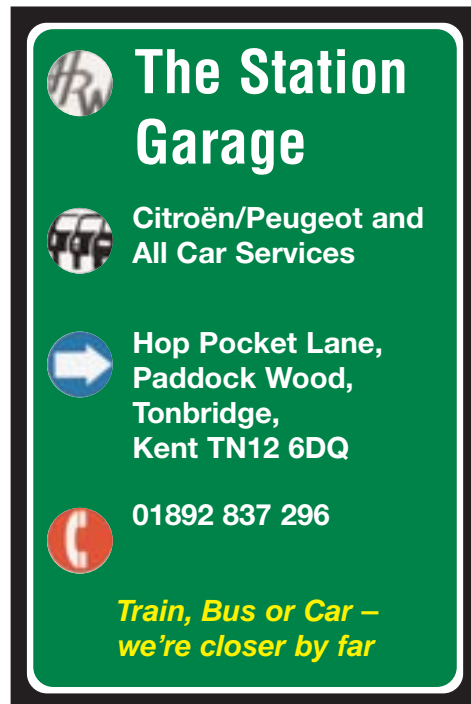
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## PEMBURY TENNIS CLUB

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Our summer season starts at the end of April. We meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings and on a Sunday morning on the tennis courts in the recreation ground on Lower Green Road.

If you are interested or would like more information come up to the recreation ground or telephone Barbara Ballantine on 822156 or Sheila Smith on 822405.

Look forward to hearing from you.



## PEMBURY U3A (UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)

**T**HE FIRST monthly meeting of the new Pembury U3A was held on Monday 8 January 2007 in the Catholic Church Hall. Almost 50 members enjoyed a talk on Hypnotherapy by Karen Martin.

Pembury U3A has now over 60 members. With a monthly meeting and a range of different speakers, and with activity groups springing up all the time, there is plenty to keep the retired and semi-retired in Pembury active and interested.

Whether it is wine appreciation, rambling, visiting historic houses and gardens, speaking French or just going out on a theatre trip – there is something for everyone. For more information please contact membership secretary Andrew Richardson on 824012.



## SPRING FLOWERS AT PEPENBURY

**C**OME AND VISIT Pepenbury on Cornford Lane this spring, relax and enjoy a coffee, in the Pepenbury Coffee Shop and stroll amongst the carpets of blue bells. Pepenbury is set in the unspoilt countryside of the High Weald and offers wonderful country walks, including a nature trail through the ancient woodland which is carpeted with woodland flowers each Spring. The grounds have been cared for and managed for wildlife by the staff and people with learning disabilities. The Pepenbury community also grows and produces a wide range of plants and flowers for the garden which can be bought from the shop; all proceeds will help to care for people with learning disabilities. A visit to Pepenbury is an uplifting and inspirational experience. For further details contact Nigel Hill or Roy Brazier on 822168.

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## JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

**A**S WE HEAD into SPRING, usually a time of renewal and anticipation, we leave behind an unseasonal winter of prolonged rain, high winds and mildness. As we gardeners wrestle with climate change we need to have an understanding of the concept of global warming and the impact on our environment. Springs will be longer and a longer growing season will be one of the main benefits, and an opportunity to grow a wider range of plants. An increase in carbon dioxide and temperature will increase plant growth, resulting in larger plants that produce more, and larger, blooms. However, there could be a few threats, with too much early growth being prone to damage by possible late frosts. So our tender plants will need protection.

With strange weather up and down the country, gardeners are reporting odd occurrences of unseasonable blooms and luxuriant growth that will put plants under stress with their inability to procreate at the right time of year. The warmth of the winters will affect the flowering of several species; prunus and ribes need cold to stimulate flower-bud formation, while most bulbs need low temperatures to encourage root development. If you are planning new planting, do research drought-tolerant species. For some suggestions, see [www.rhs.org.uk/learning/research/climate-change/plants.asp](http://www.rhs.org.uk/learning/research/climate-change/plants.asp).

If we start to plan now, the climate changes will be more of an enjoyable challenge for our garden management - from soil to design. Soil is likely to be affected with organic matter breaking down faster and being washed away in heavy rain. For an existing plot, simple and effective changes can be made. Water management will be crucial - particularly good drainage. Raised beds would help reduce water-logged roots. Wind-breaks will reduce storm damage and evaporation from the soil by drying winds. Mulching will be a necessity; in summer to keep soil moist and cool; in winter to protect it from extremes of cold and wet weather, and also to keep weeds down.

