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EDITOR'S NOTE

WHAT DOES 2009 have in store for our village? Well, there are so many events planned, such as the musical picnic on 20 June, the traditional Maypole dancing on 8 May, the village quiz also on 8 May, and that's all before the summer! For more events, see the Diary section on page 35.

With this issue of the magazine, you will have noticed the Parish Council Annual Report. This keeps all villagers informed of all the important improvements, changes and events that have been undertaken by our Parish Council on our behalf. There are still further improvements to be made this year and we will try to keep you informed of

all these changes as they happen.

To hear more about what the Council has been doing and intends to achieve this year, come along to the Parish Council Annual Meeting on 30 March in the village hall at 8pm.

So, in spite of the weather, the community spirit in Pembury is still going strong. There are so many exciting events in the village which you can get involved with and every group will be glad to see you. How about making it one of your (belated) New Year's Resolutions to get involved with more community activities?

Louise Fowlie, Editor

MULTI-USE YOUTH AREA

ON SATURDAY 13 December, we were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells who came to open our new Multi-Use Youth Area in the Lower Green Recreation Ground. Despite the miserable weather, a group of people, including Parish Councillors and representatives from all the village youth groups, joined together to celebrate the official opening of the new area.

The Mayor spoke kindly about the warm welcome he received, and also about how important this new area is to the villagers of Pembury. The Mayor's wife was presented with a bouquet of flowers, and the gathered villagers were treated to a celebratory buffet.

The Multi-Use Youth Area was partly funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and partly funded by Pembury Parish Council. The Recreation Ground is open from 8.30am every morning and closes half an hour before sunset.



Editor

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Any news items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Parish Office, c/o 6 The Grove before

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NEW COUNCILLORS



Chris Snow

I have lived in the village of Pembury since 1975. I have a son and a daughter who were both born in Pembury Hospital and educated at Pembury Primary School. I have been working part-time for the charity Compaid Trust for the last 9 years. I work in the day-centre assisting adults with a disability, to learn computer skills. I have also worked in the village for the former hairdressers Shapers, and the estate agent Denise Barnes, and D.B. Estates.

For several years, with the help of my friends, I ran a local village fundraising group to raise funds for the Hospice, which was just starting to be built. We were able to raise enough money to sponsor the Pembury Room and

various other projects thanks to so many people from the village.

My husband, Richard, and I enjoy walking, and are often seen walking through the village. My other love is gardening; I haven't much of a clue what I should or shouldn't be doing, but I like the garden to look colourful, so I just buy plants I like the look of, pop them in the garden and hope for the best.

I decided to join the Parish Council, as I have a genuine interest in the village - and what a fantastic village we live in! We have all the benefits of village life, but all the conveniences of modern living on our doorstep. The fact that I have lived and worked in the village for so many years will hopefully enable me to serve the village in a practical and positive way.



Duncan Hope

My name is Duncan Hope. I work for the Commercial Section of Royal Mail spending most of the week in London but also travel around the country on a frequent basis. My family has lived in Pembury for 16 years and have enjoyed the village environment. My daughter is in year 13 at Tonbridge Grammar, my son is in year 11 at The Judd School and my wife works as a Speech and Language Therapist in Sevenoaks. I am keen to contribute something to the village after all these years of being here.

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NEW COUNCILLORS – Continued



Beverli Shaw

My name is Beverli Shaw, I have lived in Pembury twice before, once as a teenager and now as an adult. I worked for a well known estate agency in Pembury for over 10 years starting their Property Management Department. I have many interests and one of them is this village. I am particularly keen to hopefully make a difference together with the highly motive Parish Council to provide the village with the best that it deserves. My hobbies include flower arranging and I take regular a class which is great fun and I have learnt a great deal over the years. I am keen on history and the arts and at the moment I am learning to write a play! I am a very proud grandmother and have two grown-up children. I have been involved with Compaid Trust over the years, a unique charity to this area.

Steve Morton

Yes, I have returned to the fold. Some of you thought I had left and moved to France, and that was the intention, and it still is. But sadly with the drop in the housing market and the changes to the exchange rates of the Pound against the Euro, we have had to revise our plans a little. So for the time being we are still enjoying life in Pembury, including the snow!

I'm looking forward to working with other new Parish Councillors, as well as the long standing established ones and Barbara our Parish Clerk and Yvette our Deputy Clerk.

I've only been away about 10 months but they say a break is as good as a rest.





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LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

WE WERE IN the Lord Mayor's Show! Did you see us? If you were there, you must have; and if you were not, you missed a fantastic event. Eight girls and four guiders from Pembury had the chance of a lifetime to be in the parade, which celebrates the swearing in of the new Lord Mayor of London. There were 151 floats in the parade, and we were on one of them. The planning and organising of the float took about 18 months, and was over in a day, but what a day.

The long, wet day started at 8am at Tunbridge Wells station and just got better and better. By the time we reached London and met our float we were all

very excited. Near us in the holding area were a band all dressed as Batman, the London Fire Brigade float and a pink fluffy taxi to name only a few. We had to wait until 11am for the parade to start, and when we saw all the people lining the streets and waving to us along the three mile route we waved back and sang and cheered. We all saw people we knew in the crowd, which was great.

After a very wet lunch break we were back on the float to make the return trip. Despite the weather there were still large crowds along the route, and more people we knew.



The whole day flew by, and it is very hard to describe the excitement we all felt. Some of us stayed to watch the fireworks in the evening while others returned home – but we all had a great day. If ever you get the chance to go to watch the parade we would recommend it. If ever you get the chance to be in the parade, well, lucky you!

Many thanks to all those who made this day possible; and thanks to all who came and supported us.

Moirá Allan, Pembury District Guides



PEMBURY CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

FOLLOWING ON from the success of Hope 2008, the churches in Pembury are determined to continue the progress made in co-operating together for the benefit of the community into 2009.

Last year, the litter sweep in the village was very successful and will be

repeated this year on Sunday 26 April, from 3pm until 4.30pm.

If you are interested in helping to clean up Pembury, the group will be meeting at St. Anselm's Catholic Hall and ending the day at Pembury Baptist Church for tea and cake.

John Hawker



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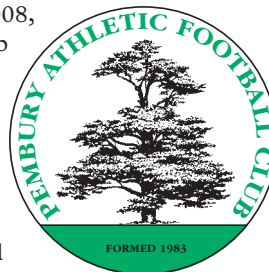


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PEMBURY ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

WHILST PEMBURY Football Club celebrated its Centenary in 2008, the Youth Football Club reached 25 years. In May 2008, the club enjoyed the official opening of the new pavilion in the Recreation Ground, enabling it to offer probably the best facilities of any similar club within a radius of many miles. As well as having a superb base in the Recreation Ground, we have also invested in quality equipment; the goals are the same specification as those used at Wembley Stadium!



