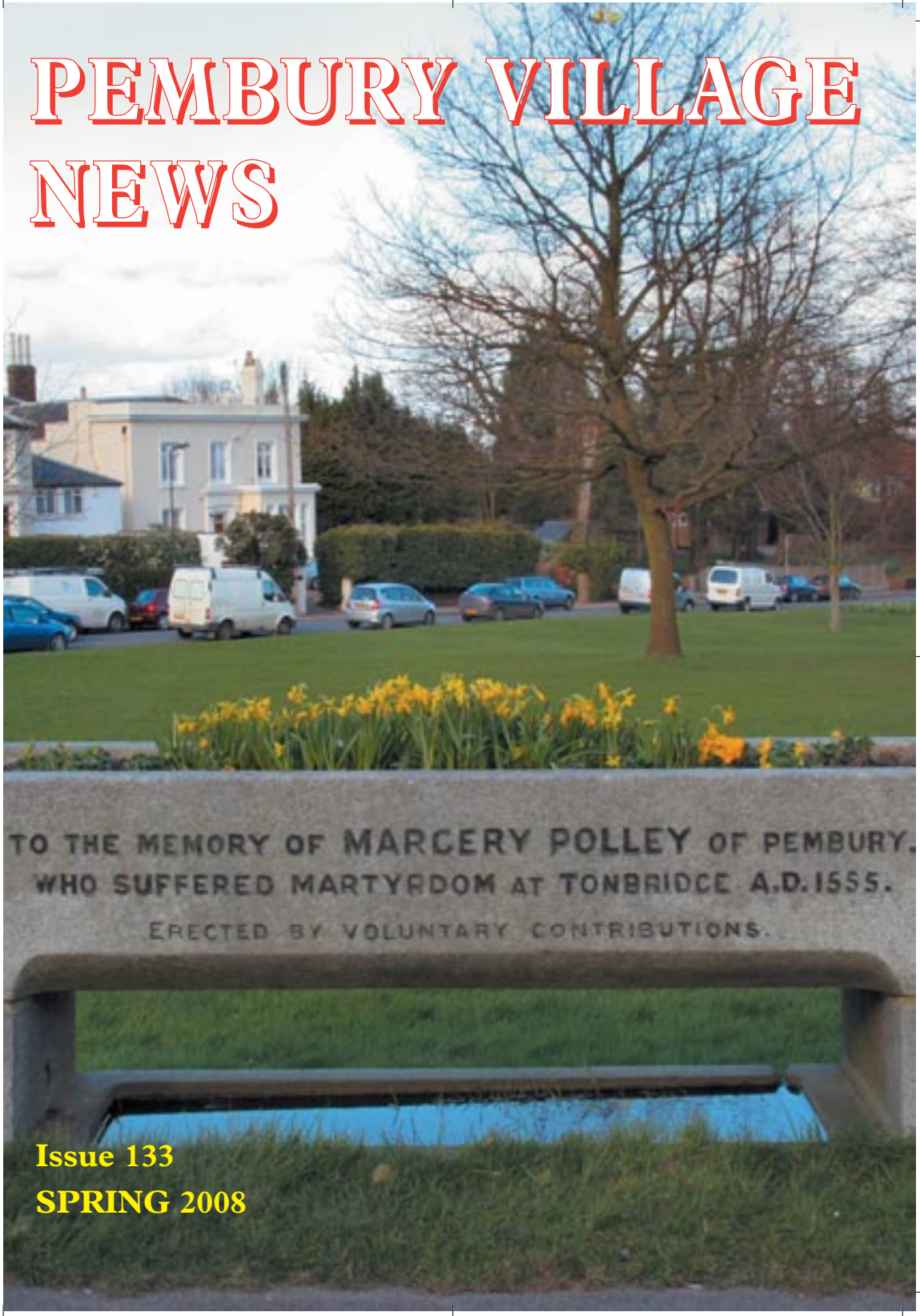


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£50,000 GRANT FROM THE BIG LOTTERY FUND FOR PEMBURY PLAY PROJECTS

AS READERS will remember from previous editions of the News, Pembury Parish Council has been driving through the regeneration of the Lower Green Recreation Ground. The first phase was the new young children's playground opened in 2007. The next phase is an older children's area to be built in 2008. Tenders have just come back and the Council will meet shortly to consider them.



In late 2007, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council was bidding for a large grant from the Big Lottery Fund for play areas and invited parishes to submit proposals. Cllr June Crowhurst, Chair of Pembury Parish Council's Amenities Working Group, and her team worked hard to put together a bid for Pembury, based on specific local needs and firm plans to address those needs.



Tunbridge Wells Borough Council was eventually awarded a total of £206,700 from the Big Lottery Fund to put towards four play projects in Rusthall, Pembury, and Langton Green, and a Play Roadshow that will tour the borough.

The good news is that Pembury Parish Council will receive £50,000 to part-fund the new youth area at Pembury Lower Green Recreation Ground.

A beaming Cllr June Crowhurst said: "We are delighted with the grant as it will mean Pembury children and young people will benefit from new play opportunities."

"We are pleased that The Big Lottery Fund recognized the need for such facilities in this area and would like to thank them and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for their support."

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PEMBURY PAVILION

ON THURSDAY 7 February, Pembury Parish Council formally handed over the newly built pavilion in Lower Green Recreation Ground to the Management Committee who will take over running the facility.

The pavilion, for community and junior football use, is the result of a great partnership between Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club and the Parish Council; it attracted a massive Football Foundation grant of £386,000 as well as public grants, including from Pembury Parish Council.

The official opening will be on Saturday 3 May and an Open Day will be held on Sunday 4 May when members of the public can come along and have a look at the splendid new pavilion. More exact information about times, etc. will be publicised in the Kent & Sussex Courier nearer the time. For all information, contact Carole Edser on 823643 or on email pemburypavilion@msn.com



Left to right: Karen Gow, Cllr June Crowhurst (seated), (Pembury Parish Council), Carole Edser (Pavilion Contact), Bev Wyatt (Chair, Management Committee).



Left to right – Charlie Vockis (Hodders), Clive Hodder (Hodders), Kevin Edser (PAYFC), Derek Briscoe (Architect), Ian Young (Architect), David Gow (PAYFC), Cllr David Coleman (Pembury Parish Council).

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PEMBURY YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY

PEMBURY YOUTH Theatre Academy has now been running over a year, and in that time, Dee Barrington-King and Maddy Earley have seen it go from strength to strength.

We are now very lucky to have Linda Goodhart join our team as a singing coach, and hopefully in the future, Holly Ward to coach drama. Rose Sammons, our helper who we couldn't put on a show without, is always there to help the younger members with their movements.

The show last December was a mixture of song and dance, with routines such as a 'Blast from the 70s', Christmas candlelight songs, and even a comic script with characters from Catherine Tate and Little Britain. A percentage of the show's proceeds went to a project close to the children's hearts - the building of the older children's play area. We were all very pleased to be able to hand over a cheque for £450 to June Crowhurst of the Parish Council.

