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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SPRING 2015

As I am writing this report at the end of January, the snow is falling outside, its freezing cold, and everything is so drab in the garden but at least it's all covered in white so I don't feel so guilty at not doing anything in it. Here in my lounge though is the start of spring; my bulbs I was given as a Christmas present are flowering and it reminds me that soon there will be colour everywhere when the spring flowers appear. We will all feel more positive and able to embrace whatever challenges we all have to face this year.



My main challenge will hopefully be to enlarge and enhance the children's playground. It is so well used that the safety surface now needs replacing so now is the ideal time to enlarge and refurbish; our families get so much joy out of this area. The Council have decided that the collections from Picnic on the Green and Firework Evening will go towards this venture as this will be a major project. But the optimist in me is hoping that in the Village there might be a business or a group that would think about helping us raise funds towards this project; you would be welcomed as the play area is such a jewel in the crown for our families.

Please start thinking about the Scarecrow competition - it will come round very quickly. The categories are 'Children' and 'Adults/Businesses'. Last year the Black Horse did a magnificent scarecrow, so come on all you businesses – have a go and enter. All playgroups, the School, our terrific Scouts and Guides and any family would be very welcome. Enter and win a medal! The dates are 15/16th May.

Gardeners please get ready for Pride in Pembury. Last year showed such a wonderful standard of expertise, imagination and colour, so let's hope it is the same or better this year. The Parish Council appreciate it greatly, as it enhances the Village and makes one feel so lucky to live here.

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

June Crowhurst
Chair, Parish Council

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CRICKET CLUB LOOKING TO GROW!



Cricket has been played in the village for well over a hundred years and the Chalket Lane ground has historically been one of Pembury's hidden gems!

The club has a long and proud tradition and the current membership benefit from the huge amounts of time and effort put in by the loyal voluntary servants of the club over many years. The legacy to this day has provided an excellent pavilion which has recently been refurbished, nets and a playing square to be proud of.

2014 was a successful season both on and off the field for PCC.

Saturday's see the club field two sides in the Kent Regional League with the 1st XI competing well in the Championship West Division last summer, finishing fourth with an impressive haul of 11 victories and the 2nd XI finishing in a creditable 6th position in division 2A.

The Sunday XI play throughout the summer against a variety of rival clubs and villages and has proved to be an excellent place to nurture the talents of young and aspiring players together with those wishing to play in the more convivial atmosphere away from league cricket; this gives the team an enviable harmony of both youth and experience in a welcoming and social environment suitable for all.

The coming season also sees the re-introduction of evening league cricket to the village; as the club have entered the Kent Regional Twenty 20 competition, we expect this to be an exciting addition to our fixture list, fun to both play and watch.

Promoting and encouraging junior cricket has a huge emphasis placed on it at Pembury and benefit from a team of ECB qualified coaches. Coaching for ages 10-15 goes on between February and August and field u-11, u-13 and u-15 teams in respective Mid-Kent Youth Leagues. In addition coaching also takes place for ages 7-9 from May to August.

Off the field the club has a variety of social functions throughout the year, taking advantage of the licensed bar and pleasant surroundings. Off-season the club's annual dinner has seen prestigious names such as Graham Gooch, Alec Stewart, John Emburey, Chris Cowdrey, Robin Smith, Rob Key, Phil Tufnell & Ronnie Irani all feature as our guest speakers.

Planning for 2015 is well underway and the club is keen to embrace the village community as much as possible and is hugely thankful to all those local residents and businesses who have provided sponsorship over the last year by purchasing our League balls at £10 apiece, a scheme we will extend into this season and where we welcome further support.



Primarily we are particularly keen to welcome new players of all ages and abilities as well as social members to come along and enjoy the comfort of our facilities and further develop the atmosphere in the club.

If you are interested in joining us, or are keen to find out further information, please don't hesitate to call Richard Dawes (07827 909489) or Andy Weaver (07714 693997), e-mail the club at PemburyCC@gmail.com or look us up at <http://pembury.play-cricket.com>. We will be delighted to hear from you. Roll on the summer!

Richard Dawes
(Club Captain – Pembury Cricket Club)



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PEMBURY SCHOOL READ-A-THON – IT'S ALL ABOUT BOOKS!!

The children of Pembury School will be taking part in a Read-a-Thon from 5 – 19th March. During this time, students are sponsored by family and friends to read for as many minutes as they can. In order to encourage children to explore and enjoy every aspect of books and reading, we are also holding a number of exciting competitions. A funniest photo competition (where do you like to

their parents and carers, will really embrace the concept and with a little motivation from competitions, their reading will improve in leaps and bounds! Some children may be motivated enough to finish their first ever chapter book during the Read-a-Thon, some may pick up a book and read without being told to (some perhaps for the first time), while others will enjoy being rewarded for something they already love to do.