Currently, the club offers football to approximately 170 children aged from 5 to 17 with a large proportion being Pembury residents. The players enjoy coaching from coaches qualified up to FA Level 2 Certification. For those up to school year 5, they play mini-soccer fixtures with other local clubs, older players participate in 11-a-side fixtures in the Crowborough League with fixtures covering an area from Eastbourne and Hastings in the south, to Sevenoaks to the north.

The club has enjoyed playing success in both Cup and League competitions. The loyalty shown by many boys joining us aged 5 and playing until 17 or 18 before moving on to the senior football club is incredible. Pembury offers football in the village from ages 5 to 45.



We are looking to expand and have just started an Under 5 age group (child must be reception year at school or minimum 4 years old) and are very keen to boost our Under 6 age group at the same time. Similarly, we are keen to re-establish an Under 16 age group next season. Additionally, we would like to set up girls' teams, and are also working with Pepenbury to offer football to their residents.

The club is indebted to Pembury School for permitting us to use the school grounds for training.

To mark this link, the club

recently presented the school with a cup to be awarded each year to individuals of groups of pupils for sporting achievement. The club recently presented a similar trophy to the Schools at Somerhill, in Tonbridge, who permit us to use their grounds for our hugely successful and popular football tournament each May. In 2008, we hosted over 1,500 players and spectators on one day and will be doing the same again in May 2009.

If you would like to find out more, why not pop along to the Recreation Ground, any Saturday between now and May. Club officials will be on hand to speak with you. Alternatively, see our website www.payfc.co.uk or call Matt Foley on 823819. On match days, light refreshments are available for all Recreation Ground users, come and see us and enjoy a delicious bacon roll or hot dog and a variety of drinks.

Matt Foley, Club Secretary

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 2009 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 30 March at 8pm. This is a public meeting open to all who live in the Parish. The Chairman of the Parish Council, June Crowhurst, will give her 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.

PEMBURY LIBRARY

Pembury Library now holds regular events throughout the week. These include Baby Rhyme Time at Pembury Library, which is now held every Tuesday morning, from 10.30am until 11am. Free refreshments are available. Michael Romyne from the *Courier* is in the library every Tuesday morning from 10am until 12noon. Bring him your news and stories for inclusion in the paper. Story time is also held every Thursday afternoon 2.30pm until 3pm during term time.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

At the foot of the green as you head up towards the Camden Arms, there are 'No Entry' signs on the right hand spur, but there was no 'Keep Left' sign on the left hand pole. This was reported to Kent Highways by one of our villagers and a 'Keep Left' arrow has since appeared.

PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ

The quiz will be held in the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury, on Friday 8 May at 7.45pm for a prompt start at 8pm. The quiz is open to all organisations and groups to enter teams of six people at £18 per table. There will be a bar and a raffle and the organising committee would gratefully accept any donations for prizes. The quizmaster will be Keith Merrin and we hope you all enjoy

the evening. Tables are only available by advance booking; entry forms and details from 822586.

Entry forms can also be downloaded from www.pembury.org, and completed forms should be sent with the entry fee to be with the organisers by Friday 24 April 2009. The winning team will receive the Parish Council Cup and a cash prize to donate to the charity of their choice. Parking is limited, so please leave for essential users only. Enter early to secure your place!

PEMBURY ART +

There will be an Exhibition of Art and Photographs for sale, with numerous Craft stalls, at St. Peter's Upper Church, Pembury, on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 May from 10am-4pm.

Do come along; you may be pleasantly surprised to see your neighbour's work exhibited. There will be refreshments available throughout the day, and the entrance is only £1, children free. If you are interested in exhibiting or having a craft stall, contact Carole Wakeford on 822030 for a booking form.

PEMBURY SIGN

A Working Group has been set up between members of the Parish Council and members of The Pembury Society, dedicated at researching a new sign for the village. The group are looking at signs in local villages and also the cost involved in developing a new sign. The design will include images associated with Pembury in the past, making it an 'historical long-time marker' of our village.

KEEP FIT EQUIPMENT

Further to an application for a grant to place adult gym equipment in the Recreation Ground, a letter has been received offering the Parish Council £9,756. We will keep you informed on this progress as it happens over the next few issues of the News.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A FEW LINES to let you know what's happening with the two big development projects taking place on our doorstep.

THE NEW PEMBURY HOSPITAL



As we can all clearly see, building of the new hospital is continuing apace; but what exactly has been happening over the last couple of months? Well, it's all quite impressive as you can see from the latest aerial photo we have. Perhaps the most significant thing is that over 50% of the new hospital floor plate is now complete.

The 'fingers', the four separate blocks that make up the main physical structure of the new hospital, are making significant progress. The staircase and lift shaft cores to each of the blocks are now completed and the link block which interconnects all the 'fingers' has the majority of its foundations completed and progress is being made on building the upper floors.

The Facilities Management road at the South of the site is now in full operation for construction traffic together with the covered walkway that runs along the side of this road. This is particularly good news as this road helps to diminish the impact of site traffic coming into the area on local traffic using the Tonbridge Road.

The new Pump Station is operating and the old facility has been demolished and backfilled. The old lodge building has been demolished and various retaining wall structures and embankment stabilisation works are being undertaken to accommodate the level changes required around the site area.

Inevitably, now that the major construction work is in such an advanced state, we'll notice less in the way of major physical change over the next few months but this is because a lot of



internal work has now started in the hospital buildings. Plumbing, cable trays and ducting are all going in and some of the floor levels are being prepared for installation of the internal room partitions. These rooms, when they are finished, will be particularly impressive, as you can see from this computer generated image of the final design.



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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – continued

There's a great deal going on at the site and we really don't have the space to detail all of it but for those who want to keep a close watch on progress you can do so on the Hospital Trust's own website – www.mtw.nhs.uk/your-new-hospital

TESCO

The latest on the proposed Tesco expansion is that it seems the proposals have been given a big thumbs-up by local people, responding to the community consultation following September's public exhibition.

Plans have not yet been finalised but Tesco assure us that all the comments received from Pembury residents will be given full consideration, including suggestions for the possible community facility that may come as part of the expansion plans.

Of almost 137 response forms received to date we're told that 87.6% were in favour of the proposals and many particularly welcomed the proposal for special long-stay car parking spaces for customers and local people travelling to Tunbridge Wells on the improved local bus services that will stop at the store.

The new store will be environmentally sustainable with a low energy use design and timber frame intended to complement Pembury's rural character and, like the existing Tesco, the building will remain hidden from view by surrounding woodland and landscaping.