We are always looking for new members and anyone interested should call Dee on 825144. The age range of the children is 5-14 and classes are held on a Monday night at Pembury Baptist Church. We are also thinking about holding classes for 3-5 years.

So if your child enjoys singing and dancing, making friends, learning new skills and needs a confidence boost then give us a call – the first night is free.

Dee Barrington-King



CHARLES AMHERST'S ALMSHOUSES

NOTICE OF VACANCY

In the matter of the Charity known as CHARLES AMHERST'S ALMSHOUSES, in the Ancient Parish of PEMBURY, in the County of KENT (Registered Charity No. 209602)

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy exists in one of the Almshouses of this Charity.

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Anyone wishing to apply for this vacancy should write for an application form to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr G. H. Stafford, 1 Greenleas, Pembury, Kent TN2 4NS.

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OVER THE PAST year we have seen many improvements to the Headquarters building through the hard work of the management committee. The guttering and fascias have been replaced and the outside kept tidy. Thanks to a grant from Kent County Council the internal lighting has been replaced and is now much safer for a building where the young people play various ball games.



Another major improvement has been a complete refit of the kitchen, thanks to the donation by Howdens Joinery of all the units and the hard work by Dice construction in fitting it all in place. We now have a bright modern kitchen which should serve us well for many years. We were also able to purchase some new tables and benches from the profit we made on village quiz night.

The building is well used by twelve different groups in Pembury and is always in need of more work being carried out to keep it functioning well. The management committee members do all they can, but would always accept more help. There are vacancies on the committee for any parent or grandparent who feels able to help. With running costs of about £5,000 a year money is tight, but we do our best for the young people of Pembury.

Janet Ditchett



Left to right: Moira Allen, Guide Commissioner; Nick Harrison, Chairman, Scout Council; Mike Cartwright, Group Scout Leader; Gill Palmer, Treasurer; Jo Wyatt, Cub Leader; Janet Ditchett, Management Secretary.

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CHRISTIANS IN PEMBURY WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMUNITY



2008 is the Year of Hope, a fresh Hope and a big Hope. It is the year in which Pembury's churches – Baptist, Catholic and Church of England – are joining forces to support the community both spiritually and physically. Think of a sort of triangle that extends up to God in prayer, outward to the wider community through serving and inward to fellowship among Christians.

The concept of Hope 2008 is founded on prayer and the first priority has been to set up a prayer programme for all 62 roads in Pembury. Each week, all the houses in the selected road(s) will receive a leaflet explaining that their road is to be prayed for in all Pembury's churches.

Community action begins with a clearing up/litter collecting session on Sunday 27 April, starting from St Anselm's Catholic Church at 2pm, with appropriate equipment provided and refreshments available later in the Baptist Church. Hope 2008 seeks to closely involve the youth of the community, and along with other events for the young, Pembury will be staging a sponsored sleepover in aid of the homeless.

One date for your diary is the Village Fun day that is planned for Saturday 12 July from 1pm until 5pm. For the fun day, village organisations are being approached to participate. There will be stalls, games, live bands and fun for all the family. Profits will go to local charities. Response has been enthusiastic and if you would like to run a stall or games please do contact us.

On 13-14 September there will be a weekend of community action, to include car washing, gardening for the elderly, cleaning and tidying community spaces, visiting the elderly and infirm. Later in the autumn there will be an inter-church quiz night.

Whereas Hope 2008 is nationally inspired, it is really down to local communities to make it happen. Pembury is making it happen, through a team of people drawn from all the churches. Of course, the hope is that this is just the beginning . . .

Everybody is invited to participate in all the Hope events, so if you are interested in taking part please contact Jemma Alexander, Pembury Baptist Church's Community Projects Leader on 825590.

Jemma Alexander

COMMUNITY

DATES IN English from 1375, from Latin (via Old French) 'communitas' meaning 'the same' which is in turn derived from communis, which means "common, public, shared by all or many". Communis comes from a combination of the Latin prefix con- (which means "together") and the word munis (which has to do with performing services).

The Latin word 'communitatem' meant 'fellowship, community of relations or feelings', but in medieval Latin it was used concretely in the sense of 'a body of fellows or fellow-townsmen' [OED].

The online encyclopedia, Wikipedia gives us 'A community is a social group of organisms sharing an environment, normally with shared interests. In human communities, intent, belief, resources, preferences, needs, risks and a number of other conditions may be present and common, affecting the identity of the participants and their degree of cohesiveness.'

Food for thought . . .

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 2008 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 31 March at 8pm. This is a public meeting open to all who live in the Parish. The Chairman of the Parish Council, David Coleman, will give his report about what has been happening over the past year. It is a chance for residents of Pembury 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.

ROSIE'S RECIPES FEEDBACK

A very enthusiastic Bill Foord of Highfield Close rang up to offer congratulations to the author of Rosie's Recipes in the Winter 2007 edition. He had seven friends over after Christmas and cooked them the Roast Goose with Fruity Stuffing (page 36). He said it was "Fantastic!" He was going to cut out the recipe and save the recipe and no doubt use it again. Our colleague Rosie Bass was very chuffed that Bill had enjoyed it. More of Rosie's delights on page 36 of this edition.

FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

Lots of people keep ringing up the Parish Office regarding individual street lights which are either not working, or burning all day, BUT without the lamp number (which identifies the lamp in question), the authorities responsible cannot take any action. The number is found on the column at about eye level or slightly below. Please make a note of all the letters and numbers before you report the fault. The best thing to do is to contact Kent Highways direct who are responsible for most of the village lighting. The new 'phone number is 08458 247800

For those connected to the Internet, there is an email link to the Kent Highways on

the PVN site (www.pembury.org) and also a hyperlink direct to the Kent Highways Fault Reporting Form.

A COUPLE OF THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR . . .

We regularly receive information from West Weald Watch about crime in the area and have a couple of recent examples for you to ponder.

A Tunbridge Wells man was approached by another man who said he was a taxi driver and needed some change. While the first man was looking in his wallet a third man came up snatched it out of his hand.

We all want to help other people, especially with such normal requests, but perhaps we should be a little more careful in these circumstances.

The other example is where a house in Pembury was burgled and four passports stolen. Other valuables were left, so this was probably targeted at the documents. One commentator said that a helpful hint was to have a photocopy of your passport showing the photo page with all the coding so that the stolen documents can be more easily reported and hopefully traced. Obviously, these photocopies should be kept carefully in a safe place completely separate from the original documents.

If you have information about a crime, contact numbers are 01732 379217 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ

The quiz will be held in the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury on Friday 9 May 2008 at 7.45pm for prompt start at 8pm. The quiz is open to all organizations 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

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quizmaster will be Keith Merrin and we hope you all enjoy the evening. Tables are available only by advance booking; entry forms and details from phone 822586.

Entry forms can also be downloaded from www.pembury.org. Completed forms should be sent with the entry fee to be with the organisers by **Friday 25 April 2008**. 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. There is a finite number of teams that can be fitted into the hall, so please enter early to secure your place!

VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR – AN AMENDMENT

In the last edition, we published a reminder about the Village Events Calendar run via the Pembury Village News website (www.pembury.org), but unfortunately made a mistake in the email address! However, things have moved on and Janet Ditchett, who runs it, now has a new email address: jmditchett@pt-c.co.uk. Her telephone remains 822586.

So if you want to look up details of an event or check your planned event doesn't clash with another, do consult it. If you are arranging or have arranged an event, do let Janet know and she will post it in the calendar for you.

SCHOOL DATES

We've sometimes been asked to put in the Pembury School dates in the News, but often there really isn't any room to fit them in. Also, this information is really easy to get from the school itself on tel. 822259 or from the school dates web page at <http://www.pembury.kent.sch.uk/schoolevents.htm>

PEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL – POSSIBLE MISSING NAMES

The Parish Council is arranging to have the War Memorial on Hastings Road cleaned and refurbished and would like to check that the list of names is accurate. The most recent names are those from the Second World War. However, British service personnel have taken part in campaigns in almost every year except for one since then. The War Memorial commemorates publicly those who have died in service to their country in military action. If you know of anyone whose name should be on there for campaigns since 1945, please let the Parish Clerk know with a note of their birth and death dates, who they served with and place of death. Full contact details for the Parish Office on page 38.



THE HORSE, THE WITCH & THE WHIZZER

IF YOU DID not see the Pembury Players pantomime, you missed a good night out. Pantomime is all about audience participation and this village knows to do that well! The pantomime was written by Pembury's own Jemima Wobblebottom (Maggie Weaver) and was full of fun from start to finish.

The King has two unmarried daughters – the kind but not-so-beautiful Princess Dahlia (played by Chris Tampsett as the dame) and beautiful but not-so-kind Princess Petunia (Sophie Bowen). The villain (played by Karene Bloxham – who only took over the part at the last minute), is really evil and plots to marry and then bump off both sisters (cue boos from the audience) in league with the wicked Witch Whatwherewhyhowwho (Caroline Mazzey), along with a fantastic tap dancing Hoof, the pantomime horse.

The plot unfolds gradually but in the end, the principal boy (Walter Butt played by Janine Clayden) gets Princess Petunia, whilst Princess Dahlia marries the gorgeous stable lad, (played by Arthur Mazzey). But not until the nasty Witch has mended her ways and lifted all the curses she has inflicted on the villagers over the years. The final curse she breaks reveals that the quiet witch's cat is in fact the long lost Queen who is returned to the bosom of her family.



Hoof the panto horse (Esther Mazzey and Laura Hambleton).



The supporting cast, the dancers and the singing was everything pantomime should be. It's a pity that everyone in the village couldn't get to see this production but the 300-odd who did thoroughly enjoyed it. So please Pembury, make sure you book your tickets early for Pembury Players' next production.

Janet Ditchett

*What can we do?
Caroline Mazzey,
Sophie Bowen and
Chris Tampsett.*



Princess Dahlia (Chris Tampsett), Witch (Caroline Mazzei), Sir Q la Saw (Karene Bloxham), Walter Butt (Janine Clayden).

CALLING ALL SQUIRRELS

PEMBURY PLAYERS' archive collection of posters, programmes and clippings is not as complete as it could be. Recent years are just as bad as more distant ones surprisingly (due, I confess, to complacency on my part caused by having everything 'on the computer', only to have the machine let me down)

If any of you ex-Players or members of the audience have any old stuff lying around that you could donate, I would be very grateful. If you don't want to donate, I'll happily photocopy and return your things.

In particular, please does anyone have the programmes for: Luvvies Actually – a revue we did in summer 2004; Snow White – the panto from 2005; I'm Cinderella, get me out of here! – the panto from 2006?

Also, there are a lot of gaps during the late eighties/early nineties. Partly this is due to our programmes having no clue as to the year date on them! So, can you definitely say when these shows were – perhaps you were in it, or married that year, or had a baby or something indisputable?!

Pandemonium – a revue
 Absolutely Barmy – a disco + cabaret
 Good for the Rhubarb – a revue
 For your Pleasure – a revue
 A Pre-teens Pirate Party

Also, when were the following three plays performed: Gosforth's Fete by Alan Ayckbourn; This Desirable Cottage by Anthony Booth; The Dear Departed by Stanley Houghton?

If you can fill any of these gaps, please contact Caroline on 822493. Thanks for your help.



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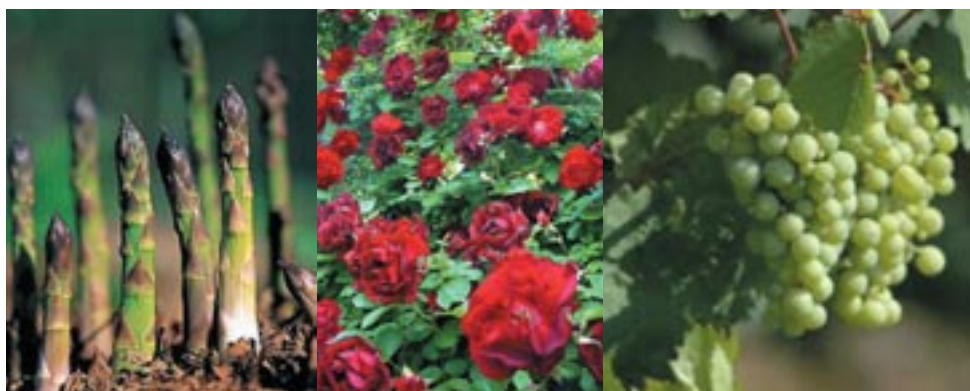
MY PLOTS are already pretty full and I've taken the drastic step of smothering my wild flower meadow with tarpaulin to clear it. I'll need the extra space because I'm going to 'nuke' another section with RootOut to get rid of the Horse tails epidemic – meaning that that bit will be out of use for a year. RootOut and anything else containing Ammonium sulphamate is being banned for garden use this spring and even owning it becomes illegal after 22nd May – so panic! I need to use as much of it as I can before then. The wild flowers will recover. In fact, I remember a few years ago when we rotovated the meadow, fresh seed came to the surface and it was much better for it. Really rejuvenated! That's when someone pointed out to me that poppies grow in wheat fields – because of the regular ploughing.

Another pesticide that is going is Derris (Rotenone), which I've used occasionally for flea beetle infestations on my cabbages etc. Derris is allowed by most organic standards because it's made from a plant. I don't think there is any alternative. Apart from damaging the young cabbages, I quite like flea beetles because they make a chorus of 'clicking' noises when you pass by (as they jump to safety, maybe) and it sounds like the Lilliputians greeting Gulliver!

After talking about it for about three years, I have finally got rid of my raspberries and am thinking about trying to grow a vine. The slope is perfect for grapes – facing approximately west. And with our new weather they could do really well. I need to find out about varieties of dessert grape or whether to go for wine production?

