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PEMBURY'S HALF MILLION-POUND PAVILION GETS UNDERWAY



SATURDAY 19 MAY marked the official start of a true community project that had been ten years in the making. Thanks to a Football Foundation grant of £386,502, Pembury Parish Council and Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club working together have been able to create a football and community pavilion consisting of four changing rooms with full club room facilities which will be used by the village's young footballers and community groups. The building is due for completion in February 2008.

The sod-turning ceremony was held on-site in the Lower Green Recreation Ground, celebrated by the young players of

Pembury and supported by the people and agencies who made this new beginning possible:

- The Football Foundation
- Pembury Parish Council
- Kent County Council
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- The Kent FA
- Pembury Primary School
- The Schools at Somerhill
- Tunbridge Wells Courier Heart of the Community Award
- The villagers of Pembury and, of course, the parents and supporters of the PAYFC members themselves.

Cllr June Crowhurst, Chair of Pembury Parish Council's Amenities Working Group said: **"After a lot of hard work and commitment by all parties, this is a momentous moment showing what working together and communicating with all partners can achieve. The end result is a pavilion which will benefit everybody in the village for years to come."**



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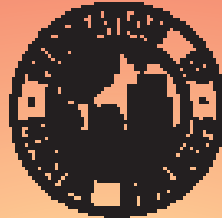
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PAYFC AND PPC PAVILION PARTNERSHIP – continued

David Gow, Chairman Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club, said: **“Today’s event demonstrates what can be achieved when the community and funding partners, like the Football Foundation, work together. A vision is becoming a reality, a vision which will benefit the young footballers of Pembury for years to come.”**

Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, also at the ceremony, said: **“The whole Pembury community has come together to make this happen and I warmly congratulate everyone for their hard work and perseverance. The Pavilion will be a village asset which I hope will be enjoyed by many generations to come.”**



Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation said: **“This is an exciting day for the people of Pembury as work on their new pavilion gets underway. I am delighted that the Football Foundation is supporting this latest boost for grass roots sports in partnership with the Kent FA. I strongly encourage other organisations across Kent to apply to us for funding.”**



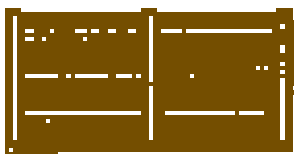
The Football Foundation is dedicated to revitalising the grass roots of the game, constructing modern football facilities, developing football as a force for social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities throughout the country. Funded by the Premier League, The Football Association, Sport 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.

Paul Dolan, Football Development Officer at the Kent County FA said: **“Well done to everyone involved with Pembury Athletic (Youth) FC for all their hard work and determination which has resulted in significant investment from the Football Foundation to create a community pavilion. This will have significant football development benefits on the local community for years to come. Pembury Athletic is a very proactive club which has been recognised by the Football Association with the FA Charter Standard Development club award.”**

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PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT 2007

TWENTY-THREE TEAMS of six people filled the Village Hall for this year's Parish Council Quiz night on 12 May. The quiz, run by and in aid of the Scouts and Guides, is a firm fixture in Pembury's calendar. The teams represented many of the organisations in the village; all were hoping to win the cup and the cheque for £250 to give to a charity of their choice. Keith Merrin was a very able quiz master and his great strength kept us all going to the end with the help of Adam on computer and the Trefoil Guild acting as scrutinisers.



Quick-fire rounds interspersed the themed rounds and a 'long round' on rivers. The top places varied throughout the evening, but the final result after The 'Big A's' excellent football round score meant they pipped 'Tried and Trusted' at the post with Pembury Footpath Walkers just four points behind them in third place. As winning team, the 'Big A's' received the cup from Parish Council Vice-Chairman Steve Morton and the cheque which they promptly donated to the Scouts and Guides.

It was a very enjoyable evening, the wine and beer flowed and the raffle tickets all sold. Many thanks go to all those who came and took part, those who kindly donated raffle prizes and especially everyone who helped to organise and run the evening.

After all the expenses had been paid the total profit was £588. In addition, the winning team gave the £250 cheque to the Scouts and Guides which means they will have over £800 to help maintain the headquarters building. Specifically, they will spend the money raised on much needed tables and benches.

If you didn't win this year, then better luck next year. See you then!

Janet Ditchett, Guides & Scouts Secretary

CAB AT PEMBURY LIBRARY TO CONTINUE

TUNBRIDGE WELLS CAB is very pleased to confirm that the weekly advice service on a Wednesday morning in Pembury Library will continue this year.

The churches in Pembury have very kindly agreed to fund the project for a year. This will cover the costs of providing a fully trained Advisor who can provide information and advice on matters such as benefits, employment problems and housing disputes.

Over the past year the service has proved to



be very successful with many local residents taking the opportunity to call in for assistance.

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KATHARINE HELPS LAUNCH PEMBURY IN BLOOM

THREE-YEAR-OLD KATHARINE SMITH went to work last week with her grandma to help local Councillor and Chairman of Pembury in Bloom Working Group, June Crowhurst, launch Pembury in Bloom 2007 at Notcutts Garden Centre. Getting Katharine to help with the launch emphasised the 'In Bloom' organisers' wish to see even more local children entering the children's category of the competition. Katharine's grandmother, Jean Smith, works at Notcutts Garden Centre, Tonbridge Road.

"Children are the gardeners of the future," says garden centre manager, Aston Bull, "and we would love to see even more of them entering their floral feats for the best container planted and maintained by a child or group of children. With prizes and certificates to be won it is certainly a fun introduction to gardening. At Notcutts we also have the potato growing competition with children seeing how many potatoes they can grow from one seed with a chance to win a family trip to the Vegetable Kingdom at Garden Organic."

Pembury in Bloom encourages villagers to enter their gardens for some great gardening prizes and is run by a partnership of Notcutts Garden Centre in Tonbridge Road and Pembury Parish Council. The closing date for this year's entries is Monday 9 July. Judging takes place shortly afterwards and the winners' names will be announced at a special presentation tea to be held at Notcutts. Entry forms are included with this edition of the Pembury Village News. If you lose it or need another, the forms are also available from Notcutts Garden Centre or the Parish Council office.

"With the lovely spring we are having and the water restrictions lifted, 2007 is a great year to enter," says Cllr June Crowhurst. "We are encouraging everyone to get out their gardening tools, sort out their gardens and enter this lovely community competition. It really is open to everyone and we hope to see loads of entries in the children's section."

This year's categories are:

- Notcutts Best Front Garden – prizes of £100, £50 & £25 in Notcutts vouchers
- Best Residential Hanging Basket/Container – prizes of £70, £30 & £15 in Notcutts vouchers
- The Best Container Planted and Maintained by a Child or Group of Children – prizes £20, £10 and £5 in Notcutts vouchers
- The Notcutts Rose Bowl for the Most Attractive Commercial Frontage
- The Fredrick Barden Trophy for the Best Allotment – prize £50 in Notcutts voucher

Good gardening!