Though there's still no specific date for the submission of a planning application. Tesco hope that this will happen in the next few months.

Pembury residents can find out more by contacting Francis Mallinson on 020 7842 0155 or emailing community@pemburytesco.co.uk - and we'll do our best to keep you updated in the PVN.

Rick Bayles

PEMBURY SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS

THE ANNUAL Meeting was held on 19 January and Mr Richard Crouch has been appointed as the new Chairman; we wish him all the best in his new role. The Secretary of the Committee also tendered her resignation but no candidate has come forward to take over this role. It is vital to find a new secretary for this key position in the running of the Headquarters building.

There are approximately 250 young people who attend meetings in the building which is situated at the corner of the Recreation Ground. This is a vital resource for the



village and the Scout and Guide leaders do a marvellous job giving the young people an exciting and varied programme. There must be someone out there in the village with a computer who would be able to write letters and the minutes of the management meetings, held three or four times a year. If you think you might like this challenging role please contact Mike Cartwright, the Group Scout Leader, or Moira Allan, the Guide Commissioner; their details can be found on page 39.

Janet Ditchett

PEMBURY COMMUNITY DAY CENTRE

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that Rosie Bass has taken up the helm as Day Centre Leader. Our heartfelt thanks go to Ada Fidler for all her hard work. If you would like to join us and are aged 60 years young and upwards, we meet at Pembury Baptist Church Hall every Tuesday (10am to 2pm) during term-time. Transport can be arranged. The cost of £3 includes a delicious two-course home-cooked lunch and various mental and physical activities, chat and laughter. We also have several outings throughout the year. Please contact Rosie on 822059 or visit Pembury Baptist Church website which is www.pemburybaptistchurch.org and follow the links. We are holding a Coffee Morning on 24 March, 10.30am to 12noon and would warmly welcome you to come and have a taste!



Rosie Bass

AMERICAN CONCERT ORGANIST IN PEMBURY

WORLD FAMOUS American Concert Organist Carlo Curley will be here in Pembury to play at St. Peter's Upper Church on 30 May.

It's true that classical music isn't everyone's cup of tea but when a musician and performer such as Carlo Curley boldly announces that 'Bach invented Rock and Roll', that a particular composition by Handel is a 'real toe-tapper', and that during the next piece his 'size 12s are going to go bananas with smoke rising from the pedal board', it takes a strong will to turn a deaf ear. This self-styled champion of the classical organ, a large and charismatic figure, has dedicated his life to blowing the cobwebs out of the organ loft and bringing music to the masses to suit all tastes. His self-proclaimed mission is 'to establish the organ at the forefront of musical instruments, even if it takes the rest of my life'.



American by birth but of Irish extraction, Carlo Curley studied music at the North Carolina School of the Arts, held his first professional post at 15 years of age, and a few years later became Director of Music at a Philadelphia College. He also studied in London with the late Sir George Thalben-Ball.

Carlo is justly world-famous for his elegant performances and quick wit, and his delightful informality has attracted a whole new following. Carlo says "I'm not trying to take the classical organ out of the church, because it has its own very special place there. I play any music, as long as it's good music – in fact anything to make the classical organ more appealing to a wider audience. And that doesn't mean 'cheapen' it, because good music speaks for itself, and after all, the audience is there to enjoy themselves."

So you cannot afford to miss this international and charismatic performer's organ 'extravaganza' – here in Pembury at another Community Event at St. Peter's Upper Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 30 May. Tickets priced £9 will be available from mid-March from Pembury Pharmacy and by phone on 824761. The usual Wine, Beer and Juices bar will be open half an hour before the performance and during the interval.

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FURTHER CHILDHOOD MEMORIES FROM THE 1940s and 1950s

FOLLOWING MY article last year based on the memories of Robin Kenworthy, I have been contacted by Sylvia Schmocker, the elder daughter of Kath Jury who many of you may remember, and the following is based on her memories.

Kath and her husband moved to Canterbury Road shortly before the war with Sylvia and her brother. The lack of traffic meant the children could play safely in the road. There were a lot more shops in Pembury then, including two grocers on Hastings Road, one on each side of Canterbury Road. During rationing, Mrs Jury was registered with Percy Tapp, whose business was where the Indian take-away is now. Occasionally, as Mrs Jury was a long standing customer, Mr Tapp would allow her 4oz of sweets, but they were never on view for just anyone to buy. The other shop was Nash's which was situated where the Chinese take-away is now. The Post Office in Hastings Road was run by Alan Hayward.



There were two bakers in the village, one in Hastings Road nearly opposite the Post Office, and the other in the High Street (where the Hospice shop is now) and also a branch of Raiswells, a local grocers with several branches in the area. They offered a delivery service. Their premises are now Threshers.

I have often heard mention of Miss Walker's drapery shop, and indeed I remember it as such, under different management, into the 1980s before it was converted into the Chinese take-away; but according to Sylvia there was also a private lending library at the back of the shop. She also remembers Miss Walker organising a village play in which many of the village children took part. The play was about Adam the Gardener and the seasons. Does anyone else have any memories of this event?

Henwoods Mount was just called 'The Mount' and at the far end lived a Mr and Mrs Ireland who ran a newspaper delivery business for the whole village from there. Sylvia did a round on Sundays, not being allowed during the week because of school work, and this included the whole of Henwood Green Road, where nearly all the houses had names but no numbers. However, everyone knew everyone in those days when the population was only about 2000, as opposed to the 6500 who live here now, so this was not a problem. For her efforts she was paid 2/6d (12½p).

At the time, Dr Loden, who is still fondly remembered by many, was the main doctor in the village. He had taken over from a Dr Chapman and he practiced from the house on the corner of Hastings Road and the Green, then called Mulberry House but now called Amberleaze. This must have been before he moved to his house in the High Street. Dr Dorrit Waterfield, also fondly remembered by many, had only a part-time practice in Pembury at the time, as she was based in Brenchley.

'Highfield', now 31 Hastings Road, was owned by Mr and Mrs Adkin, who lived there with their daughter Mary. The garden was large (Highfield Close was built upon it!) and was tended by

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FURTHER CHILDHOOD MEMORIES – continued

George Ballard, assisted, before he enlisted, by Mr Jury. Sylvia's brother shared an interest in butterflies with Mr Adkin and Mary became godmother to her sister. Another local gardener was Freddie Beach. He was the parish groundsman and kept the cemeteries in good order.

'The Priory' was also privately owned at this time and the owners were known for their gifts of 'good stuff' for jumble sales. It subsequently became a country club before its present use as a care home.

We know that ever since the school was opened in 1873 it has always been short of space, the first extension being built in 1883. Sylvia remembers lessons in the Free Church Hall before transferring to the 'new infant buildings' when in the top infants' class. These must have been the huts that have recently been removed to make way for the latest 'new wing'.