A friend asked me recently if it was worth growing certain things for example onions, because they're so cheap to buy anyway. I do tend to grow things that are expensive to buy or don't keep well, like raspberries and strawberries. Certainly grapes fit into the expensive category, but there are also the things that just taste better, like potatoes. Runner beans are also a crop that pays you back financially and asparagus too. I'm never surprised at the cost of asparagus though, because it takes up so much space, for such a short season. As for Artichokes, you would have trouble finding them to buy at any price in this country. But the best of all is fresh flowers. The way I can just get bunches of flowers for home without picking from my garden is a real luxury. I know my roses don't have the long straight stems of the florists' blooms and the thorns are terrible, but they smell much, much nicer.

Caroline Mazzezy



LOOKING FOR THE HARLEQUIN LADYBIRD

HAVE YOU heard of the new visitor to the country? The Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre would like to introduce the harlequin ladybird (*Harmonia axyridis*), the ladybird alien to the UK which is extremely invasive. According to some authors, this species competes with our native ladybirds and might replace them as the grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) did in Kent with the red squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*). However, as a ladybird, it can still help the gardener by eating aphids.

Originating from Asia, this new ladybird was first recorded in Britain in Essex, 2004. Since then, Kent has become a "hotspot" for the species. The species is currently being surveyed by members of the public and entomologists from the Anglia Ruskin University who describe it as "the most invasive ladybird on earth".

We would like to invite you to track the species by keeping an eye out and telling us if you see one. You can also record your sighting on the national website for the species: www.ladybird-survey.org.

How to recognise a harlequin ladybird

- It is usually bigger than other ladybirds (6-8mm long, which is at least as big as a 7-spot ladybird);
- It may be a variety of colours, which explains its name 'harlequin' which means 'colourful' or 'changing-colour';
- It may have lots of black spots (15 to 20) or 2 or 4 orange or red spots;

- It normally has brown legs.

As a recording centre, we collect, collate and disseminate wildlife information specifically for Kent & Medway.

Essentially, if we know where species are we can work towards protecting them. You can get involved in wildlife recording by letting us know about the harlequin ladybird in your area or anywhere in Kent & Medway! In addition to the harlequin, we are interested to know about all species (plants, fungi, birds, spiders, etc.) occurring in Kent. Common



species such as rabbits and blackbirds are as informative as rare species!

To be a useful record, information needs to contain the four 'W's to meet national standards. These are **Who** (the Recorder's name = you),

What (the recorded species), **Where** (the record location) and finally, **When** (date of the sighting).

If you think recording may interest you, please do not hesitate to contact us at: Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre (KMBRC), Tyland Barn, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD
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BUTTERFLIES AND YOUR GARDEN

IN THE LAST edition, I mentioned how important it was to plant and encourage groups of nectar producing plants and to plant various types in clumps depending on size of garden.

It is even more important when the last survey reveals that three out of four varieties of our butterflies and two out of three varieties of our larger moths are in decline.

So remember, we have to feed the caterpillar as well as the butterfly. Before you go uprooting stinging nettles, they are a vital source of food for the Red Admiral butterfly and moths such as Scarlet Tiger, Spectacle, Small Magpie and Snout. Likewise, holly and ivy are favourite for the Holly Blue, cuckoo flower for the Orange Tip and Green Veined White and many more.

Spring nectar producing flowers include aubretia, bluebell, clover, daisy, dandelion and many more. Summer nectar producing plants include buddleia (which if pruned late March will provide a late source of food), French marigold, ice plant, knapweed, etc.

In the ideal world it would be nice to plant up part of the garden and let other little patches grow wild. Let's see what we can do to ensure that these beautiful creatures are saved from extinction.

Hugh Boorman

*Butterfly pictures (from top):
Orange-tip; Garden Tiger moth;
Small Tortoiseshell; Large Blue.*



PEMBURY MEMORIAL GARDEN

PEMBURY PARISH Council has recently created a memorial garden sited in the Burial Ground at St Peter's Upper Church, Hastings Road, Pembury. This is not designed as a place for the interment or strewing of ashes, but a focus for relatives who wish to have a place in Pembury to quietly remember a loved one.

The ground was dug and approximately 40 rosebushes were planted last November which are now sprouting leaves and by the summer will look lovely.

The idea for this came from a Pembury resident who wanted somewhere in the village to go and remember a loved one. The Parish Office was approached and we are now pleased to say that this has been developed. The first plaque was placed in the ground on 25 February.

The criteria for purchasing a plaque are:

- (a) The deceased was a resident of the Parish of Pembury
- (b) The applicant is a resident of the Parish of Pembury.

Details and an application form can be obtained from the Parish Office on 823193.



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NATURAL SMART GARDENING

AT LAST! After long separation from our gardens over the winter we are called yet again to our green duties. By now, everything has got out of hand and much needs doing.

Before you start your spring clearing take a pause. Personally, I believe that we go too far with our obsession for tidiness in our gardens. Does everything need to look absolutely immaculate? Or could we possibly leave some room for wilderness where nature can get on with its own creativity? It doesn't have to be ugly or unsightly. All nature needs are a few small corners of your green space that are not exposed, and a few native plants to feed its creatures.

I was recently clearing a mature ivy bush that has taken over a wall. I had to stop when I saw two frogs hibernating in the depth of its growth. They should be awake in a month or so and I can then carry on with clearing the ivy. Seeing them there gave me an idea that the spot might be ideal for a wildlife shelter. If I don't want the ivy to destroy my wall, I can put together a log pile and let some ivy to grow over it. In that way, everyone could be happy. Hopefully, the invertebrate lot under the logs on the side of the house will migrate there too, as they are viciously territorial and prefer to move of their own accord. I hate to take away their homes when I need a log for my fireplace.

The truth is that the more overgrown the garden is, the more wildlife will take refuge there. Now, you may not want them all in your garden, but a healthy balance is within your grasp. Amphibians & reptiles, such as frogs, toads and slowworms, hunt slugs. In return they ask for a corner of tall grass and a few unreachable places to hide, such as ivy or a pile of logs or stones, and a place to warm up such as a patio slab. Various carnivorous beetles that take care of pests need even less – just a log pile and no pesticides, same as their grubs, unsightly as they may be. Butterflies and moths that delight us with their graceful beauty need flowers that they can pollinate day and night, while their larvae need food and places to hide. Birds that take care of the garden pests need safe nesting sights and food supply. All of these creatures know their jobs in our gardens, we just need to let them be and not take away their habitats.



If you want to go a bit further, then plant a few small native trees, shrubs and perennials. Not only do they fix the micro-organisms and elements in the soil, but they also provide food for the above creatures, look gorgeous and require next to no care. That is what I call smart gardening. Instead of alien shrubs indifferent to local wild life, plant a stunning gelder rose, elder, broom, native privet (let it flower and produce berries – all appreciated by moths and birds; prune after the berries are gone in late winter), crab apple, rowan, wayfaring tree, whitebeam, hawthorn, hazel, all available from nurseries and garden centres.

The same goes for perennials. Their delicate beauty and independent nature will soon win over your heart. These plants can look after themselves and others around them, leaving you with more time on your hands to tell your friends, over a glass of wine, what a clever gardener you are!