PSA HOST 'CIRCUS WEEK' AT PEMBURY SCHOOL

CIRQUE DE NORMANDY will be here in Pembury for one week in June. This is a very exciting time for the children, staff and supporters of Pembury School. All children will take part in Circus Week, which will culminate in three action-packed performances which will include some of the Pembury School children!

Performances will be open to the community, so do put these dates in your diary – 28 and 29 June. Tickets will be on sale via the School Office; for further details, please contact either

the School Office or Gillian Mayrick on 824852.

To find out what the children of Pembury School will be up to, why not look at the Cirque de Normandy website www.circus4schools.co.uk

This year's School Fete and Musical Evening will take place in the Big Top, events not to be missed! This is another date for your diary – Saturday 30 June.

Gillian Mayrick, Pembury School Association

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PAYFC QUIZ NIGHT/MINI AUCTION OF PROMISES

ON 21 APRIL 20 teams of keen quizzers took part in a lively, builder-themed quiz hosted by the junior football club at Pembury School. Keith Merrin and Ian White lead the building team, grilling the contestants on a range of subjects. In between the rounds were mini auctions led by Kevin Edser with a huge variety of prizes and promises. Thanks must go to Karen Dodd and Gillian Mayrick for organising the auction of promises.



The bar staff team had to pull out after round 2, due to being overworked behind the bar, by the other teams' tactics of continuously buying drinks! Around £1,600 was raised in total and a great time was had by all!

The winning team, the Muppets, were made up of Teresa Stevens, Dick Vigar, Guy Vigar, Shelley Grainger, Andy Bashford and Jan Vigar.

BOWLING AGAIN!

AFTER THE unfortunate fire that completely gutted the clubhouse in the recreation ground, the members of Pembury Bowls Club have not been idle over the winter months. Planning permission for a new Clubhouse has been granted by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and following agreement about a new lease and the release land, we have permission from Pembury Parish Council to build a **NEW CLUBHOUSE** within the bounds of the present site but nearer the green so that visitors can eventually sit and watch from the clubhouse. Construction of the new clubhouse began in April and we intend to be up and running for the summer.

There are still hurdles to overcome and money to be raised for fixtures and fitting but we, the Members, are excited about the prospect of a new larger modern clubhouse and in turn hope more Pembury people will come and enjoy the game. You do not have to join the club to play as we also provide Pembury's public facilities for a small fee.

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RECREATION GROUND REGENERATION – A PROGRESS REPORT



AS THE NEW Parish Council started its four year term on 14 May, a brief check on progress with the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground Regeneration Plan may be helpful.

The children's playground was completed last autumn and has proved extremely popular, showing the huge demand locally for good facilities in 'the rec.' While this was mainly funded by the Parish Council, thanks go to the parents' group who raised a good sum of money for one of the items of equipment.

Work on constructing the new sports pavilion started in May, thanks to the large Football Foundation grant and substantial funding from the Parish Council aided by County and Borough Council grants. Massive thanks are due to the vision and hard work of Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club who played a major part both in convincing the Parish Council and others and in organising funding events. Once built, the pavilion will not only be for junior football, but will serve as a community facility open to all.

Last Winter, every resident was able through a survey in this magazine, to identify their preferences for the next stages of the recreation ground improvements. The clear priority identified was a multi sports area for youth with a hard surface, robust fencing, goals and some seating, roughly on the site of the old children's playground. Many youngsters in Pembury have subsequently been consulted further on this by the Parish Council. The timescale for construction will depend on prudent financing given Pembury is only a fairly small parish council with many commitments. Therefore, in addition to any direct funding by the parish, it is hoped that many youngsters (and others) will be able to get together and raise funds. If we can identify all the funding, this scheme will start during the summer.

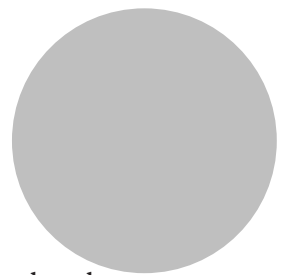
Other preferences identified from the survey, include a footpath link between Woodhill Park and Westway, a playground for 'middle range' youngsters and the upgrading of other paths etc. These will follow in due course (subject again to prudent funding), with the Parish Council committed to completion over its current term of office.

Lastly, Pembury Bowls Club who lease the bowling green from the parish and who provide public access to this, have also started work on rebuilding their clubhouse following last year's fire. The new lease allows for the release of some land adjacent to the recreation ground car park back to the parish.

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

THE SPRING MEETING of Pembury Society was a great success despite the rainy evening. David Gow, chairman of Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club, spoke first about the highly successful football club, founded in 1983. It now has over 150 boys and a few girls as members, over 80% of whom are Pembury residents. In a lively and entertaining talk he explained how they raised funding for the new pavilion in the recreation ground and encouraged other village groups to make use of it when complete.

After the refreshment interval, writer and publisher Chris McCooey gave a highly amusing talk on wacky Kent characters from the recent past including Pembury's own Dr. Dorit Waterfield who apparently used to use placentas for tomato fertiliser and cook road kill for dinner. He also entertained with comical tales about Denys Eyre Bower, previous owner of Chiddingstone Castle, and Percy Powell-Cotton, formerly of Quex House. The number of books he sold afterwards was a good indication of how much everyone enjoyed the evening.





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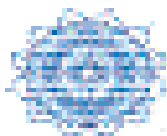
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Forget the flat caps, allotments are becoming fashionable among inner-city eco-warriors. So why the sudden urge to grow your own and, with constant demands for new land to build houses, how safe are our allotments?

What's worth a 10-year waiting list? How about the chance to get mud on your boots and talk about carrot propagation?

Because the face of the traditional allotment is changing. It's no longer just old men, Thermos flasks and Woodbine smoke coiling over the vegetables.

Instead there is a new breed of allotment enthusiast - more likely to be younger, female and bringing along the children to help out.

And the demand for these allotments is such that in some inner-city areas there are waiting lists stretching out for years and years ahead.

"There are far more women on allotments now," says Claire Willis of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG).

Food for thought (ouch!)

And in Pembury . . .

Why not grow your own in Pembury?

In our village, at the corner of Woodside Road and Henwood Green Road, we have a large allotment site where there are plots vacant for a very reasonable rent.

You can grow your own fruit and vegetables in a friendly, relaxed environment. The allotment holders who have been cultivating for a number of years are extremely knowledgeable and if you wander up on a Sunday morning they would be pleased to give you any advice if needed to get you started.

Just think, this could involve the whole family having some quality time in the fresh air! In a few months' time you'd be able to see the direct fruits of your labours and enjoy the taste.