Sylvia and her friend Janet (née Sturgeon) were, in time, both brownies and guides. They met at the Baptist Church Hall. Brown Owl was a Mrs Brown and the Guide Captain was Miss Rosalie Brown who taught at Bennett Memorial. Sylvia has fond memories of going on annual Guide Camp in the back of a large removal truck (no health and safety in those days!) and of food parcels sent by their mothers.

Like most children at that time, Sylvia and her siblings attended Sunday School. They went to the Methodist Chapel in Hastings Road which is now a private house. This was run by Mr and Mrs Martin who also lived in Canterbury Road.

Sylvia's sister was born on VE Day, 8 May 1945, and, at the request of the Council, she was given the second name 'Victoria' as she 'brought peace to Pembury'. To mark her arrival with the peace, Mr Jury was presented, during the village victory celebrations in the 'Rec', with a savings account for her with a small deposit. Also that summer Canterbury Road had its own celebrations – a street party and the return of Mr Thorne who lived in the road and had been a prisoner of war.

In the late 1950s, The Camden held weekly jazz concerts that were very popular. Entry was 1/6d (7½p), or 1/- (5p) for club members.

Although Sylvia no longer lives in Pembury, she still has contacts here. She walks regularly with the Footpath Walkers and is also a member of The Pembury Society.

Kathryn Franklin

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

This photograph was sent in from Mrs Valerie Haynes. It was taken in 1885 and shows members of her husband's family outside the Camden Hotel. The people are George and Helen Haynes of Maidstone and their daughter (born in 1871) and six sons (in sailor suits) who were her husband's great-uncles.

George Haynes and his elder brother William founded Haynes' Garage in Maidstone. When Mrs Haynes was given the photograph in the 1970s, she was told that The Camden was an important staging point between London and the coast.



OUT & ABOUT CLUB

THERE ARE several trips which have been organised for 2009 by the Out & About Club. If you would like to receive details of these outings, together with booking forms, please contact Jean Pearce on 824422.

On Monday 16 March, there will be a trip to **Hidden London and the Regent's Canal**. This will involve leaving Pembury at 8.30am by coach to travel to London where a Blue Badge guide will guide the group through a maze of narrow streets and bygone alleyways, and onto a relaxing canal cruise through Regent's Park. The cost will be £19.50.

On Tuesday 12 May, there will be a trip to **Petworth House**, a seventeenth century mansion set in a park in West Sussex, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown. The cost will be £17.50 and bookings and payment will be accepted from 16 March.

On Wednesday 8 July, there will be a **River Arun Boat Trip**, involving leaving Pembury by coach to Arundel from where the group will take a small boat to cruise up the River Arun to Amberley for a one-hour stop, before returning to Arundel for some free time to explore. The cost will be £17 and payment and bookings can be made from 12 May.

On Thursday 24 September, there will be a trip to Britain's oldest recorded town, **Colchester**, where the group can visit the castle, set within its award-winning park; visit the medieval Dutch Quarter or Clock Museum; or visit the new Art Gallery. The cost will be £11 and bookings and payment can be accepted from 8 July.

On Tuesday 1 December, there will be a trip to **Rochester and a Christmas Lunch**. You can enjoy a 4-course lunch at the Gordon House Hotel, as well as taking in some of the attractions of this historic town; such as the Charles Dickens Centre, Castle, Cathedral and many interesting shops. The cost will be £22, and bookings and payment can be made from 24 September.

Pauline Hawker

DICK WHITTINGTON

THE TRADITIONAL Pembury Players pantomime is always an evening not to miss, and Dick Whittington was no exception. There was a new slant on the old story full of high jinks. Some things stayed the same though, and Dick, played by Sophie Bowen, got the girl in the end. There were so many familiar faces, the King Rat played by Dee Barrington-King, the faithful dame played marvelously by Derek Goodwin and the drunken ship's captain played by John Hawker to name a few. There was the traditional banter from the audience every time Idle Jack appeared, and everyone enjoyed the chorus of Ratlings and Fairy Dancers. The Fairy Queen worked her magic and, fortunately, everything turned out fine in the end!

Congratulations to the Pembury Players. We look forward to your next production in the summer.

Janet Ditchett



PEMBURY IMAGES COMPETITION

THIS YEAR, the results of the Pembury Images Competition were revealed on 10 February. Last year, Pembury in Bloom was revitalised to give the residents of Pembury a chance to enter the competition with the hope that it would incorporate more of the village life. Just as the previous competitions, the entries for this competition were of an extremely high standard.

Aston Bull, Notcutts Garden Centre Manager, announced the winners to whom June Crowhurst presented the prizes. There were six categories: Best Wildlife picture, Best Garden picture, Best picture by a child, Best Flower picture, Best Vegetable/Fruit picture and Best Picture depicting Pembury Life.

The winners of each category received a certificate and Notcutts vouchers. This year's winners are:

Best Wildlife Picture:

1st Marilyn Edwards: "Renard the Fox";
Joint 2nd Lorraine Greenham: "Slow Worm in our back garden";
Joint 2nd Bruce Stevenson: "Peacock Butterfly".

Best Garden Picture:

1st Amanda Skittles: "Autumn Tranquillity";
2nd Mary Mackins: "Robin sitting on a lawnmower".

Best Picture by a Child:

1st Daniel Warren: "Tropicana".

Best Flower Picture:

1st Lorraine Greenham: "Bluebells Pepenbury Woodland Walk";
2nd Bruce Stevenson: "Aster".

Best Vegetable/Fruit Picture:

1st Mark Taylor: "Apples";
2nd Mary Mackins: "A Bowl of Strawberries".

Best Picture Depicting Pembury Life:

1st Bruce Stevenson: "The Show is Over (Tour de France)";
2nd Malcolm Chambers: "Pembury Hospital".

Editor



PEMBURY TREFOIL GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

2008 STARTED with the AGM when the annual report was presented and the financial statement given. The meeting then moved on to fun as Daphne was with us with her hand bells. We always enjoy trying to play and do get better as the evening progresses. It was decided at that meeting that for 2009 we would meet every two months in member's houses to catch up with forthcoming events.

In January, Daphne and I went to Headquarters to present the Guiding mementos of Gillian Peckham, who died early this year, aged 64, to the archives. She was a winner of the Guiding 'Star of Merit', which was presented to her for courage when she had Polio which left her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

We also entered a team in the County Quiz but came fifth out of six teams. We joined the Scouts and Guides in Tunbridge Wells for their St George's day parade and service in the Calverley grounds. Our next big event was the Village Quiz Night in May, which was a great success and made £519 profit towards the Pembury headquarters 'Project Daylight'.