I appreciate that this approach may lead to more questions that require answers and I'm happy to respond to your inquiries via e-mail or in writing. Please email mvobuk@yahoo.co.uk or write to PVN. Looking forward to your inquiries!

Masha Bayles

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

TONBRIDGE UNION WORKHOUSE

So, Pembury Hospital as we know it is about to disappear and a new hospital fit for the 21st century will rise from the ashes, but what of its beginnings?

Historically, each parish was responsible for the relief of its own poor and, indeed, from 1822 to 1837 Pembury parish owned and ran its own workhouse and farm at what is now Stanton House. Woodside Road was even known as Workhouse Lane at one time. Nationally, however, this system became unsustainable and in 1834 a new Poor Law Act was passed which grouped parishes together and authorised each group to build a workhouse. And so the Tonbridge Union was formed, run by a Board of Guardians who were appointed from local dignitaries.

The chosen site, two acres at Sandhill Farm, in Tonbridge parish, was offered at a very modest



£100 by James Alexander of Somerhill and the original building was erected in 1836. It was designed to accommodate up to 400 people and cost £4,152.

There was strict segregation of the sexes so the building had two wings with a central administration block. It was up the slope to the left of the main entrance and is now used for admin purposes. Workhouses were run by a governor with his wife as matron. The Tonbridge Union

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Guardians decided to appoint ex-NCOs to this position, but initially had trouble finding someone suitable and several governors followed in quick succession: one died, one resigned over a drink problem . . . The couple were paid £80 per annum with accommodation provided.

Over the years, the site was extended and further buildings were added. In 1837/8, a smallpox epidemic occurred and a need for an isolation block was recognised. 1856 saw the purchase of more land so that pigs could be kept and the land farmed. The produce was used in the workhouse or sold locally. In 1868, a school was provided for the children. However, after the 1870 Education Act, only the very young were educated on site and the older children attended Pembury School. As an indication of the impact the workhouse must have had on life in Pembury, during the period 1908 to 1912 some 35 children from the workhouse attended the infant department at Pembury School out of a total roll of about 85.

A chapel was built in 1870. It remains largely unaltered and is considered to be of sufficient architectural merit to have recently been listed so it cannot be demolished along with everything else when the new hospital is built.

What is now the outpatients department below the main entrance road was built in 1872 as a tramps' ward and accommodation for casuals. This completed the expansion until 1885 when another 15 acres were bought from the Somerhill estate and a comprehensive six-year building project was started. This appears to be the beginning of the hospital as we know it, as four new blocks were built: three to house the sick and one for the aged and infirm. The total number of inmates in 1890 had increased to 546.

We can assume that the Infirmary side of things developed from this date as we have evidence of deaths occurring 'in the Union' of Pembury people who are old but who were certainly not destitute earlier in their lives. For instance Samuel Dickenson, who was probably related to the

Dickensons who founded the Baptist Church, died there in 1882 aged about 88, but he had been a ratepayer and had had sufficient wealth to have the vote. It is encouraging to note, however, that over the years few people actually from Pembury seem to have become inmates. At the 1851 census, 16 out of 269 inmates were born in Pembury. In 1861, only six were from Pembury and they included a husband and wife and two teenagers who were probably an orphaned brother and sister.

The Workhouse and Infirmary continued side by side into the 20th century until workhouses were abolished in the 1930s and the institution was taken over by Kent County Council as a County Hospital. Nursing training was recognised from 1924. By this time, a significant maternity department seems to have developed as birth certificates, as well as death certificates, were now being issued with an address of 'Sandhill'. This seems to indicate that there was still a stigma attached to the place that was hard to shake off and a reversion to the original name was seen as a way of distancing the County Hospital from its origins. At this time, too, further building works were undertaken.



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With the outbreak of war in 1939, Guy's Hospital Medical School was evacuated here and the 'temporary' huts were built on the land previously used for farming (These huts were demolished in December 2007, after nearly 70 years, in preparation for the new build!). With peace came plans to rebuild the hospital and now, some 60 years on, our hopes may be realised at last.

Kathryn Franklin

Editor's note: For further information and pictures, see <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/index.html?tonbridge/tonbridge.shtml>

MAYPOLE DANCING ON THE GREEN

Mary Adams, well-known in the village, taught for 25 years at Pembury School before retiring in 1994. She master-minded the after school country dance club and in 1979 re-started the Maypole dancing on the Village Green.

Mrs Adams wrote in about the picture quiz in the Autumn News for which we published the 'answers' submitted by various residents and former residents of Pembury. She recalls, *"I can date your published photo as taken in May of that year because one of my pupils, Claire Salmon, only danced with us for one year before moving on to secondary school. I think the venue is the school field, probably at a final rehearsal. We trained 24 Maypole dancers who danced the full adult single plait and also a team of country dancers and musicians. In 1981 we included the ceremony of crowning the May Queen."*



Simone Wildey the first May Queen in 1981 and attendants



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PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

PEMBURY F.C. opened its centenary celebrations in October with a Grand Reunion Dinner at The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood where 150 players, officials, sponsors, supporters and friends, past or present, gathered for a splendid evening of entertainment.

The evening was hosted by the award winning after dinner speaker Bob 'The Cat' Bevan who, following dinner, held an interesting question and answer session with the World Cup winning legend George Cohen. This was followed by very entertaining performances from former top flight footballer, Steve Kindon, and the comedian Mick Miller.

The dinner was the first in a series of events planned to celebrate the club's centenary year and its audience contained the three oldest surviving former players in Wally Grainger, aged 93, Nicky Read, aged 86, and Bill Foord, aged 84. Pictured below from left to right are the three together with the club's two youngest players, Matt Rice-Tucker, Bill Foord, Wally Grainger, Nicky Read and Luke Hattle.



PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

PEMBURY CC is always looking for new members to join them.

The village club which, due to the devotion of its ground staff, enjoys one of the best squares in Kent, fields two senior XIs on Saturdays in the Kent Feeder League, a Sunday XI, a Tuesday Night XI, and with six ECB qualified coaches, we have a thriving junior section.

We have worked tremendously hard over the last few years to re-invent the old image of cricket for the men with the wives doing the teas (although the teas are still especially good) and work towards junior development and family inclusion. As such,



the club enjoys a busy social calendar with monthly functions for everyone. These achievements have culminated in the club being awarded Clubmark status, a prestigious reward given only to those clubs that have shown, and can continue to show, excellence in the provision of facilities and support for the junior members of its community.

We are very proud of our club and whatever your level, we would love to see you become part of it.

For further information please contact Andy Dawes 822862

PEMBURY PEOPLE – IVAN MATSINE

IN PEMBURY, many of us have experienced the challenges of parenthood with the often unconditional and altruistic support in offering our offspring the very best beginning to their journey through life. As we are all well aware, there are countless others less fortunate in this world who have had to face unthinkable adversity in their struggle to survive.

It is my privilege to introduce to you, my readers, a remarkable young man. His dogged determination and belief has led him from the most wretched childhood towards a caring and loving family and an academic education. In his own words, this often harrowing account of his early life should be held up as example to all of us. I am proud to present to you Ivan's story.