Contact Yvette Allen, Deputy Parish Clerk Tel: 823193 10am-12noon Monday to Friday or email: deputy@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk



MAUREEN BOWS OUT

AFTER 25 YEARS' involvement with the Scouts & Guides Headquarters building, Maureen Redmond has stepped down from the management committee. She spent many years as its secretary, followed by Linda Wiltshire and Janet Ditchett.

Maureen was presented with 'Thanks Badges' from both Guiding and the Scouts at the Village Quiz in May.

Group Scout Leader Mike Cartwright presenting Maureen with her badge



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Are you fed up with people zooming through the village at silly speeds? Annoyed that you can't ever seem to cross the High Street or Lower Green Road because of fast cars? Is Pembury the new Le Mans racetrack? Well, you could help to sort this out . . .



What is Speedwatch? Many villages and small towns have a problem with vehicles that fail to reduce speed. On country routes, a 60mph zone may regularly become a 30mph zone as it passes through small communities. Yet many drivers don't reduce their speed until they are well past the speed limit sign. And many only slow down by a small amount – not enough to be within the speed limit. These drivers risk the safety of local residents and pedestrians – especially children.

What is the Speed Watch scheme? Speed Watch is a scheme that gives parish councils around the county a chance to record the speed of vehicles travelling through their area. A speed indication display (SID) is set up to measure how fast vehicles are moving within the lower speed limit. This is a sign that shows drivers their speed - but only if the vehicle is over the speed limit. The registration numbers of vehicles found to be speeding are then logged. If a driver is found to be speeding twice within a twelve-month period, the registered owner receives a warning letter from the police. If the same vehicle is caught three times, there is a further warning, and possibly follow-up action by police officers.

What is the aim of the scheme?

The scheme has two aims:

- to educate drivers about the consequences of speeding;
- to make them more aware of their own driving habits to allow residents to help improve road safety in villages where speeding is a constant problem.

Who runs the scheme?

The Speed Watch scheme is run by Kent Police in partnership with Kent County Council and Pembury Parish Council.

If you would like to help, please contact Steve Morton who will be very pleased to tell you more – email: stevemorton@pembury.org or tel: 824938.



PEMBURY GIRLS GRADUATE!

AFTER MANY YEARS of hard work, dedication and not a few late nights poring over books, Nicola Duffy and Alison Morton got their just desserts.

On Saturday 28 April, Nicola and Alison received their degrees from Lord David Putnam at the Open University's graduation ceremony at the Barbican, London.



Nicola was awarded a First-class honours degree in Psychology and said she owed her success to commitment to her studies and interest in the subject. Not to mention the support from friends and family (including their willingness to participate in experiments!), which made OU study possible while working full-time. "It has been a great experience, and the OU has almost become a way of life".

Alison, who had followed the three-year Masters' programme in History, added that she found it challenging at first, but extremely rewarding. She amazed herself by gaining a distinction in her

18,000 word dissertation on women serving in the German Armed Forces in the Second World War. "I was able to use my language abilities, combining them with research and writing skills."

Both agree that following an OU course required dedication, hard work, a sense of humour and self-organisation. However, apart from the qualification, both felt they had gained new skills, a sense of achievement and had reinforced a lifelong passion for learning.

COMPAID'S OWN RUNNER

FOLLOWING THE appeal in the Spring edition of the Pembury Village News for a volunteer to take up the challenge of running in the 2007 London Marathon for the benefit of COMPAID Trust, Dr Peter Lautch kindly 'ran' forward.

Peter, who had a place allocated to him, chose to help raise the profile and funds for a local charity, for which we are most grateful. A dedicated athlete, Peter's time was excellent, he finished the 26 miles in 4 hours 49 minutes, a splendid achievement and the staff, clients and volunteers of COMPAID Trust wish him heartfelt thanks. Well done, Peter.



Credit is also due to all of you that have assisted with the event by advertising, collecting sponsorship money and donating to the cause. At the time of going to press the sum raised is well in excess of £2,000, we will broadcast the final amount in due course. Many thanks for your continuing support.

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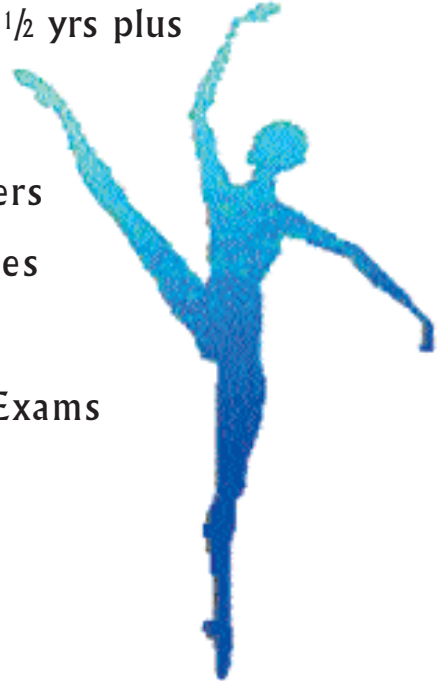
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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

The results for the election for a new Borough Councillor to represent Pembury were as follows:

Lorraine Braam (Lib Democrat)	687 votes
June Crowhurst (Conservative)	955 votes
Christopher Luke (UKIP)	118 votes
Turnout was 39.7%	

June Crowhurst becomes the new Pembury Councillor – congratulations to her.

STRAWBERRY TEAS . . . MMM!

Come for tea at the Old Church on Saturday 30 June at 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Enjoy strawberries, cream and scones and listen to the music of the Wealden players in a country churchyard (if wet, inside the church!)

HARVEST SUPPER WITH A DIFFERENCE – SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM.

Enjoy a Barn Dance as part of the celebrations at Pippins Farm, Maidstone Road, Pembury. Tickets £10 including food. Tel: 822029 or 823932

MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO GET NEAR!

Now that everything is growing madly, please ensure that you keep your street-side hedges, trees and shrubs trimmed. Your ‘gardening delight’ may be just at toddler or dog eye level and if it has thorns or sharp-edged leaves could cause scratches, irritation or worse.

Not wishing to get heavy, but please remember that excessive greenery overhanging the pavement – which is part of the highway – can be deemed to be blocking the highway and thus illegal. Get those trimmers and shears out, please! The cuttings can then be composted and/or put in your brown bin. A win-win situation!

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL’S REPORT A HEDGE SCHEME:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/highway-maintenance/trees-hedges-verges/hedges.htm>

If you think a hedge may be causing a problem on a pavement, path or road, you can tell

KCC about it using their online fault reporting form. You will require an e-mail address to complete an online report – if you do not have an e-mail address please call 08458 247 800.