Three members attended the national AGM in Eastbourne where the speaker was outstanding keeping us all in fits of laughter for the whole time. In June, we supported the village fun day with a photographic competition which was won by the Pembury Guiders.

Our summer meeting was a BBQ at Amberleaze Drive, a relaxing and enjoyable get together. In October our meeting was spent deciding which project we would follow for Girlguiding's 'Changing the World' project and finally decided we would register with the 'Woodland Trust'. We are collecting Christmas cards for recycling and hoping to plant some trees at Pembury Old Church.

November saw us support our Guides who were making the float for this years 'Lord Mayors Show' and attending the village Remembrance Sunday service. The year ended with our Christmas dinner at The Black Horse in Pembury.

If you are interested in joining the Guild, which is the senior and retired members of 'Girlguiding', we would love to see you, particularly as 2010 will be the centenary of the Guide Movement with many special celebrations. Contact Janet Ditchett on 822586.

Janet Ditchett, Chairman

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS enjoyed the annual club dinner and trophy presentation on 24 January at Spa Golf Club. This a quiet time of year for the outdoor bowls club, everyone eagerly waiting for April and the start of the new season. Why not give bowls a try, it is not just for oldies! Anyone over the age of 14 is eligible to play and enjoy the social side of the club. From Friday 1 May, we will be hosting informal bowling afternoons each Friday from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. There will be someone to show you how to roll the bowls and instruct you on the rules of the game. Anyone who has played before will, of course, be more than welcome to have a game. Our only stipulation is that flat soled shoes be worn, trainers are acceptable.

Barbara Scholten, Competitions Secretary





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DID YOU KNOW?

IN THIS ISSUE you will have noticed the Annual Parish Report insert. The things highlighted in it are just some of the many things our Parish Council does throughout the year that affect us and help us to keep Pembury as the village that we love.

But there are probably areas you haven't realised that they can help you with. For example, the tennis courts in the Recreation Ground. Have you wondered how to go about getting a pass for one? Fancied playing in the summer but never known how to get a key? Well, contact the Parish Office. From them you can buy a permit for one month, two months or even a year. The price for one month is, from April, £30, for two months £50 and for a year £75. If you do decide to purchase a one-month permit, and then extend it to a year, the price will be deducted from the final cost.

Or have you got green fingers? Have you been watching all these programmes about growing your own vegetables and always wanted to do it but never had the space? An allotment off Woodside Road could be the answer. There are several plots which are still available, and the price is very reasonable. It costs just £20 for a whole plot and £10 for a half plot.

Again, contact the Parish Office for more information.

On a more solemn note, the Parish Council also deals with burials and the Memorial Garden. The Council will order a bronze plaque, with wording as requested, for £215 for 15 years in the Pembury Burial Ground. You could also reserve a plot in the cemetery for you and your descendants; contact the Parish Office for more details.

Or if you just love the surrounding countryside and want to go for walks around the village but aren't sure where the public footpaths are, call in at the Library or contact the Office. They have maps available for you to take away (a donation of £1 is requested).

If any of these things have got you thinking and you want some more information or to apply for anything, please contact the Parish Council Office. The address is 6 The Grove, Pembury, TN2 4BU. Tel: 823193, Monday to Friday, 10am-12noon. Email: clerk@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk. There are so many ways in which the Parish Council helps our village, so if you have a question, feel free to ask!

Editor

GIANT SEQUOIA

THIS CONSPICUOUS tree can be seen as soon as you turn off the top of Colts Hill into Pembury. It stands clear above the houses in Herons Way.

In California it grows to be one of the tallest trees in the world, but in this country none of them are old enough yet. It was first introduced in 1853, so large trees here are no more than 150 years old. There is an avenue of them in Berkshire that coined its exclusively English name of Wellingtonia – no one else will understand you! It's also commonly called Giant Redwood – which is much easier to understand!

The base of these trees is extremely flared in shape and is covered in dark red, spongy bark which can be punched without pain. It is often struck by lightning, but thankfully, not this one yet.

Caroline Mazzezy



OUR OLD ORCHARDS ARE IMPORTANT

LAST AUTUMN we were visited by a gentleman from The Church Group, who have been given the task of carrying out the survey described in the article below. He could see from the OS map that there was an old orchard behind our property, and we directed him to the owners. We also asked for some details. It is all about preserving old orchard trees as habitats for the rare noble chafer beetle, as well as old varieties of fruit. This is just as important for Pembury as for other areas, so if you have old fruit trees, do your bit and help this important and beautiful beetle.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is appealing for orchard owners, managers and local volunteers to help with their project to map England's traditional orchards. A typical orchard survey will record the species, age, and condition of the fruit trees and can be carried out at any time of the year.

Traditional orchards, those managed without chemical input, are not only an iconic and much loved part of the British countryside, evoking fond memories of bygone days, but they also play an important role in combating climate change and maintaining biodiversity. They have recently been added to the list of habitats recognised as national priorities for conservation action in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). However, reduced demand for local fruit in the wake of cheaper imports has led to traditional orchards being lost to neglect, development and agricultural intensification. Sadly, English orchards have declined by an estimated 63% since 1950 which has had a detrimental effect on the wildlife this unique habitat supports.

Traditional orchards are hotspots for wildlife, supporting numerous BAP priority species as well as those classed as nationally rare or scarce. The rare noble chafer beetle is almost entirely restricted to orchards where the larvae live in the dead and decaying wood of old fruit trees. PTES are lead-partner for the noble chafer BAP and have a particular interest in halting the decline of these habitats. Last year, the noble chafer beetle was spotted in Kent for the first time in nearly 60 years. The exciting



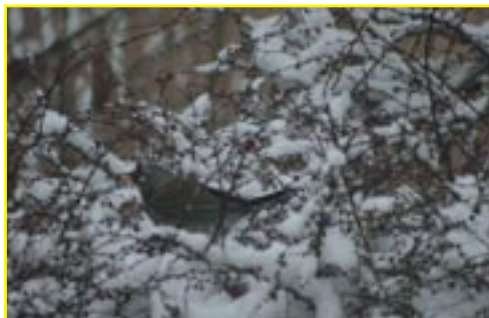
new discovery is the first recorded sighting in the county since 1948 and PTES explain that it is very important as it gives hope that the beetle will be found in other old orchards in Kent.

In Kent, 1709 traditional orchards have been identified from aerial photographs of the county. To volunteer to help survey these orchards or request further information, please contact Anita Burrough by email on anita@ptes.org or by phone on 020 7498 4533 or visit www.ptes.org/orchards.