So having adapted your gardens for near future changes, we can consider alternative planting. Plant breeders are producing more drought-tolerant annuals, so search the seed catalogues for choice. Among perennials that can stand extremes of temperature are cannas, buddleia, pittosporum and fuschias. Ground-cover plants could be very

useful. Their foliage helps to retain moisture, suppress weeds and their roots prevent erosion. The wide range available cover all sites, from sunny to shade.



If our summers become hotter, then shade will become imperative for us in the garden, and seating areas may need to be re-sited. Pots and tubs which are a standard feature in many gardens will be better placed in shady areas as they tend to dry out quickly. They will need to have water-retentive granules added to the soil and be topped with a mulch. The use of containers always adds interest and colour to steps, paths and patios. Consider new planting combinations of herbs, dwarf conifers, alpiners or heathers.

With all these changes in mind let us continue with our main jobs for spring. After a winter of nutrient-leaching rain, plants are hungry and need sustaining. A balanced fertiliser of fish, blood and bone will boost the soil's vital humus reserves. March sees lawns begin to grow again, so spike to improve drainage and apply a good fertiliser before mowing, and keep the cut high. Roses and summer-flowering heathers should be pruned. Heathers need a light clipping with shears. Fork the soil lightly around roses, fertilise and mulch with mature manure. Hardy annuals can be sown and gladioli planted. Half-hardy seeds can be sown under glass for planting out in late May or early June.

April is probably the best month for planting evergreen trees, shrubs and conifers. Protect from cold winds with horticultural fleece for a few weeks. Lawns can be sown this month. Shrubs that have flowered and finished flowering since the autumn can now be pruned - Forsythia quite hard. Thin out your hardy annual seedlings when large enough to handle.

May should see the last of any frosts and your bedding plants can go out, together with hanging baskets and tubs for a glorious summer show - enjoy!

Happy gardening! **Jan Davies**

## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

### WARTIME MEMORIES OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL 1940-1946

I STARTED WORK at Pembury Hospital in the early part of the War as a painter and decorator for a Mr Lawrence, Builder, Five Oak Green. He had signed a contract with Pembury Hospital to do contract maintenance work for five years. I was 14 years old at the time and was signed up as an apprentice painter. We had a large team of tradesmen and six of us apprentices other trades.

The tradesmen's first job was to erect huts for the incoming Dunkirk patients. Once they settled in, those who were not confined to their beds were allowed to walk around the hospital grounds. They were in special uniforms; light blue trousers and jackets, white shirts, red ties and many were seen walking the grounds.

Before we started work at the hospital, we had a talk by the Matron and lady Almoner, she was the social worker employed by the hospital. We had a warning by the Matron never to buy from the hospital shop, cigarettes, tobacco, aspirin and Aspro for any patient. Pembury had many nursing staff – Pembury Nurses, Guy Nurses, Auxiliary Red Cross and Army Nurses.

Pembury had their own cleaners who wore brown smocks and brown skull caps and were called ward maids. The Matron warned us not to fraternise with them as they had babies out of marriage and the babies were adopted.

I noticed at the start of the winter months tramps would arrive, staying until the end of March. They were clothed and fed, some even done odd jobs in the gardens.

### Blackout Regulations

My first job was to paint outside window panes of glass with black matt paint. The hospital could not afford inside so windows had blackout screen curtains. Only trouble was the window panes I had painted, the wards had to have lights on day and night.

We also had the job to camouflage roofs with colour paints – brown, green and grey. Unfortunately, as the ward progressed our tradesmen were called up for active service. The boss came to me one day and said he was going on a rest period over in Ireland. He was putting me in charge of the apprentice painters. However, he also had signed a contract with British Rail to have the loan of eight of their lady painters. I would be in charge of them and assign work to them, reference his instructions. I was only 16 years now, but these ladies were first class painters, a credit to British Rail.

Sadly, they had to leave. They were called for national service, so we were left with apprentices and elderly men. One even had a wooden stump leg called 'peg leg Arthur'.

One day a nurse asked me "Did I have some bright silver paint?" I said "Yes". She had been invited to a Saturday evening dance at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells. She couldn't afford new dance shoes and asked me if I could paint her old shoes with silver paint. I said I would give it a try. It was a success. After two coats of paint I charged her six pence a pair (old money).