The winning stories from the writing competition will be printed in the June issue of the Village News, so please encourage all the young people you know to get involved and get reading - they could see their name in print!

As part of the event we will also be running some after-school activities. There will be a pre-loved book sale on Tuesday 10 March from 3.15pm, which will also include refreshments and fun activities for children. Please feel free to come along - we'd love to see you! The following week we will be holding a special storytelling evening – bring your children, snuggle up and listen to someone tell you a story (pre-book tickets for the storytelling via psa@pembury.kent.sch.uk. Stories at 5pm and 6.30pm, £1.50 entry).

Pembury School Association

We hope that the children, together with

Volunteers & Sponsors

Pembury Parish Council welcomes expertise and help from members of the community who are able to give up some of their free time. It is an opportunity to put something back and it can be very rewarding.

We have various projects running, if you have a specific skill and would like to help the Council please contact our Clerk on the address below for further details.

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Your Good Health, Pembury!

Join in the Pembury health week 20th April to 25th April

If you are involved in a sporting activity, selling food and/or drink, providing healthcare, promoting gardening, learning, mental and physical exercise, rambling or anything else with a health benefit

JOIN IN! Let's be healthy!

Pick a time and a day in the week when you are going to do something to promote the health benefits of your activity and let us know about it. The week will culminate in



The Health Fair

on 25th April 1.30pm to 4.30pm

at The Surgery, The Library and The Baptist Church

bringing together a number of different organisations who will show how they promote well being, help prevent sickness and support people when they are sick, and to recover well, so that there are no complications or re-occurrences.

There is something for everyone, because good habits learnt young carry us through when the going gets tougher.

Contact me, Justin Cumberlege, Chair of Waterfield House Practice PPG, Waterfield House, 186 Henwood Green Road, Pembury if you want to take part.

Spotlight on Health.....

It's a big issue as we come to election time, and all political parties are focusing on the NHS as a battleground discussion topic. What does the future hold in times of cash shortages and cutbacks? We hasten to add that we are not entering the political debate, but we all need to be informed when it comes to looking after ourselves, or when others need to do it for us.

On Wednesday 22nd April 7.45pm, The Pembury Society has their Spring Meeting, to be held at the Upper Church, when the guest speaker is Dr Bob Bowes, Chairman of the NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in our area. He will be sharing with us how the NHS works in our area, the various facilities and services on offer, how they interact, and what we should expect as prospective patients. how cutbacks might be affecting us or how centres of excellence are being developed in our area. There will be time for questions, so come along whether you are a member of The Pembury Society or not, and be better informed for yourself or your family.

David Hanes, *Chairman of The Pembury Society*



DR. CAMERON

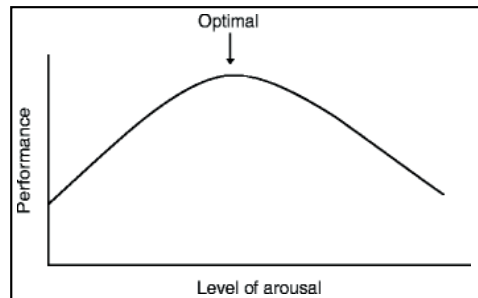
I have spoken with so many people recently about their increasing stress and the harm that this seems to cause. I thought it would make sense to share with you my thoughts of stress and my understanding as to why we have it. For those I have shared this with before please forgive me for repetition.

In life I see a set of scales; on the one side we have our expectations, or I could say our desires or our needs. On the other side of the balance are our realities, what we actually have, what we actually get. When what we want is matched by what we have, when what we desire is matched to what we get, then I consider that as contentment. If however there is a difference between the two sides, we don't get what we want or we don't have what we need then there is an imbalance. That imbalance produces a force within us which drives us to redress the balance. It is that force which I understand as stress.

Stress is the imbalance between reality and expectation.

I believe that stress is our survival mechanism; it is the force that enables us to survive so it must be good. The three stresses that each and every one of us experiences every day are being cold and needing to be warm; being hungry and needing to be satiated and being thirsty and needing to be quenched. Therefore when our bodies are aware of these stresses, we will make an effort to redress the balance. If we did not experience the stressful sensation then we would have no desire to get warm, eat or drink. I can promise you that we would not last very long under those circumstances.