Anita Burrough

GREEN GARDENING

WHAT A WINTER we've had! Frozen ponds, gardens under a foot of snow, freezing nights – long forgotten classic winter stuff. How did your garden cope with it? I lost my beloved collection of Mediterranean succulents. What makes them well adapted in their native environment – their fantastic ability to accumulate water in their leaves – caused their premature death here. Oops, nature hasn't thought about that . . . yet. Maybe it is a good time to focus on what does best in our crazy new climate. Take Mahonia for example. Although not local, it's native to the Himalayas and North America, it copes well with a freezing winter, looks beautiful, smells fabulous and feeds bees while our native flora is still snoozing. We would have lost far more bees last year due to early warm weather if it wasn't for plants like Mahonia that saved them from starvation. Another good example is Pyracantha, native to a wide area from southern Europe through to the Himalayas. I never thought it could be anything but ornamental until our thrushes proved me wrong. One day my husband spotted a 'giant' thrush gorging itself on the bright orange berries. It turned out to be a Mistle Thrush, a large bird indeed. Days later we had a whole flock of Fieldfares descending on what was left. When they were done with it they moved on to stripping my mature Berberis bush of its little scarlet berries. There is a lot to be said for planting something useful in the garden, even though it may not be a native. Wildlife appreciates it nevertheless.



Have you checked your garden for damage? If you spot some dead or frost-damaged wood, don't rush to remove it. Surprisingly, plants are far more capable of mending themselves than we give them credit for, provided they have sufficient energy reserves. If not, they'll die no matter what you do. That is nature's way, whether we like it or not. Dead wood may be unsightly but it supports more life than living wood. Paradoxical, but true. If you let nature take care of it, soon enough all the goodness will be returned back to where it belongs. Fungi are a marvellous creation that digests cellulose and makes the nutrients available to trees and shrubs. Burrowing insects feast on dead wood; soon to

become food themselves, particularly for bats. Fighting fungi and insects can be extremely damaging to the environment and is a waste of time in the long run. Furthermore, pathogenic fungi are quick to re-colonise and, in the absence of beneficial competition, may cause more damage than the fungi you were trying to kill. So think twice before you reach for a pesticide or fungicide in a garden centre. Nature survived and flourished way before humans invented these nasty substances. The other problem with removing dead plants is that if fungi and insects are not given a chance to feed on dead matter, they will go for the living ones to save themselves from starvation. Hence the problem with the famous Honey fungi, which is hardly an issue in the wilderness. Despite common logic, you are not attracting anything new to your garden by keeping the dead wood. Everything is already there, including the fungi. So let them get on with

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GREEN GARDENING – continued

what nature has designed them for. If you still decide to remove dead wood, then at least leave it in the far corner of your garden for nature to make the most of it.

On a positive side, this weather has been lethal to pests. About time, too. Plants need a break. Whatever managed to survive will be just fine to keep our predators happy. Well, that's the theory at least. We'll see what happens in the months to come . . .

Warm spring days seem to bring out a desire to tidy up the garden. An itch to use sharp power tools and secateurs is not a good excuse to mutilate trees and shrubs. If they went to leaf you'll do more harm than good. Trees rarely need pruning for their own benefit, despite what you may have been told by 'experts'. The more I question the real experts, the more I am convinced of it. I'll be writing about pruning in the Autumn PVN in some detail. Unless you have a falling tree that is about to kill you, wait. I promise it will be worth it.

Masha Bayles

CAROL SINGING

DURING DECEMBER, a group from the three churches in Pembury went carol singing at the Camden Arms in Pembury. We were a lively group and were accompanied by an accordion. James gave everyone mulled wine to brighten our voices at half time. A collection was also taken for the Hospice in the Weald.

Janet Ditchett



PEMBURY CIDER UPDATE

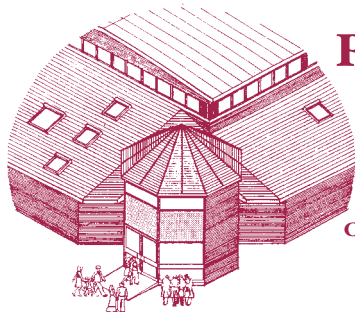
OUR READERS will probably remember from a previous edition, the request to produce a local brew from our bountiful supply of locally produced apples. I am glad to report that we have made great strides since that last article. Rick Bayles and myself received an offer of support from David Knight at Pippins Farm. We agreed a date to meet with David and one bright winter's morning witnessed the two of us hiking across the fields, through our glorious countryside, towards the collection of buildings that make up the Farm.

We finally tracked David down in one of the outbuildings and were met by a collective audience all enticed by the cider pressing initiative. What Rick and I were not prepared for was the enormous amount of preparatory work that David had undertaken in advance of our arrival. The pièce de résistance was the fully-automated cider press complete with pressure gauge that was complimented with a mashing machine. We were soon hard at work, loading the newly picked apples into the masher to produce buckets of pulp. This was then transferred to the press and 'layered' onto frames to build a stack ready for squeezing. The power was switched on and the fragrant juice flowed abundantly into the storage tank. Once we had pressed around a hundred litres, one of the team, who was a biochemist, added further ingredients to assist the fermentation. David was on-hand offering refreshments, including a previous brew, as well as tea and coffee, to slake our thirsts.

So, dear readers, we are moving wonderfully towards our Ciderfest objective with due thanks to David and the team. Rick and I will be working on a suitable date and venue where we can all taste the fruits of our labours with any profits going to a deserving cause or charity. Watch this space!

Paul Barrington-King





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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

JUST WHEN you think you know Pembury, its people and its character, something else surprises and delights you. I've always been impressed by the strong sense of community in the village, but towards the end of 2008 I realised just what a wonderful place it really is.

In November, rather than attending the Remembrance Day service at Tunbridge Wells Town Hall, I came instead to the service at Pembury. My daughters joined their Guide and Brownie packs and we processed into St. Peter's Church on Hastings Road. It was a far more intimate affair than the Town Hall version; local residents read the roll of those young men who had fallen in both the First and Second World Wars. And after the Burma Star veterans; after the Parish Council; after the other ex-servicemen and after the Scout Master, I laid a wreath on behalf of the Members of Kent County Council. And then it was over – leaving a poignant memory of those young men who once walked the same roads as us.

In December I was back at St. Peter's Church, having been asked to deliver a reading at the Christmas service. The evening was magical, with local residents celebrating the story of Christ's birth with a festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, first performed in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, in 1918. In keeping with Cambridge tradition, pews were turned to face the centre of the church lending an altogether more informal feel to the proceedings.