PAYFC RAISING THE ROOF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – SOME INTERIM RESULTS

£1,100 was raised on race night, with £1,600 from the quiz/auction of promises evening. The Buy a Brick campaign has been extended into the summer. Do contact Kevin Edser for more details on tel. 823643.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

On Sunday 30 September 2007 churches all over the country will be saying ‘hello again’ to people who haven’t been to church for a while. St Peter’s will be joining in ‘Back to Church Sunday’ and would gladly welcome anyone who hasn’t been for a while or who has never been to church before. Of course, you don’t have to wait until then as you would be welcome at any of our services in either the Upper Church or the Old Church; but we realise how difficult going to Church for the first time can be. On 30 September, which will also be the Harvest Festival, there will hopefully be lots of other people who’ll be in the same situation – so why not bring a friend too?

ST. PETER’S HOLIDAY CLUB

21-24 August 2007, 10am-12.30pm. Craft, games, songs and drama for children aged 5-11 who are already attending school, £3 per session. Booking forms available from St Peter’s Church, Hastings Road from 1 July 2007.

FOOTBALL – THE BEAUTIFUL GAME – HERE IN PEMBURY

Driven on by recent successes on and off the Pitch, Pembury Athletic (Youth) FC is looking to recruit players of all abilities for the age groups Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15. Three coaches are also being sought to support the current coaching staff. If you have an opinion on how the “beautiful game” should be played, the Club will provide support and training.

PEDALLING FROM PEMBURY TO PARIS

AT THE END OF December 2006 I was ambushed by Donald Allan to take part in a sponsored bike ride for the new Pavilion for Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club. I don't know whether it was Donald's persuasive charm or what I was drinking but I said yes. After all it was for a good community cause.

The cycle ride was to be from Pembury to Paris, 27 to 29 April 2007, a distance of 200 miles, with the second day being a distance of 100 miles! A keen mountain biker, I consider myself reasonably fit but the furthest I had cycled was about 40 miles. I had to train on my road bike and get even fitter. This sounds easy, but in the winter it took some doing in the cold and wet. I cycled to work in Maidstone. I took my bike on holiday to Tenerife and cycled up Mount Teide. Over the months I lost a stone in weight.



All the participants by the Eiffel Tower. From left to right and back to front there are: Glenn Maule, Paul Barrington-King, Tim Hammett, Donald Allan. Neil Osmond, Les Roberts, Steve Dunkerley, John Reynolds, Nick Donald, Mike Canvin. Paul Sammons, Mel Hambleton, Alan Steinle, Charlie Hambleton and Steve Burnett

Thirteen guys (unfortunately no girls) took the challenge and emails bounced around concerning what mileages we did. Group rides were arranged for Sundays. We met regularly at The Camden to discuss the trip and details such as preventing saddle problems which I won't go in to. Donald and Paul Barrington-King organised the event with military precision. They drove the route and tested the hotels and restaurants so that on the morning of Friday 27 April 2007 we were ready for anything.

During the journey to Newhaven, we separated into three groups according to ability which we stayed with throughout the journey to Paris. The fastest group had five riders. My group was next with six. The last group had two including a mountain bike.

After the ferry and night in Dieppe we set off for the 100-mile day! After about 20 miles our group was overtaken by the fast group who had set off later than we did. Ten miles later they overtook us again having taken the wrong turn! We took it in turns at the front drafting the guys behind so they could rest, averaging about 15.5mph. The route was superb through beautiful French countryside. It was mainly flat except for three big hills

which 'King of the Mountain' Charlie Hambleton blasted.

We had two support cars driven by Mel Hambleton and Steve Burnett. They were our saviours throughout the three days supplying us with food, drink and encouragement. The yellow jersey went to Mike Canvin on the mountain bike for finishing the 100-mile day, supported by Paul Sammons. After an evening at Poissy we set out for Paris, finishing at the Eiffel Tower where we had a medal celebration and returned triumphantly by Eurostar to the UK.

We are already talking about another cycling event next year. Come along you will enjoy it! Thanks again to the organisers and participants of this event for making it so memorable. We expect to raise in excess of £2,500.

John Reynolds

GREG CLARK IN PEMBURY

GREG CLARK MP paid a visit to Pembury on 20 April to open the extended Camden Arms Hotel.

Fifteen en-suite rooms have been added to the pub which overlooks the Village Green in the very middle of Pembury. Tammie Rejbakoz will manage the accommodation side for landlords Carole and James Cunningham.

In the evening, 'Absolute Abba' tribute band played to a packed Camden Arms' which was hugely enjoyed by everybody there.



ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

THE BEAVERS, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders in the 1st Pembury Scout Group were on parade at the Annual St George's Day Parade in Calverley Park, Tunbridge Wells on Sunday 29 April 2007.

If you feel you could give a couple of hours a week and join us, we are always open for new leaders to join. The more leaders we have, the more we can offer to the youngsters of Pembury. To find out more about how you can join and have great fun, though sometimes tiring but very rewarding, please contact Group Scout Leader Mike Cartwright on 823235 for more details.