'I was born and bred in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, where life expectancy is 40 years old. I have never known who my parents are or if I have any siblings. When I was five months old I was taken by the local police from the hospital in which I was born to a baby orphanage. From that moment on I have lived in different orphanages in Maputo, moving from one to another depending on my age.

When I was eight I was transferred to an orphanage called Chihango, where I stayed for five years, along with 800 others, ranging from 8 to 35 years old. Initially, this was a government-run orphanage but was more like a military camp than an orphanage. Life was very harsh and we were treated like animals, with frequent beatings, physical and emotional abuse, heavy work duties and no love. In their warped way, bullies at the orphanage told us that this "discipline" was necessary for our future good. As you can imagine, this was a terrible place for any child to have to call home. It made the longing for 'real parents' even greater.

I remember many times I would be terrified out of my mind when men from the orphanage would come into my dormitory in the middle of the night specifically to wake and scare us. They would stab us with screwdrivers and use knives to cut us, with the purpose of terrifying us. I felt so angry towards them and bitter not only for what they did but also for the scars they would leave on my body for my entire life. It made me determine to be able to defend myself and others against such attacks. I decided to learn how to box. This skill would also help me to survive when older boys made us fight each other for food and it meant I didn't have to be a skivvy for the teenagers.

Life started to take a turn for the better at the end of 1994 when an American couple, Heidi and Rolland Baker, took over the running of Chihango. Not only did the orphanage improve physically, but they also brought love and that made a huge difference to my life. They loved God with all their hearts and demonstrated to me the depth of Jesus' love for all of us. God used them to show me how much I am worth and encouraged me to live life for Him.

Heidi and Rolland Baker are still living and working in Mozambique. They founded an organisation called Iris Ministries, which distributes aid and relief to the poorest of the poor. Amongst other things, they also run many orphanages in both Mozambique and its neighbouring countries. Pembury School has been involved in several Iris projects giving clothes, computers, a water well, school equipment and much more to the orphanage in which I grew up in Maputo.

In 2003, when I was struggling emotionally, a team from Pembury Baptist Church, led by Christine Sayell, came to the orphanage. That was the beginning of my relationship with the Sayell family, one that would develop into something much deeper.

After a year had passed, Christine and her husband, Robert, suggested that I come to visit their family in Pembury for a three-week summer holiday. She later told me that they knew I was to have a special place in their lives and, for that reason, a visit was important so I could meet the rest of the family. I had dreamed about visiting England when I was eight, so it literally was a dream come true.

I returned to Mozambique and continued my studying. My prayers were that I would be able to go to college in the UK. God answered my prayers and, in 2005, together with the Sayells, we started to look into whether or not that would be possible. In the meantime, Christine had bumped into Paul Barrington-King who suggested that the London Oriental Academy, where he teaches Higher Education, might just be the perfect place for me to study. The Principal and Paul's good friend, Sara Veerasingham, would be invaluable in assisting the rigours of meeting my aspirations with her vast knowledge and expertise in dealing with visa and entry demands.

My initial visa application was turned down. However, God had other plans and the visa decision was overturned at a Tribunal in June 2007. I now had the green light to come to the UK for three and a half years, to study for a BA in Tourism and Hospitality. Financially, I had no idea how this dream could come true but through the generosity of my English friends and newly found family, the funds for my travel and the first year of my studies were donated. I look to God to provide all I need for future years.

In August 2007 I arrived in Pembury ready to begin my new adventure. I am living with Robert and Christine, studying at college in London for some of the week and working in the cafe at Marks and Spencer's (Tunbridge Wells) for the remainder of my time. I am really enjoying the positive working environment of Marks and Spencer's. Not only am I making good friends but it is also helping me improve my English!

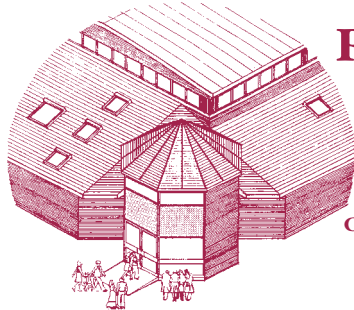
So, how am I adjusting to life in the UK? Yes, it is very different from my life in Africa. The weather, the tea consumption, more than one meal a day. The silent train commute to London, the pace of life: gone is 'Africa-time'. Warm running water and no malaria. I love my home country but, equally, I am so thankful to be here.

To reflect, my relationship with Christine and the family has moved on a long way since we first met in April 2003. They have embraced me as their adopted son and I now have a Mum, Dad and two brothers, Oli and Seb. They have shown me so much more love than my natural parents did. Having lived 24 years without family, I am so proud to have someone I can call Mum and Dad. Family is a fundamental gift that many people take for granted. For me, it is precious beyond words. I constantly thank God for the miracle of my new found family.'

I am sure that you will join me in wishing Ivan every good wish and blessing for the future and with the assurance that in prosperity, our friends know us. In adversity, we know our friends.

Paul Barrington-King

Footnote: Ivan is looking forward to the years ahead in Pembury and the UK. If you want to hear more of his story, he would love to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with you. He adds 'Do feel free to give me a call on 825809 or e-mail me at ivanmatsinhe@yahoo.co.uk. If you want to know more about Iris, check their website on www.irismin.org.'



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IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN PETERS 1937-2007

I FIRST MET Maureen when she and Bill took over the shop in Church Road in 1976. As a convenience store the children were able to buy penny sweets and cheese was cut from a slab. Occasionally, I would ask for something that was not in stock. 'Don't worry, dear' she would say and find me the item from her own kitchen as she was very kind-hearted.

Born in the East End, she had a tough life, losing her mother at an early age. She was a colourful character who liked nothing better than to party and may have embarrassed some by her love of the 'knees-up' and getting everyone to join in.

She attended St Anslems Catholic Chapel, where a funeral service was held in November. Sad though it was, the service was a celebration of her life. Some men wore glitter ties and her coffin was carried from the church to the song 'Doing the Lambeth Walk'. She was finally laid to rest, the next day, in the East End.

Goodbye and God bless, Maureen.

Janet Tompsett



At a wedding reception - typical Maureen

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

WE ARE HAPPY to say that good progress is being made to complete the internal fitting out of the new Clubhouse and we will definitely be up and running this coming 2008 bowls season at the beginning of May. Enrolment day will be held on Saturday 19 April, 10am to mid-day; come and meet us.

The Club will be hosting an Open Day for anyone interested to come along and have a go on Bank Holiday Monday 26 May from 2pm; there is probably going to be a youth challenge day (date to be arranged).



On Sunday 1 June we will be holding our annual Open Turnaround Tournament with mixed triples from other clubs, this is an excellent club day for members and friends, and as we were unable to hold it last year due to lack of a Clubhouse, we hope to make it extra special this year.

Barbara Scholten, Competitions Secretary

DAD & ME

PEMBURY BAPTIST Church is proud to announce the beginning of 'Dad & Me'. Dad & Me is designed to enable dads to spend quality time with their 0-5 year olds and other dads whilst mums have a morning off!