Both events in their own way were special; both were well attended by Pembury residents. And both demonstrated the unique sense of community that is Pembury. Which is why it's so vitally important that we all keep pushing, keep going that extra mile for the community. 2009 is going to be particularly exciting – we'll get the new Pembury Trials Club started; we should see the start of the 'mini local area agreement' between KCC and Pembury which can bring £25,000 in rewards to the village; and now that I've found some grant money for the Pembury Society, maybe we'll even get a new village sign!

And finally – don't forget if you need to speak to your Pembury Councillors, we run a regular surgery at the Village Hall, or you can contact me at kevin.lynes@kent.gov.uk or see what I've been doing at my Blogsite at www.kevinlynes.wordpress.com.

Kevin Lynes



CHURCH SERVICES AT EASTER

ST PETER'S

- 5 April Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion (Upper Church)
9.30am Parish Eucharist with Palm Sunday
Procession starting by the Pharmacy
11.30am BCP Matins (Old Church)
6.30pm Taizé Service (Upper Church)
- 6 April Monday 8pm Compline
- 7 April Tuesday 8pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
- 8 April Wednesday 8pm Compline
- 9 April Maundy Thursday
8pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper (Upper Church)
- 10 April Good Friday
10am A Crown of Thorns (Upper Church)
11.15am An Act of Witness on the Village Green
12noon An hour at the Cross (Upper Church)
- 12 April Easter Sunday
6am Easter Vigil (Upper Church)
9.45am Parish Eucharist (Upper Church)
11.30am BCP Holy Communion (Old Church)



ST JUSTUS AND ST ANSELM'S

- 5 April Palm Sunday
10.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Pembury)
- 8 April Wednesday
6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Pembury)
- 9 April Maundy Thursday
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Paddock Wood)
- 10 April Good Friday
10.30am Stations of the Cross (Paddock Wood)
11.15am An Act of Witness on the Village Green (Pembury)
3pm Solemn Liturgy (Paddock Wood)
- 11 April Holy Saturday
9pm Easter Vigil (Paddock Wood)
- 12 April Easter Sunday
9am Mass of the Resurrection (Paddock Wood)
10.30am Mass of the Resurrection (Pembury)

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

- 5 April Palm Sunday
10am Service on 'Easter Hope'
6.30pm Service on 'Easter Hope'
- 10 April Good Friday
10am Reflective Service
11.15am An Act of Witness on the Village Green
- 12 April Easter Sunday
10am Morning Service on 'Easter Hope'
6.30pm Service on 'Easter Hope'

MY PLOT

THIS IS A PICTURE of an allotment that has been put to bed for the winter. It's not exactly pretty is it? Although it is quite colourful. When I reach this stage, I am happy because I know that, in spring, I can take off the sheets and lo and behold! the earth underneath will be crumbly and (nearly) weed free. There are logs and stakes and poles of all sorts to hold the sheets down in the wind, but you can guarantee it will find a way to flap them around sooner or later.



Not all of my plots are like this. There are bits that still have veg on them. I've got turnips, swede, cabbages, artichokes, parsnips, leeks and potatoes. So there's plenty still to eat, despite the weather. The main thing that holds me back is the harvesting. When it's cold, wet and muddy, it is really hard to conjure up the enthusiasm to go. Yet I'm always so glad when I have! On the last day of January there was rhubarb visible and before I know it, it will be spring.

I hope I will have used all my potatoes by then. I am never very efficient when it come to lifting my spuds. I know you're supposed to dig them up and store them in sacks before the winter, but I never get around to it. I just leave them in the ground until I need them. Sometimes they're a bit holey and some types don't keep in the cold as well as others, but for the most part, it seems easier. If I was better organised, I would put the different varieties in, in order of keepability. But since I always lose track of where I put what, and by January, there's no above-ground trace of the plants anyway, I seem doomed to take pot(ato) luck!

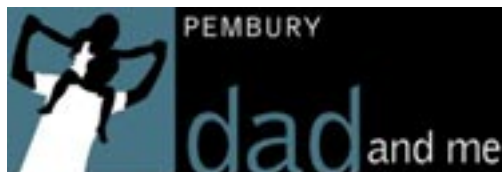
Caroline Mazzezy

BABY AND TODDLER TIME

LITTLE RASCALS and Dad & Me now have a superb all-weather outdoor play surface for little ones. Little Rascals runs on a Wednesday and Thursday morning from 10am until 11.45am and Dad & Me runs on the first Saturday of every month from 10am until 11.30am and includes bacon sandwiches for dads and granddads.

Throughout the warmer weather, these groups can enjoy the all-weather play area as well as being a brilliant opportunity for little ones to build friendships and enjoy fantastic toys and refreshments. Both groups are held at Pembury Baptist Church. Ring 825590 for more information.

Jemma Alexander, Community Projects Leader,
Pembury Baptist Church



CRIME IN PEMBURY

Despite the doom and gloom, Happy New Year!

The good news is that the recorded crime figures for Pembury in the last quarter of 2008 – October, November and December – were 55 in comparison to the corresponding quarter of 2007 which was 58, and even better than the third quarter of 2008 which was 68.

We normally see an increase in the last quarter of any year so these figures should give us some encouragement in our continuing battle against crime.

You will notice that criminal damage has fallen significantly from 16 to 6, whilst burglary has risen from 8 to 12. Violent crime has shown an increase of 1, from 9 to 10. It is no doubt very sad when the offence is committed against an innocent being; most of us would like to see the perpetrator punished accordingly with the full penalties allowed by the law.

These are trying incidents for good honest people, so protect what you have without endangering yourselves and don't forget to give our over-stretched police force all the help you can.

Hugh Boorman

| MONTH | Burglary Dwelling | Burglary Other | Criminal Damage | Drugs | Fraud and Forgery | Theft from Motor Vehicle | Theft Offences | Theft of Motor Vehicle | Violent Crime | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| October 2008 | | | 1 | | 4 | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| November 2008 | | 7 | 3 | | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 23 |
| December 2008 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 55 |
| ROAD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amberleaze Drive | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Beagleswood Road | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Belfield Road | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Chalket Lane | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Elmhurst Avenue | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gimble Way | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hastings Road | | 2 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| Henwood Green Road | | | 1 | | | | 2 | | 2 | 5 |
| Henwoods Crescent | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hérons Way | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Heskett Park | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Highfield Close | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| High Street | | 2 | 2 | | 3 | | 2 | | 2 | 11 |
| Lower Green Road | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Pembury Road | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | 3 |
| Penns Yard | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Romford Road | | | | | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Stonecourt Lane | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| The Meadow | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Tonbridge Road | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | | | 4 |
| Westway | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Woodhill Park | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Woodsgate Road | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Woodside Road | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 55 |

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am

Pembury Community Warden Surgery – Village Hall, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am