My boss arrived back from his Ireland break unexpectedly and caught me painting shoes in silver paint, by then I had painted over a dozen. He asked what I was charging per pair. I said six pence. He said give them their money back, as it was his paint and I could continue to paint the nurses shoes in my own time.

Myself, I left to go into the Army in 1944, but only for a short period. I returned back to Pembury late in 1945 and my first job was to clean off all that paint I had put on the windows and replace broken glass, which took me six weeks.

Just outside the main gates at Pembury Hospital was a brick bus shelter with a concrete roof, it may be still there! I helped to build this shelter early part of the War. We put a concrete flat roof on it for safety from falling shrapnel. Of course, I have many remarkable experiences, one could write a book about Pembury Hospital during the Second World War.

**Frank Stanford** (now living in Sevenoaks)



## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**WE** ARE ALREADY well into the New Year but the crime figures for the last quarter of 2006 were disheartening to say the least; criminal damage increased by an alarming 50% on the previous quarter from 16 to 24 and theft 100% from 6 to 12 and the overall reported incidents increased from 51 to 63, over 20%.

This is totally unacceptable and does not include the number of crimes which do not get reported. Theft is in our own hands to some extent but criminal damage, which mainly happens at night, is difficult to control.

The police obviously cannot patrol every road every hour in the evening, so what is the answer? Perhaps parish appointed wardens patrolling in twos and threes with contact facilities? If you have any other ideas, please let me know; but not vigilante gangs, although I suspect some of you

would like to go that route. Perhaps each road could organise its own look-out group; somehow we have to rid our streets of the anti-social elements which inflict this continuous damage. Please be sure, though, to report any incidents to the police.

Moving on, another issue that requires urgent attention is the speed of traffic moving through the village, especially on Lower Green Road and Henwood Green Road. Whether it is local traffic or through traffic, especially rat-running off the A21, it has to be slowed down before someone is killed. As the television advert states, 30mph is there for a reason and it's not to protect the motorist.

To help positively, why not join Pembury's own Speedwatch? Contact Steve Morton on 824938 or [stevemorton@pembury.org](mailto:stevemorton@pembury.org) if you have email.

**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
<b>October 2006</b>	1	2	1	4			4	1	1	3	1	<b>18</b>
<b>November 2006</b>	1	1	1	4	1	1			1	4		<b>14</b>
<b>December 2006</b>	1	2	3	16		3		1		5		<b>31</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>ROAD</b>												
A21B						1						<b>1</b>
Beagles Wood Road	1			2								<b>3</b>
Bellfield Road		1								2		<b>3</b>
Brickfields						1						<b>1</b>
Bulls Place	1		1	2								<b>4</b>
Hastings Road		1		7				1				<b>9</b>
Henwood Green Road	1	1		3			1		1			<b>7</b>
Henwoods Mount				2		2						<b>4</b>
High Street			1	2						2		<b>5</b>
Lower Green Road		1		4				1		1		<b>7</b>
Maidstone Road			1	1								<b>2</b>
Old Church Road				1						3		<b>4</b>
Romford Road											1	<b>1</b>
Tonbridge Road			2		1		3		1	4		<b>11</b>
Woodhill Park		1										<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>

## CHURCH SERVICES AT EASTER 2007

### St Peter's

1 April Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession starting by the Village Pharmacy
	11.30am	BCP Matins – Old Church
	6.30pm	Taize Service – Upper Church
2 April Monday	8pm	Evening Prayer
3 April Tuesday	8pm	Lent Groups Eucharist
	8pm	Compline
5 April Maundy Thursday	8pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with the keeping of the watch until midnight – Upper Church
6 April Good Friday	10am	A Crown of Thorns – Upper Church
	11.15am	An Act of Witness on the Village Green
	12 noon	'An Hour at the Cross' – Old Church
7 April Holy Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil – Old Church
8 April Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	Parish Eucharist – Upper Church
	11.30am	BCP Holy Communion – Old Church