One dad comments; "‘Dad & Me’ is a rare and precious opportunity in my busy month to be with my daughter and other dads. Watching her play is fun, meeting other dads is great and the bacon ‘sarnies’ are fantastic!"

Dad & Me is equipped with excellent toys and crafts for the children to enjoy. It will happen on the first Saturday of every month from 10am until 11.30am at Pembury Baptist Church. All dads are welcome and the cost is £1 per family.

For more information please call the church office on 825590



CONCERTS AT ST. PETER'S UPPER CHURCH

THIS YEAR St. Peter's will run two community concerts at the Upper Church on Hastings Road. The first – on Saturday 26 April at 7.30pm – will have a jazz flavour, and will feature Rebecca Hollweg and her group. This comprises Phil Peskett on piano, Julian Ferraretto on violin and Andy Hamill on double bass and harmonica.

Rebecca is a singer and songwriter with a jazz background, and her band are all leading young jazz musicians. Her own songs have a country twist and sometimes an American folk influence. Rebecca has toured supporting some major stars including Roger McGuinn of The Byrds and Paul Carrack; she and her group have often played at London's South Bank Centre and Ronnie Scott's Club. One of her most recent appearances – in January this year – was on the prestigious pre-theatre Platform at the Royal National Theatre

So make a date to be at this 'new-style' event at St Peter's Upper Church. Everyone's welcome, and a wine beer and soft drinks bar will be available. Tickets at £7.50 are on sale now and are available from our chemist in the High Street, as well as by phone on 822029.

Later in the year, on September 27 at 7.30pm, the Upper Church will ring to the tones of the Kent Police Male Voice Choir and we hope to have more about that in the next issue of PVN.

Derek Hollweg



DUTY OF CARE

SADLY, THERE are still a few people in this village who go about their lives as if they have no duty of care towards their fellow citizens.

Dodgy Dog Owners

Firstly, I ask the people who continually allow their dogs to foul the paths and play areas (thankfully the minority of dog owners) to clean up after the animal has done its business.

Dodgy Drivers

These include the thoughtless ones who still speed through the village. They are not all youngsters! I say to them all – ‘Slow down’ – the next child you injure could be yours.

Dodgy Parkers

I know that Pembro is not always the easiest place to park in, but I ask the motorists of the village not to park where they narrow or even block the pavement, forcing mothers with prams and pushchairs or invalid carriage users to have to go out on to the highway. These are the most vulnerable pavement users and are being put in danger by thoughtless parkers.

Come on – show you do care.

Hugh Boorman

PEPENBURY NEWS

IT IS GREAT news that AXA PPP, the international insurance and private health company, has chosen Pepenbury as its Charity of the Year this year. AXA's UK Head Office is in Tunbridge Wells and we have been developing an association with them for three years now.

VOLUNTEERS

At Pepenbury we aim to have an open, inclusive environment where all are welcome. Our woods and grounds are open if you want to look around and you are welcome to visit our coffee shop during the week.

However, we would welcome more volunteers. Many of our residents have little or no family contact. Many receive no visitors and are dependant on Pepenbury for all they do. Being a befriender can bring major benefits to someone and just being prepared to visit once a month, have a chat or go for a cup of coffee with a resident would be an invaluable contribution. If you feel you could help in this or indeed any other way please do contact me. Roger Gibson Chief Executive Officer – 822168



CHARITY FUNDRAISING BALL

Date: Saturday 17 May 2008.

Time: 7pm-1am

Venue: High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells.

This year Pepenbury is celebrating its 80th birthday. As part of our birthday celebrations we are hosting a Charity Fundraising ball.

The ticket price of £50 includes a pre-dinner drink, a three course meal and dancing to The Ian Fox and Al Stewart Band. Dress is dinner jacket or lounge suit.

If you are interested in joining us for this event please contact Meredith Hagar (contact details below). The final date to notify us of your interest in our event is 29 February 2008. I look forward to you joining us for what will be a very enjoyable evening.

Meredith Hagar on 822168 or meredithhagar@pepenbury.info

CRIME IN PEMBURY

WITH CHRISTMAS long gone, unfortunately the crime figures for the months of October, November and December are a sharp reminder of how vulnerable we are, unless we are extremely careful. The total increase in recorded crime is nearly 100% – 55 against 31 for July, August and September.

The biggest increases were in assaults, up from 7 to 15, and I don't know whether these are alcohol related; criminal damage is up from 6 to 16 and theft offences up from 6 to 12. Whilst we normally see an increase over the festive period, the latest increase was unexpected and is totally unacceptable. Unfortunately, there seems very little you can do to prevent the people who creep about under cover of darkness inflicting damage at random and breaking into property when it is empty.

There was a little flurry of activity immediately after the New Year which will reflect in the crime figures next time, with damage to cars, footpath walls etc.

What we must not do is accept crime as a natural phenomenon as part of our daily lives.

We really cannot allow these people to disrupt our way of living and the general peace that exists in Pembury. You can help in this by ensuring that you report any incident or crime. Please do not think that your incident is trivial or that it will not matter if it doesn't get reported. It all adds up – a bit like a jigsaw – and helps put together a realistic picture.

Don't tackle them if you are on your own but make sure the police are informed immediately and that you get either an incident number or the officer's name.

I rather suspect that we have a new wave of petty criminality emerging but let's help stop it before it gets established.

Be careful out there!

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Assault	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Forgery	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences	Theft of Motor Vehicle	TOTAL
October 2007	7	1	2		3	6	1	20
November 2007	6	4	5	2	2	2		21
December 2007	2	1	9		1	4		17
TOTAL	15	6	16	2	6	12	1	58
ROAD								
Batchelors					1			1
Beagles Wood Road	1		1					2
Brickfields						1		1
Canterbury Road	1							1
Church Road		1						1
Greenleas			3					3
Hastings Road					1	1		2
Henwood Green Road	1				1			2
Henwoods Crescent	1							1
Henwoods Mount			1					1
Highfield Close	1							1
High Street			1	2		1		4
Lower Green Road		1	5		1			7
Old Church Road						1		1
Pembury Road	6	1	1		1	6	1	16
Ridgeway			2					2
Romford Road		1	1					2
Snipe Close		1						1
The Grove	1							1
The Meadow	3							3
Tonbridge Road		1				2		3
Woodhill Park			1		1			2
TOTAL	15	6	16	2	6	12	1	58

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-11am

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

March

29 Pembury Gardeners' Spring Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm

31 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Village Hall – 8pm

April

2 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'My Work as a Hospital Chaplain' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

3 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday Party – Village Hall – 2pm

4 Pembury Evening WI: The History of Quilts and Quilting – Village Hall – 7.45pm

5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet Stonecourt Lane bus stop – 2.15pm