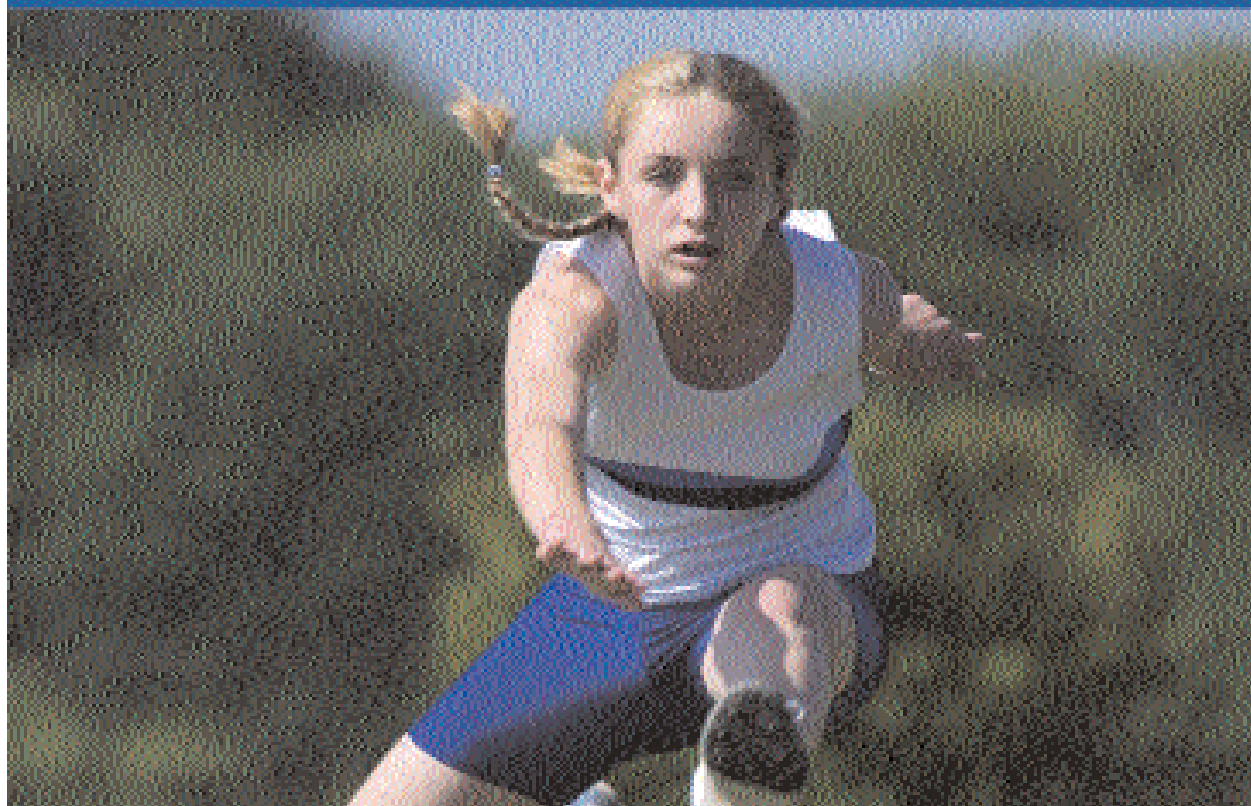




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PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

WITH THE 2006/7 season almost completed, this is an opportune moment for me to update you on the club's fortunes. As you may be aware, the club runs four teams, two on a Saturday and two on a Sunday.

The Saturday first team play in Division 2 East of The British Energy League and will comfortably finish in middle table. For such a predominantly young side this is a creditable position and bodes well for the future. The reserve team have finished similarly placed in Division 1 of the Tonbridge League. This side is a combination of senior heads from the first teams of the past and some young legs of the future, some of whom have come through from the Junior section in the village. The team had a good run in two cup competitions reaching the last thirty-two of the County Cup and the semi-final of the Tunbridge Wells Charities Cup.

The Sunday first team play in Division 1 of the West Sunday League and this year were crowned champions, with a record of P 20 W 14 D 5 L 1, scoring 51 goals and conceding only 11. They also reached the countywide section of The Kent Premier Trophy before going out in the last sixteen, a creditable achievement. The strengthening of the Sunday first team had a knock-on effect with regard to the reserves who similarly had a very good season, finishing runners-up in Division 2. They, too, reached the countywide section of the Kent Cup and similarly went out in the last sixteen.



*West Kent Sunday League Division 1 Champions 2006/7:
Pembury Sunday*

On a disappointing note, our changing rooms at Woodside were a target for would be vandals during the season and we would like to stress that nothing of any consequence or value is contained within the building. We are a self-financing club which considers itself part of the community. We welcome the youth of the village to join us and the only effect that this damage has is to reduce the funds that we have to provide football. So please think before you act, the club is there for you, your friends or family too.

With regard to the youth in the village, and in particular those becoming too old for the junior section, you are most welcome to join us either on a Saturday, Sunday or both. Next season we are starting a third team on a Sunday predominantly as a youth side and we are pleased that many of the current junior Under 18 side are joining us. Whilst we will still only run two teams on a Saturday next season, there are plenty of opportunities for new players here too, so we hope that you will join us when pre-season training starts in July.

Finally, the club is almost 100 years old and we are busily planning our centenary celebrations for 2007/8. We have established a database of all players, officials and supporters of the club over the years and are writing to them all with invitations to participate in the various functions that we will hold. If you haven't heard from us in this respect but would like to take part, please contact me on the details below. Additionally, I am writing a book entitled One Hundred Years of Pembury Football Club and would love to hear from anyone who can lend me photos, memorabilia or just provide me with stories and information from the past for inclusion. Please e-mail me at andrew@rice-tucker.fsnet.co.uk or telephone on 822483.

Andrew Rice-Tucker, Chairman, Pembury Football Club

LESLIE GREGORY – 1930-2007

A CROWDED CHURCH with sunshine streaming through the windows and bathing a communion of smiling, happy people in a warm glow. These are the memories of Leslie Gregory's celebration of his life after his recent passing. During the service at Pembury Baptist Church, we witnessed sentiments and tributes that were heartfelt, a reflection of an extraordinary life.

Leslie was born into a Christian family on the 18 July 1930 in Ilford, moving shortly after to Petts Wood, near Orpington in Kent. He left school at the age of sixteen and began his training as an architect along with following his interest in art with participation in evening classes. Conscription into the armed forces saw Leslie 'getting some in' with an 18 month spell in Bahrain and Aden as an Education Officer. Once demobbed in September 1957, he wasted no time in getting a ring on to Joy's finger later that month before undertaking his Baptist Ministerial training at Rawdon in Leeds.



It was in 1960 that Leslie and Joy, along with their daughter Susan, moved to West Hill, Hastings, to serve at Halton Baptist Church. A son, Paul, followed a year later. All pastoral visiting was undertaken on Leslie's trusty bicycle with the steep hills of the area providing a daily challenge.

The next Pastorate was in the London suburb of Battersea where he discovered a real affinity for the ethnic diversity of his Church. His wife Joy comments *"Here a real love and respect for Jamaican folk was fostered, many having only recently arrived in this country but bringing with them a real love of Jesus"*. During this time Leslie suffered two serious heart attacks but he, as we all know, had great spirit and refused to let this deter his commitment. The final Pastorate for Leslie saw him moving south to Edenbridge, Kent, from whence he dispensed his talents and qualities for the Baptist Missionary Society headquarters in London and latterly being an Area Representative in East Grinstead and Salisbury. This role saw him travelling widely across the South of England engendering interest, support and prayer for people serving overseas.

Leslie was soon in demand at exhibitions in locations such as the 'Spring Harvest' in Minehead and the Isle of Wight Keswick where he used his creative energy and artistic talents to great effect by using contributions from his visits to Brazil, India and Thailand where he recorded wonderful pictorial evidence with his much loved camera. With a sister working for thirty years with the Christian Literature Crusade in Japan, Leslie had the opportunity to visit her in Tokyo, Japan, which his wife remembers as 'a joyful experience for him'. Expecting to retire in Waterlooville, a sad family predicament saw the Gregorys moving to Pembury in September 2001.

Faced with the choice of full retirement, taking an Open University course or throwing himself into the community, all of us are grateful that he made a welcome decision. Within a year, he was a Parish Councillor and an intrinsic and valued member of our Baptist Church. Walking the roads and meeting the people, Leslie used his skills to fundamentally make people's daily life better. Taking over my Parish chair at Public Relations, I remember warmly complementing him on 'picking up the baton' and moving things on with his safe pair of hands. During his rare spare time, and with his hobby and love of model trains, we found him as a Travelling Ticket Inspector on the Kent and Sussex Steam Railway at Tenterden. When relaxing at home he would recover from his daily exertions by listening to his excellent jazz record collection.