### St Justus and St Anselm's

1 April	10.30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord	Pembury
4 April	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	Pembury
5 April Maundy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Paddock Wood
6 April Good Friday	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Cross	Paddock Wood
7 April Holy Saturday	9pm	The Easter Vigil	Paddock Wood
	11am	Joint Walk of Witness from Pembury Baptist Church to Village Green	
8 April Easter Sunday	9am	Mass of the Resurrection	Paddock Wood
	10.30am	Mass of the Resurrection	Pembury

### Pembury Baptist Church

1 April Palm Sunday	10am	The Cross of Christ – 'Paid in Full'
	6.30pm	The Cross of Christ – Café Church – 'Paid in Full'
6 April Good Friday	10am	Easter Reflection. Walk of Witness 11am followed by Joint Service at 11.15am on the Village Green.
8 April Easter Sunday	10am	The Cross of Christ – 'Resurrection: A morning beyond belief'
	6.30pm	The Cross of Christ – Café Church. 'Resurrection: A morning beyond belief'

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Village Market** – Village Hall Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

**Pembury Community Warden surgery** same days as above, 10am to 11.30am

**Town & Country** (High Weald Housing) Clinic same days as above, 10am to 11am

**WRVS Lunch Club** – every Wednesday at 11.45am in the Pembury Village Hall during the school term time.

### March

- 19 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm
- 24 Pembury U3A Disco – Village Hall – 8pm to 11.30pm Tickets from pharmacy, PO or 824327
- 31 Pembury Gardeners' Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

### April

- 2 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 2 Floral Art – Meeting Room, Village Hall – 8pm
- 2-5 Multi-Sports: for children and young people – Recreation Ground – 9.45am to 12.15pm
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday Party – Village Hall – 2pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet Camden Arms bus stop – 2.15pm
- 11 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Celtic Saints' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 11 Pembury Book Club – Pembury Library – 11am
- 13 Pembury Evening WI: 'Dashing Away With A Smoothing Iron' – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 16 Pembury Footpath Walkers: AGM – Village Hall Meeting Room – 8pm
- 21 PAYFC: Quiz Night/Promises Auction – Pembury School – 7.30pm
- 27-28 Pembury Players' show – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 30 Floral Art – Meeting Room, Village Hall – 8pm

### May

- 2 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Enjoying the MU – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 3 Local elections – all day
- 3 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm
- 5 RNLI May Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am to 12 noon
- 10 Pembury Gardeners: Talk 'Colour & Interest in the Garden' – Catholic Hall – 7.45 for 8pm
- 10 The Pembury Society Spring Meeting – Main Hall, Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 12 Pembury School: Maypole Dancing on the Green – Village Green – 10am
- 11 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 7.45 for 8pm. Details from 822586
- 14 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 19 Hospice in the Weald Plant and Country Fayre – 10am to 2pm

### June

- 1 Pembury Evening WI: 'Bingo' – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers: All day walk – details from 823212
- 4 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: 'River Medway Pt 2' – Village Hall – 2pm
- 8 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Outing and Picnic – Lullingstone Castle – Details 822769
- 9 MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN – 6pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 30 Pembury Youth Theatre Academy Show – Pembury Baptist Church. Details 825144

## ROSIE'S RECIPES

**W**ITH EASTER and Spring in mind I have chosen some recipes which I feel could be enjoyed on Easter Sunday or even Mothering Sunday. Men, why not treat your ladies and give these recipes a try!

### Salmon in Puff Pastry

#### Ingredients – serves

##### 8 people

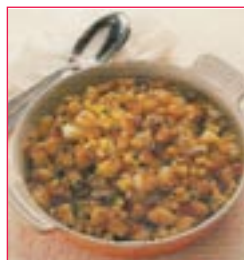
900g (2lb) salmon fillet  
350g (12oz) frozen asparagus spears, defrosted or canned, drained  
1 tbsp chopped fresh dill  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
3 tbsp double cream  
350g (12oz) puff pastry, defrosted if frozen  
Beaten egg, to glaze  
Dill sprigs and cucumber slices, to garnish



#### Preparation

Cut salmon in half through the middle. Blend  $\frac{1}{2}$  of asparagus and mix with dill, seasoning and cream. Spread over one piece of salmon, top with reserved asparagus and remaining salmon. Heat oven to 220°C (425°F/Gas 7). Roll out pastry into an oblong slightly longer than the salmon and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times as wide. Place salmon in centre. Make diagonal cuts through exposed pastry on both sides. Cut towards you, leaving a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ cm (1in) gap between cuts. Brush edges of pastry with egg. Fold pastry strips over to form a plait and seal in salmon. Place on a damp baking sheet, brush with egg and cook for 20 mins. Reduce oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5) and cook for further 15-20mins. Garnish. This can also be served cold.