7 Pembury Footpath Walkers: AGM & Talk 'National Parks' – Village Hall Meeting Room – 8pm

10 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am

14 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

14 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm

24 The Pembury Society Spring Meeting: Talks on CPRE & Pepenbury – Village Hall – 7.45pm

27 Community litter-pick and clean-up – Starts at St Anselms – 2pm. Details 825590

May

1 Local elections – all day

1 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 2pm

2 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 7.45pm

3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Meet Camden Arms bus stop – 2.15pm

7 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Children in Poverty – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

8 Pembury Gardeners: Talk 'Fruit in the Garden' – Catholic Hall – 7.45 for 8pm

9 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 7.45 for 8pm. Details from 822586

10 Pembury School: Maypole Dancing on the Green – Village Green – 10am

10 RNLI May Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10.30am to 12.30pm

12 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

12 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm

17 Hospice in the Weald Plant and Country Fayre – 10am to 2pm

June

4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: The Guiding Movement – Details 822769

5 Pembury Afternoon WI: 'Wacky, Weird & Wonderful' – Village Hall – 2pm

6 Pembury Evening WI: The Tiller Girl - Village Hall – 7.45pm

7 Pembury Footpath Walkers: All day walk – details from 823212

7 MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN – 6pm

9 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall – 8pm

9 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm

11 Pembury Village Hall Management Committee AGM – Village Hall – 8pm

12 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am

20 Hospice in the Weald – Moonlight Walk – From Hospice to Dunorlan & return. Details 820533

ROSIE'S RECIPES

BY THE TIME you read this the Spring will have well and truly sprung and we can start looking forward to some better weather. With this in mind, I have put together some tea-time recipes which I am sure children will enjoy as well as the adults (although the Chocolate Rum Biscuit Loaf is probably just for the adults). Enjoy.

APRICOT FIZZ AND CITRUS COOLER

Ingredients for Apricot Fizz: (for 4 servings)

1 litre (1³/₄ pt) apricot juice, chilled
2 x 325ml cans ginger ale, chilled
Lemon juice
Caster sugar

Put apricot juice into large jug, add ginger ale and mix well. Chill until ready to serve. Dip rims of 4 glasses into lemon juice then sugar. Pour in apricot mixture and service.



Ingredients for Citrus Cooler: (for 4 servings)

50g (2oz) caster sugar
2 tbsp mint leaves, roughly chopped
150ml (1/4 pt) boiling water
150ml (1/4 pt) orange juice
150ml (1/4 pt) grapefruit juice
Juice of 1 lime

1 litre (1³/₄ pt) lemonade
Orange rind and sprigs of mint, to decorate

Put sugar and mint into bowl, add boiling water and stir until sugar has dissolved. Leave to cool. Strain sugar syrup into large jug and add orange, grapefruit and lime juices. Stir in lemonade. Pour into glasses. Decorate with orange rind and mint leaves.

QUICK JAM SPLITS

If you're stuck for a teatime treat, then try these jammy biscuits. You could substitute other jams or try chocolate and hazelnut spread. These are quick to make and use just the basic store cupboard ingredients.



Ingredients:

(for 36 Splits)

275g (10oz) self raising flour
150g (5oz) caster sugar
175g (6oz) butter or margarine, softened

1 egg, beaten
1 tsp vanilla essence
4 tbsp strawberry jam

Preparation:

Heat oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Mix together flour and sugar. Blend in butter, egg and vanilla essence to make a soft dough. Divide dough into four and shape each piece into a roll, 2.5cm (1in) in diameter. Place on one large or two smaller ungreased baking sheets, 10cm (4in) apart from each other. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, make an indentation a little less than 1cm (1/2in) deep down centre of each roll. Fill with strawberry jam. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until lightly golden. Place onto a cutting board and cut into 9 equal pieces. Cool on wire rack and then serve or store in an airtight container. (Will freeze for up to 3 months.)

CHOCOLATE RUM BISCUIT LOAF

Ingredients: (for 20 servings)

40g (1¹/₂oz) caster sugar
3 tbsp water
550g (1¹/₂lb) plain or milk chocolate
225g (8oz) unsalted butter
100g (4oz) seedless raisins
4 tbsp rum
100g (4oz) chopped nuts, such as pecans, walnuts, hazelnuts, or almonds
100g (4oz) glacé cherries
225g (8oz) wholemeal digestive biscuits
Halved glacé cherries, to decorate



Preparation:

Put sugar and water into large pan and dissolve over a gentle heat. Bring to boil and simmer for 1 minute. Add 450g (1lb) chocolate and butter; melt together. Remove from heat and cool. Stir smooth and glossy. Warm raisins in rum to plump, leave to cool. Chop nuts and glacé cherries and break biscuits roughly. Melt 100g (4oz) chocolate over pan of hot water. Line a 900g (2lb) loaf tin with foil or greaseproof paper. Coat tin with melted chocolate. Layer chocolate cream, biscuits, raisins, nuts and cherries into tin, sprinkle rum between layers. Tap loaf tin to disperse air bubbles and chill until set. Turn out onto serving plate, peel off paper and decorate with halved glacé cherries. This could be served either as a cake or pudding. Once completed, chill the loaf overnight if possible or better still freeze and slice while still firm to get really neat slices.

Rosie Bass

CHURCH SERVICES AT EASTER

ST PETER'S

16 March	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession starting by the Village Pharmacy
		6.30pm	Taizé Service (Upper Church)
20 March	Maundy Thursday	8pm	Eucharist (Upper Church)
21 March	Good Friday	10am	Upper Church
		11am	Joint walk of Witness from Pembury Baptist Church to Village Green (Pembury)
		12 noon	Old Church
		8pm	Compline in the Upper Church
22 March	Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil (Upper Church)
23 March	Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion (Upper Church)
		9.45am	Parish Eucharist (Upper Church)
		11.30am	Holy Communion (Old Church)



ST JUSTUS AND ST ANSELM'S

16 March		10.30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord (Pembury)
19 March		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Pembury)
20 March	Maundy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Paddock Wood)
21 March	Good Friday	11am	Joint walk of Witness from Pembury Baptist Church to Village Green (Pembury)
		3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Cross (Paddock Wood)
22 March	Saturday	8pm	The Easter Vigil (Paddock Wood)
23 March	Easter Sunday	9am	Mass of the Resurrection (Paddock Wood)
		10.30am	Mass of the Resurrection (Pembury)

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

16 March	Palm Sunday	10am	'Palm Sunday - The Journey'
21 March	Good Friday	10am	Easter Reflection
		11am	Walk of Witness to the Village Green followed by Service of Reflection
23 March	Easter Sunday	10am	Something for Nothing (Adults); Something for Nothing (Children's Party)

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8am Holy Communion
9.45am The Parish Eucharist and Jun Chch
10am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

Old Church

11.30am Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)

Evening services as advertised on Church noticeboards.
Contact tel. no. 824761.

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Sunday Mass 10.30am
Holy Days - Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Confessions:
Sunday 10.15am

Weekday Service:
Wednesday - Mass 7pm

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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.

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Please call 825590 or visit www.pemburybaptistchurch.org.uk for details

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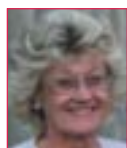
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