When illness beset Leslie, he never once played the sympathy card – he just carried on with his life. When he confided in me that treatment was no longer an option he remained stoic and determined not to give in to the illness until his last breath. I remember sitting at meetings with him and sharing a glass with him at social events, astonished at the man's inner strength and determination. When writing my recent article on Joan Wales he was the first to offer assistance and he proved to be an

LESLIE GREGORY – 1930-2007 *continued*

excellent facilitator of our profile. Sometimes frail, but always with fire in his heart, twinkling eyes and great humour he was an excellent companion. For those of us who believe in the next life we can take comfort that Leslie as Joy puts it 'Is in the presence of The Lord'. A fine man, a life well led and a privilege to have known him. I and many others will miss him greatly. Well done, Leslie, and thanks for everything.

Paul Barrington-King

LESLIE IN THE COMMUNITY

I remain amazed at the sheer impact Leslie made on the Pembury community in the surprisingly short period of time he lived here. He not only became a major asset on the Parish Council, always willing to help and take on anything difficult, but was also a huge friend and consolation for anyone in Pembury with a problem. His Christianity and love (and personal help) for others shone in everything he did including his Parish Council work, which he managed to make relevant to everyone, older people, youngsters, Tuesday Market, lunch clubs, drop in centres, Community Partnership, other churches, planning matters, 'officialdom' generally, the list is endless; everyone knew and appreciated Leslie. He was a tower of strength in our community and we were honoured to have had him as a friend.

David Coleman, Chairman, Pembury Parish Council

LESLIE AND PVN

Leslie was a pivotal part of the team producing this very magazine that you are now reading. His finger was on the pulse of village events, so he was invaluable as a reporter bringing in the news. Leslie wrote in a lucid, informative and often humorous, but never flippant, style. Indeed, his acute sense of humour infused our editorial meetings, sometimes unlocking the way to get through difficult, sometimes sensitive, problems. But Leslie's forte was his penetrating eye, much in evidence as proof reader, particularly on the book proof prior to printing. Weire r yo, Lexlie?

Alison Morton, Editor, Pembury Village News

RACE FOR LIFE

MY DAUGHTER Louise (Latter) and I entered this event for the first time on Wednesday 16 May. We thought 'At least we don't have to run it as we can walk round the 5 km path at the Paddock Wood Hop Farm Country Park!' The atmosphere was buzzing with over 1300 ladies of all shapes and sizes(!) warming up before the race began. We started off at a steady pace . . . it took us four minutes just to get through to the start line . . . but we realised that if we wanted to finish at under the one hour we needed to stretch out a little more. (That's not so easy for me – I have short legs!)

However, we decided that we would have a big finish and jogged the last 50m over the finish line. I felt a great sense of achievement having walked in memory of four close friends namely, Leslie Gregory, Robert Theobald, Laurie Wilkinson and Terry Utting. Robert's widow Allison and her daughter Becky, finished the course with us. Between my daughter and me we managed to raise £600 which all goes to Cancer Research.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us and if you would like to enter this Race just go to their website www.raceforlife.org they have been holding these races at venues all over the country. If you didn't make it this year put it in your diary for next. See you in 2008!

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FREEDOM, CHOICE AND INDEPENDENCE

AS KCC'S CABINET Member for Adult Social Services, I visit care homes, respite and day centres and learn from service users, carers and staff about the challenges they face day in and day out. The key message that comes across is that despite age, infirmity or disability, those who use our care services rightly expect to be treated as individuals, with freedom, choice, and independence.

'Direct Payments', based on a very simple concept, is a significant step towards this freedom. Under Direct Payments, the care manager assesses the needs of an individual, and agrees the cost of an appropriate care package. But rather than simply arranging that package, the funding is credited to a bank account controlled by the user. Of course, this model is not suitable for everyone, but many feel more empowered by taking control of their own care delivery.

Several Pembury residents benefit from the freedom and independence that Direct Payments bring, and across the county over fourteen hundred people now pay for individualised packages of care, tailored to their specific requirements.

It seemed a natural extension of this concept for Kent County Council to launch the Kent Card, our latest innovation. For two years, we have worked in partnership with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to develop a VISA payment card which could be used by individual service users to pay for their care packages. The card account is opened by RBS, and an agreed weekly amount is paid into that account by KCC – although families can top up with additional funds should they wish. The service user then uses this card to pay easily and quickly for their care requirements up to the limit on the account – thus eliminating any risk of over-spending. The simple application form is completed in the individual's home by KCC staff, rather than having to travel to the bank

Apart from providing a greater sense of control over their own care package, there are administration efficiencies – the user no longer has to spend time detailing individual transactions, as the care account statement will provide all of these. KCC is now making substantial savings as bureaucracy is reduced, and the council is now looking to widen the scope of the card to pay for a range of other KCC services. Future applications may include school students paying for their school meals, or parents of three and four year olds entitled to free nursery education using the card.

With over 65,000 more people aged over 65 predicted by 2016, and more adults with learning and physical disabilities expected, investment in a preventative agenda is critical to reduce future dependence on social care, and to ensure more people can remain in their own home for as long as possible.

Kent County Council is pioneering ways to give our more vulnerable residents more control over their lives, peace of mind, and a better quality of life. I'm immensely proud to be a part of that revolution.

To find out more about Kent Direct Payments, call 01304 841987 or go to www.kentdp.co.uk

Kevin Lynes



*Kevin with Pembury's
Stephen Adderley at the
launch of the new Kent Card*

EXAM HUMOUR

Some answers from last year's GCSE papers . . .

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A. Flirtation makes water safe because it removes large pollutants like grit sand, dead sheep and canoests

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman emperor

Q. Use the word "judicious" in a sentence to show you understand its meaning.

A. Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.


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PEMBURY VILLAGE HALL

WITH NEAR perfect Millennium project timing, the new Village Hall opened in September 2000. Built at a cost of £458,000 – a colossal sum for a population of 6,500 to raise, and achieved through a combination of grants, donations and lottery funding – the new hall replaced an outworn, inadequate and rather shabby facility. To match the much larger and better appointed hall, ‘Pembury Village Hall’, a charity registered with the Charity Commission had to be run as any modern business, with close attention to the bottom line.