But, and here we are again with a big but, if we have too much stress then our bodies do not have the strength to cope. Two American psychologists, Yerkes and Dodson, made observations regarding human and monkey behaviour, focussing particularly on the level of performance when related to the amount of stress experienced. The Yerkes-Dodson Law (1908) was formulated to account for 'variance in habit formation based on the strength of stimuli used in conditioning paradigms. When stimuli were either too intense or lacked intensity, there was a drop in performance'.



I understand what they were actually observing is what we all have experienced and witnessed ourselves. When someone is to give of their best then being under some stress is a benefit; arousing oneself optimally according to Yerkes and Dodson, or 'psyching yourself up' to quote the football coach. Push a little too hard and add a few more stresses to the situation and we discover ourselves sliding over the peak and our performance deteriorating. The camel no matter how big and strong has a breaking point where a straw laid gently on the back will cause a catastrophic breaking of the animal's spine. We experience the same but call it burnout or breakdown. Whatever expression is preferred the experience is still the same; LOUSY.

So what can be done; what should be done?

I believe the first and most important is to know that it will be all right. Everything can be sorted out, nothing is so bad it cannot be addressed. The easy part is knowing how to rebalance

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the stress. If I am cold make me warm, if I am hungry then feed me. The problem comes with identifying the stress and having the strength to redress the balance. Sometimes it all is too much and there is simply chaos ahead. That is when we need time to rest and regain our strength and time to explore all the issues.

With my problems, I can only really deal with one at a time. Firstly identify it, find the imbalance and redress it. The only time I found that impossible was when Sue and I lost our daughter Hannah. It is devastating when a loved one dies, all you want is to be able to have them, and the reality is they have gone. The pain went deep and there was no redressing that imbalance so it still hurts.

But for the rest of the rubbish life throws I will continue to weigh it up in the balance and try to redress things; either changing my situation or modifying what I want.

So my message is to understand that stress is like Aslan the lion in the Narnia stories; Lucy asked Mr Beaver if he was safe. "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver; "don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good."

Stress is indeed our friend to protect us from harm; it needs respect and understanding of the power it holds. We need to face the crises in our lives with fortitude as Sir John Reith, Director General of the British Broadcasting Corporation is noted to have said "I do not like crises; but I like the opportunities which they bring."

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Gary Mills, *Building Surveyor*



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GOOD NEWS STORY

Following the depressing result of the crime for the last quarter of 2014 it made my day to receive a letter through my door which tells me there are still some very good, honest people among us. The letter was from Mrs Janet Tompsett, the wife of Borough Councillor, Mike Tompsett. You may remember that in the last magazine I reported a number of sheer acts of vandalism and criminal damage that had occurred around the village and it was Mike's car which had the rear windscreen smashed whilst parked by the village green and it was reassuring to receive Janet's letter.

One day in January Janet was walking through the High Street to see some friends and popped into the paper shop to pay her paper bill and was going to go in the Chemist but decided she didn't have enough in her purse so decided to post a letter then moved onto the Post Office to get some cash. It was only when Janet arrived at the Post Office that she discovered she had lost her purse.

Janet carefully retraced her steps and when she got to the Chemists, although she had not been in there originally, called into see if any one had handed it in. Low and behold someone had and the Chemist quite rightly asked for some proof of ownership before releasing it. Like most purses it had cards in it which most of us depend on to get through the week and pay our bills. Unfortunately, the Chemist had been unable to get the name of the person who handed the purse in but Janet would like to express her extreme gratitude for the person's honesty. In two short months Janet and Mike experienced the bad and the good of the village and I think we should all take some comfort from that person's action; so well done and thank you from all good, honest people.

On another point it is amazing how many people push their luck by walking about with expensive items such as mobile phones and Ipads sticking out of their pockets on full display. Please don't become another statistic on our crime report.



Hugh Boorman

Donna's Garden Party

There will be another fun fund-raising garden party in aid of 'Cat Welfare':

Saturday 23rd May ~ 10am to 4pm

7 Elmhurst Avenue, Pembury, TN2 4DA (off Church Road, behind The Hospice)

Last year £400 was raised for Maidstone Cat Welfare (even though the weather was bad).

Donations of plants, books, DVDs, puzzles, tombola prizes, bric-a-brac and raffle prizes may be given any time; cakes, jam etc., on the day.

Help also needed to run stalls, lend gazebos - (and putting them up on the day), and clearing up afterwards.

Please contact Donna ~ daytime 01892 823783

Let's hope the sun shines this year!



SWIFTS

Swifts are high flying birds with forked tails, and scythe like wings. They visit the UK every summer, and though they are only with us for a few months a year, because they winter in Africa, they are very much part of our lives.