This next dish is really easy and you could use fresh peppers with a tin of sweet corn instead of the mixed tin of peppers and sweet corn.



### French-Style Sauté Potatoes

#### Ingredients: Serves

##### 4 or double the quantity to go round 8 people

550g (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs) potatoes, cut into cube 1cm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ in)  
1 tbsp vegetable oil

25g (1oz) butter  
1 onion, chopped  
340g (12oz) can sweet corn with peppers, well drained.

#### Preparation:

Heat oil and butter in a large frying pan, add potatoes and sauté for 8-10 mins. Add onions and gently sauté for 5 mins or until potatoes and onions are tender. Add sweet corn and cook for 2-3 mins until hot. Transfer to a warmed serving dish using a draining spoon and serve.

The next recipe was given to me by Tracy Gregory

### Sticky Toffee Pudding

#### Ingredients: serves 4-6 people)

60g (2oz) soft margarine  
50g (1 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) butter  
200g (7oz) white sugar  
250g (8oz) plain flour  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1 egg, whisked  
185g (6oz) stoned, chopped dates  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
65g (2 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) light brown sugar  
2 tbsp double cream  
250ml ( $\frac{1}{2}$ pt) boiling water

#### Preparation:

Cream together the margarine and sugar. Sift together the flour and baking power. Beat the whisked egg and vanilla essence into a creamed mixture with a little of the flour and baking powder and continue beating for about a minute before adding the rest of the flour/baking power. Chop the dates and flour lightly. Pour the boiling water over the dates and mix in the bicarbonate of soda and add the date mixture to the batter, mixing well. Place in a buttered dish and bake for 40 mins at 170°C (325°F/Gas 3). When pudding is cooked, heat the brown sugar, butter and cream and simmer gently for 3 minutes. Pour over the pudding and place under a grill until it starts to bubble. Serve with cream, ice cream or custard.

Note: When the sponge is cooked I use a skewer to pierce holes in it before pouring the sauce over and then put it back in the oven for 5 mins rather than grill it.

Enjoy and Happy Easter

**Rosie Bass**



## SCOUT AND GUIDE HEADQUARTERS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The halls are now used by the following units.

	<b>Scout Hall</b>	<b>Guide Hall</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Pembury Beavers 5.30-6.45pm Sturgeon Cubs 7- 8.30pm	3rd Pembury Brownies 5.45-7.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Trefoil Guild 7-9.30pm (Last Tuesday of month)	2nd Pembury Rainbows 4.45-6pm 1st Pembury Guides 7-9pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	(First Wednesday of the month) Magna Scouts 7-9pm	NHS Retirement Fellowship 9-12.30pm 1st Pembury Brownies 6-7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Penn Cubs 7-8.30pm	1st Pembury Rainbows 4.45-6pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	PAYFC 9.30-12.30pm (when Playing)	Phoenix Twirlers 10-1pm

## CHURCH TIMES

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

#### Upper Church

8am Holy Communion  
9.45am The Parish  
Eucharist  
and Junior Church  
10am 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

Whether you are familiar  
with church or have never  
been to a church before, PBC  
is an enjoyable, caring and  
diverse community with  
activities all through the week  
for all ages.

Our services explore relevant  
life issues and are on Sundays  
at 10am for a family service  
(with children's activities) or  
6.30pm for a café service.

Please call 825590 or visit  
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for details

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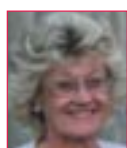
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*A balanced foundation for future success*

## Ingredients for Academic Success



ake one caring, Christian school. Add a team of experienced and dedicated teachers, led by a Headmistress who believes that academic success can be achieved without the need for cramming. Mix in a broad, balanced curriculum delivered in small teaching groups. Enhance with over 35 extra-curricular activities, supervised breakfast club and after school care to support busy families. Finally, set in 75 acres of beautiful natural countryside with superb facilities including an indoor pool, theatre and sports hall.

**The Result:** Happy, confident and successful girls, who enjoy school, achieve excellent SATs results, and are prepared for the demands of senior school education and their future lives.

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