The Hall’s village user groups – The Pembury Society, Village Market, WRVS Luncheon Club, Bridge Club, Pembury Gardeners, Pembury Players, Afternoon WI, Evening WI and Short Mat Bowling Club each elect a representative to become a Trustee and serve on the Management Committee, which meets four times a year. Three representatives are appointed by Pembury Parish Council, which acts as the Custodian Trustee of the Charity. There can also be up to three members elected from the floor, at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees have financial control, along with responsibility for the upkeep and general development of the Hall as a village resource. This has to be reconciled with the object of the charity, which includes: ‘for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Pembury . . . including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants’.

So – what are the typical recreations and occupations which keep the Village Hall at the centre of Pembury life? Well, all of the above, together with lots of dancing classes for all ages, activities for children, Parish Council, self improvement of various kinds, meetings, exhibitions, parties, wedding receptions and shows. It is important that the Hall is available for all village interests. The month of May also sees the popular annual village quiz and the spring meeting of the Pembury Society. Last year, the Hall served as venue for Radio 4’s “Any Questions” and looked resplendent, although this was of course lost on the radio audience!

To return to the bottom line . . . The Management Committee has recently been looking at hire charges. As we all know, there have been significant increases in utility bills and services over the past couple of years and the Hall is a heavy energy consumer. (Not helped when Hall users forget to switch off lights and sometimes leave taps running. Very un-green!) The suggestion has been made that sensors be installed. Responsible stewardship entails expense however, and as the Hall ages so the expense will increase. Already, we have had a complete internal makeover, including the Hall floor, lighting and sound. Expense has also been incurred in the kitchen and a larger oven will be installed shortly.

We are fortunate indeed to have Rachel Windus as our Hall Manager. Rachel has been very active in developing Hall usage and recently took on the added role of licence holder following the introduction of the new licensing laws. Alcohol issues are taken extremely seriously, especially when a younger age group are involved. There has been the occasional incident of criminal damage and the Management Committee does not wish to be known as a bad neighbour.

The AGM of the Management Committee is on 20 June 2007 in the Hall at 8 pm – see you there!

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GAME ON

PEMBURY SCHOOL recently completed its 5th appeal to help those who live in the poverty-stricken African country of Mozambique. The appeal, GAME ON!, ran from April 20 to May 4. The goal was to raise £900 to buy two computers for the Iris orphanage in Maputo, Mozambique that Pembury Baptist Church teams have visited over the past four years. The orphanage is building a computer 'suite' that will be used to help educate the children and better prepare them for when they leave the orphanage and seek employment. They are aiming to have the suite built and classes up and running by October 2007.



Over the 2 weeks of the appeal, the children fundraised by collecting small change, washing cars, holding bazaars and cake sales participating in sponsored silences, bounces, computer 'famines', bike rides, dog walks, runs. You name it, they did it!! GAME ON! fever broke out in the school for two weeks! The children threw themselves into the appeal and raised a phenomenal amount of £2,272, enough to buy five of the computers that will fill the suite.

I would like to say a big thank you and 'well done' to the children, parents and staff of Pembury School on behalf of those children in Africa who will benefit enormously from their generosity and love. Your giving will make a huge difference to the lives of those for whom life has dealt a very raw deal and who deserve a bit of a helping hand out of poverty. Thank you so much.

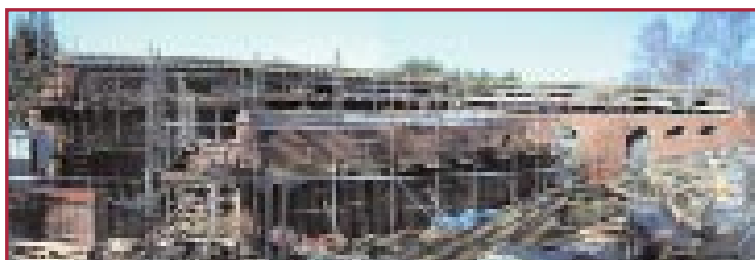
Christine Sayell



*Pembury School
Maypole Dancing on
the Village Green*

NEW BUILD AT PEMBURY SCHOOL

THE NEW BUILD at the school continues to move at speed. The workmen are now finishing the exterior and have started the work of plastering on the inside. The outside has been rendered and painted. They are about to join the infant block and the new build next week by creating the joining walk way. School anticipates the completion to be by the end of this academic year, when we will have two Year 3 and two Year 4 classes in the new building.



Cath Thewlis

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JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

SUMMERTIME IS FOR enjoying just being in the garden on warm sunny days, either delightfully lazing under a large parasol or enjoying a barbecue with family or friends. So it is important that the garden is looking good, with grass mown, pots and hanging baskets full and decorative, bedding plants a riot of colour. These annuals carry on until the first frost and are also very useful for filling spaces beside early flowering perennials that are over. This can be achieved with seed sown straight into the soil after a good shower of rain.

Don't forget regular dead-heading that keeps your flowers blooming throughout the summer plus feeding with water-soluble plant food to boost their display.

Roses will need their second application of granular rose feed in mid-summer. Keep a watch for aphids that can be a problem. Drown them with sprays of diluted washing-up liquid.

Weeds can also be a nuisance but using

your hoe to catch them while they are tiny is invaluable. They don't have a chance to set seed and can be hoed out and returned to the soil.



Sad to say, this is my last gardening article for the magazine. I have enjoyed writing and sharing my views with you all and hope you are finding gardening as rewarding as I do, even with all the trials and errors.

Happy gardening!

Jan Davies

Thank you, Jan, for sharing your views and advice over the past five years. You can now use your well-earned retirement to spend more time in your own garden! Editor

Pembury Village News now needs a new gardening correspondent, so if you fancy stepping into the post, please contact the Editor (see page 2).

LET'S PLAY OUTSIDE . . .

JUST IN TIME for the summer, Little Rascals (mother and toddler group at Pembury Baptist church) has finished its outdoor play area.

Every week we offer a different craft activity, story time session and nursery rhyme singing. With all this activity going on, hunger sets in and we therefore provide a healthy snack for the children and coffee and cake for the carers.

On Wednesday 18 July, we're having our summer party (with bouncy castle) from 10am to 2.30pm so please come and join us.

Little Rascals takes place during the school term on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon; we meet in the church hall of the Baptist church (Romford Road). For more information, call 825590.

Little Rascals Team



CRIME IN PEMBURY

IT SEEMS IT WAS only yesterday I was writing regarding the onset of dark evenings and the normal increase of crime; suddenly we're back to long light evenings.

There has been a dramatic, but welcome, drop in the reported crime figures for the months of Jan, Feb and March down to 40 as against 63 for the quarter before Christmas. Whether this is because troublesome families have moved away or mended their ways, I don't know. Perhaps some of the groups who roamed the village have disbanded. The most welcome reduction is that of criminal damage, 24 down to 13, drugs 4 down to 2, although assaults have risen from 3 to 5.