Town & Country (High Weald Housing) – Clinic, Tuesdays 10am-11.30am

WRVS Lunch Club – Village Hall, Wednesdays 11.45am during school term time

CAB – Pembury Library, Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am

March

30 Annual Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

April

- 1 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Perfumery and Cosmetics' with Mrs Liz Mayles – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday Party with Games – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: 'Hospice in the Weald' with John Ashelford – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – meet at BoPeep Corner – 2.15pm
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 13 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 18 Bowls Club Race Night – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 20 Pembury Footpath Walkers: with Bob Ogley – Village Hall – 8pm
- 23 The Pembury Society Spring Meeting – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 24 Pembury School PSA Auction of Promises – Pembury School – 7.30pm

May

- 1 St. Peter's Art & Craft Fair – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am
- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions and Marketplace – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 St. Peter's Art & Craft Fair – St. Peter's Upper Church – 10am
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop – 2.15pm
- 6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Tai Chi' with Mr Fran Bennett – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions Meeting – Sunhill Court – 2pm
- 7 Pembury Gardeners' Society: Dusty Miller on 'Vegetables from Scratch' – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 8 Maypole Dancing – Village Green – 2pm
- 8 Pembury Village Quiz – Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 RNLI May Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10.30am
- 11 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 11 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2.30pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 14 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 30 Popenbury May Fair – Popenbury – 12noon
- 30 Carlo Curley at St. Peter's Upper Church – 7.30pm

June

- 1 Floral Art – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 3 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: 'The Salvation Army' with Mrs. Rosemary Clary – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Tai Chi and Chi Gung with Fran Bennett – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 Pembury Gardeners' Society: talk and demonstration on flower arranging by Jenny Nye – Catholic Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: 'The Tiller Girl' with Jackie Simmonds – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – All day walk – contact N&K Franklin 823212
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Pavilion – 8pm
- 8 Pembury U3A – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 11 Pembury Book Group – Pembury Library – 11am
- 20 Musical Picnic on the Village Green – 6.30pm

ROSIE'S EASTER RECIPES

EASTER IS A time for exchanging gifts, of Easter eggs as a token of renewed life and of preparing special fayre for Easter. Spring Lamb is traditionally served for Easter lunch, to symbolise the innocence of Christ. Here it is served with a creamy yoghurt and mint sauce, with a dish of potatoes and carrots as accompaniment.

Spring Lamb with Creamy Sauce



Ingredients (for 6 servings)

6 lamb noisettes
3 lemons, rind and juice
120ml (4 fl oz) olive oil
2tbsp chopped fresh mint
salt and pepper, to taste
225g (8oz) Greek yoghurt
mint springs and lemon twists, to garnish

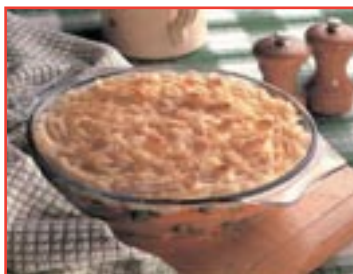
Preparation:

Place noisettes in a shallow dish, mix together rind and juice of 2 lemons, olive oil, 1 tbsp mint and seasoning and pour over. Cover, refrigerate and leave to marinate for 3-4 hours, turning occasionally. (If time allows, the lamb can be prepared and left to marinate overnight. This will help to make it even more tender.) Mix together the remaining lemon rind and juice, mint and yoghurt. Place in a small bowl for serving. Place noisettes on a grill rack and cook under a low grill for 15-20 mins, turning occasionally. Baste frequently with marinade. Serve noisettes, garnished with mint sprigs and lemon twists. Serve creamy mint sauce separately.

Potato and Carrot Layer

Ingredients (for 6 servings)

1.25Kg (2½ lb) potatoes
700g (1½ lb) carrots, cut into thin sticks



225g (8oz) frozen peas
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp grated nutmeg
50g (2oz) butter
1-2 tbsp milk
75g (3oz) mature Cheddar cheese, grated
salt and pepper, to taste
25g (1oz) flaked almonds

Preparation:

Bring two saucepans of salted water to the boil and add potatoes to one and carrots to the other. Cook for 15-20 mins. Add peas to carrots for last 5 mins. Drain vegetables.

Toss carrots and peas in lemon juice, nutmeg and 25g (1oz) butter. Mash half the potatoes with remaining butter, milk, half the cheese and season to taste. Place half carrots in base of casserole dish. Slice remaining potatoes, place on top and season. Add remaining carrots and top with mashed potatoes.

Sprinkle with remaining cheese and nuts. Place under a preheated grill and cook for 4 to 5 mins until cheese melts. (Tip: use spring carrots if available. If small, cut into two or four lengthwise. Avoid woody carrots as they have less flavour.)

Easter Choc-Flake Cake

Ingredients (for 8 servings)

3 eggs
100g (4oz) caster sugar
25g (1oz) plain flour
25g (1oz) cornflour
100g (4oz) ground toasted hazelnuts
25g (1oz) butter, melted
500ml (18floz) chocolate toffee crunch ice cream
5 chocolate flakes, crumbled



300ml (1/2 pt) double cream
1/2 tsp vanilla essence
hazelnuts and candy eggs, to decorate

Preparation:

Heat oven to 190°C (375°F/Gas 5). Grease and base line a 20cm (8in) springform cake tin. Whisk eggs and 75g (3oz) sugar together until thick. Sift flours together and fold into eggs with hazelnuts and butter.

Transfer to tin and bake for 25-30 mins. Cool on a wire rack, leave for 3-4hrs, then cut into two layers.

Return sponge base to tin. Soften ice cream to room temperature for a few minutes. Stir in two flakes and spread over sponge. Top with remaining sponge and freeze for 3-4hrs.

Whip cream with remaining sugar and vanilla until stiff. Spread 3/4 over cake. Roll sides in flake. Decorate with remaining cream, flake, nuts and eggs. Freeze for at least 1hr.

To serve, remove from freezer to refrigerator for 15-20 mins before serving to allow ice cream to soften slightly.

To help make Easter Sunday lunch more special, include spring flowers and dyed eggs as a centrepiece for the table.

Happy Easter,
Rosie Bass



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Pembury Library
Alternate Thursdays 9.30 to 11.30am

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8am Holy Communion
9.45am The Parish
Eucharist and Jun Chh
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.
www.pemburychurch.net

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM - PEMBURY

Sunday Mass 10.30am
Holy Days - Vigil Mass
7.30pm

Weekday Service:
Wednesday - Mass 7pm

www.stjustusandanselm.org.uk

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Our services explore relevant life issues and are on Sundays at 10am for a family service (with children's activities) and 6.30pm for a café service. We'd love to see you there!

Please call 825590 or visit
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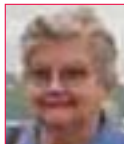


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