Pembury by-and-large is a peaceful place and God forbid the day we ever let crime become an accepted way of life, so please

keep reporting anything of a criminal or suspicious nature. Neither do we want to reflect national incidents where knife carrying or even school bullying become another column in our crime figures. We should teach our children to look after and care for and respect each other, showing them by example.

I would also like to highlight the actions of a thoughtless dog owner who actually deposited at least twelve dog whoopy bags in the twitten between Henwood Green Road and Henwoods Crescent. How can anybody be so selfish? Perhaps he/she would like them dumped in their garden.

Have a great summer, keep reporting and let's get that figure down to thirty or below.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary dwelling	Burglary other	Criminal damage	Road and Reception	Drugs	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft of Mares	TOTAL
January 2007	1	1	2	9		1			6	20
February 2007	1	1		2						4
March 2007	3		2	2	2	1	1	1	4	16
TOTAL	5	2	4	13	2	2	1	1	10	40
ROAD										
Beagles Wood Road	2			1						3
Bellfield Road				2		1			1	4
Brickfields								1		1
Bulls Place			1	1						2
Elmhurst Avenue				1						1
Hastings Road	1	2	1	1					2	7
Henwood Green Road	1		1				1		1	4
Henwoods Mount	1			1		1				3
Hightfield Close									1	1
High Street					2				1	3
Lower Green Road				4						4
Maidstone Road				2					1	3
Old Church Road			1						1	2
Tonbridge Road									2	2
TOTAL	5	2	4	13	2	2	1	1	10	40

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

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

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

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

CAB Pembury Library Wednesday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm

June

28 & 29 Cirque de Normandy at Pembury School performances. Details 822259 or 824852

30 Pembury School fete and musical evening - Details 822259 or 824852

30 Strawberry & cream teas - Old Church - 2.30 -4.30pm

30 Pembury Youth Theatre Academy Show - Pembury Baptist Church – 7.30pm. Details 825144

July

2 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm

4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Evening Barbecue – details 822769

5 Pembury Afternoon WI: Lantern Show with Peter Greenwood – Village Hall – 2pm

6 Pembury Evening WI: Magistrates in the Community – Village Hall – 7.45pm

7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15pm

9 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.15pm

9 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

9 Pembury in Bloom closing date – see enclosed leaflet

12 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am

14 Pembury Gardeners: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

August

1 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Members' garden party – contact Secretary for details 822769

2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Members' meeting – Village Hall – 2pm

3 Pembury Evening WI: Members' meeting – TBA – details from 824969

4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm

6 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm

9 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am

10 & 17 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: Summer Fun Sessions – All ages, just turn up –
Lower Green Recreation Ground – 10.30am-12.00noon – 554108 for details

21-24 St Peter's Holiday Club: Children's craft, games, songs AND drama – 10am-12.30pm
Booking forms from St Peter's Church from 1 July

September

1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Arms bus stop – 2.15pm

3 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm

5 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Winter Hanging Baskets' – Upper Church Meeting Room 8pm

6 Pembury Afternoon WI: 'My Life as a Midwife', Margaret Buss – Village Hall – 2pm

7 Pembury Evening WI: Tai Chi talk & demonstration – Village Hall – 7.45pm

8 Pembury Gardeners: Autumn Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

10 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

10 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.15pm

13 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am

22 Harvest Supper & Barn Dance – Pippins Farm – 7.30pm. Tickets and info 822029 or 823932

ROSIE'S RECIPES

I HAVE PUT TOGETHER a few favourite recipes that I enjoy doing and eating. They are quick and easy so that you can spend more time out and about enjoying the (hopefully) fine summer weather that we might get this year.

Couscous Salad

Ingredients: (serves 4 approx)

14fl oz (400ml) vegetable stock
1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
1/4 teaspoon paprika
6oz (175g) couscous
2 salad tomatoes, diced
1 x 3in (7.5cm) piece cucumber, diced
1 red pepper, seeded and finely diced
2 spring onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint (personally I didn't like it with this but you might)
juice of 1/2 lemon
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



Preparation:

In a saucepan, bring the stock to the boil, add the spices then the couscous and stir well. Remove from the heat and cover with a lid for 1 minute. Pour the couscous into a large bowl. Add the vegetables and parsley, mixing well, and season to taste. Just before serving, drizzle with the lemon juice. Serve hot or cold.

Greek Salad (with a difference)

Ingredients: (serves 4)

1 crisp Romaine lettuce
1 cucumber, diced
6 ripe tomatoes (I like beef tomatoes, quartered or cherry toms)
1 red onion, diced

1 green pepper, seeded and diced
8 oz (225g) of low fat feta cheese (or full fat if you prefer)
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
12 black seedless grapes, halved (or black olives if you prefer)

For the dressing

1/4 pint (150ml)
apple juice
2 tablespoons
white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon
mustard
pinch of sugar
salt and freshly
ground black
pepper



Preparation:

Combine all the salad ingredients in a large bowl and then arrange onto four individual plates. Place some of the feta cheese on top of each salad, and scatter with the grapes or olives. Combine all the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Just before serving, pour the dressing over the salad. Serve with a jacket potato and natural yogurt mixed with chives.

Chocolate Trifle

Line trifle bowl
with chocolate cake
or a chocolate
Swiss roll. Add
fruit – usually
black cherries
(tinned and de-
stoned are fine).



Use juice to make
a blackcurrant jelly (1 pint) and pour over
sponge mix. Sherry or a spirit (liquor) can be
added if it is just for grown-ups. Leave to set.

In the meantime make a chocolate custard –
when cool pour over jelly mixture. Leave to
set. Pipe with whipped double cream and
sprinkle over a Cadburys Flake bar or
chocolate curls (or grated chocolate).

Rosie Bass

LOCAL ELECIIONS – DAVID MILLS

A note from Pembury's County Councillor

Kevin Lynes

I would like to mention David Mills, who stood down as councillor for Pembury at the May election after many years of sterling service to both Tunbridge Wells Borough in general and Pembury in particular. He was both effective and measured as an elected member and as Leader of the Liberal Democrats and will be much missed. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Kevin Lynes



EASTER CELEBRATION

ON GOOD FRIDAY, 6 April, Christians from all of Pembury's Churches gathered for prayers together on the Village Green. The service, which was attended by members of the congregations of St Anselm's, Pembury Baptist Church and St Peter's, was led by Fr Liam Gallagher, Revd Wayne Alexander and Revd Matthew Jackson.

The beautiful Spring weather was a stark contrast to the horrific events surrounding Jesus' death on the first Good Friday; which were being remembered. The service was followed by refreshments which provided a chance for the members of all the churches to meet informally. Revd Matthew Jackson said, *"Together we are the Christian Church in Pembury and it was good to be able to share this important day with the individual churches united in prayer."*

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
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Communion)

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7.30pm

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