They spend their life in the air, they do not land. The only time they are not in flight is when they are nesting; they feed, mate and sleep in the air. According to the RSPB website, it's estimated that they fly 800km or almost 500 miles, on average, daily. They catch flying insects and airborne spiders.



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Their population has dropped considerably over the last few years; according to the British Trust for Ornithology a third of British swifts have been lost since 1995. It's hard to tell why this is, especially as swifts live on the wing and are not very accessible for research, but it is thought that they lack nesting sites in the UK as they like to nest in eaves and roof spaces, and due to new building practices, suitable sites are harder to find.

It is sadly very common for entire colonies of swifts to lose their nest places when buildings are re-roofed or insulated. This is a real pity because there are plenty of ways to have both a new roof, insulation, and to keep the swifts' nests, but people just don't know about how to do it. However, 'Swift Conservation' produces a special leaflet to guide you, the address is below.

The BTO are tracking swifts with miniature 'data loggers' fitted to the birds' backs to learn more about them, and where they go, so that they can target their conservation efforts.

You can also help swifts by helping the RSPB with their survey. Each year they ask the public to let them know where and when swifts are seen nesting, or screaming overhead. You can find out about swifts and the survey here: <http://bit.ly/1IHpGq>.



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Another option to help is to put up a specially designed swift nest box. You can buy these for as little as £15. They need to be sited high under the eaves at least 5m above ground and with clear airspace in front so that the swifts can fly in a high speed. Swifts are said to be quiet and unobtrusive when nesting, and they are the cleanest of birds, so you can enjoy sharing your space with them without much hassle.

I have a swift nest box up. Sadly I haven't enticed any swifts yet, but some cheeky sparrows have nested in it!

Swifts look similar to the swallow and house martin, even though they are not related; in fact

SWIFTS CONTINUED...

the swift's nearest relative is the humming bird! There is a useful identification guide here: <http://bit.ly/1zn8ogR>

April to August is when the swifts are with us. I'll be looking out for them and I hope you will too!

Fun fact: Swifts incubate their eggs for about 20 days. Because they are used to flying all the time, it's hard to stay still, so they do wing press ups to keep fit!

Local knowledge: A few years ago I caught sight of a swift as it flew up under the eaves of the old school building. I think it might have had a nest there.

To find out lots more about swifts, and how you can help them, you can visit www.swift-conservation.org. There is information on what to do if you see a fallen swift, and a number of downloadable leaflets on in-built, and external nest boxes, and more.

Photos courtesy of 'Swift Conservation'. Thanks to Edward at 'Swift Conservation' for his help.

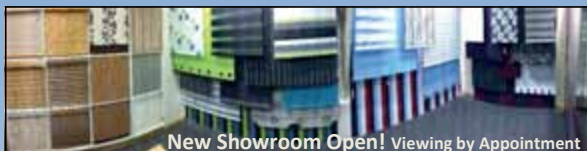
PEMBURY SCHOOL

I don't know how many of you realise just what a hive of activity Pembury School is after the day's learning is done. There are so many activities taking place that it makes one wonder how they keep it going. Throughout the winter, there has been a variety of sporting clubs and other social and learning activities. These include Football and Cricket Clubs, Netball and Hockey, Sailing, Swimming with the help of Kent College, Chess and Computer Clubs, Glee Club, ie Dancing, Film Club, Gymnastics, Judo or Karate and numerous others. If I have left any out please accept I think it is quite remarkable and I think a great big part of the school's success is due to the many teachers and many assistants who devote such a large part of their lives and perhaps their outlook on life and a being part of a team.



Hugh Boorman

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SHOT DOWN AROUND PEMBURY- SEPT/OCT 1940

There were a number of aircraft shot down over the Pembury area. Amongst them were:



Stanislaw Karubin - a Polish Battle of Britain ace. He joined 303 Squadron based at Northolt on 2nd August 1940, and shot down a number of enemy aircraft during the Battle. In early September he was himself shot down by a Heinkel He111. He was injured when he crash landed his Hurricane (V2790) near Pembury on September 6th at 9.15a.m. He sustained injuries and was admitted to the Kent and Sussex Hospital. After a short stay he returned to duty. He was credited with 7 kills. He was killed, aged 25, in a flying accident on 12th August 1941 in a Hurricane when his aircraft struck a mountainside near Cumberland.

Gilbert Humphrey Trench - born in 1919, Trench joined the RAF in 1938. He flew Hurricanes with 601 Squadron based at Debden. He destroyed an ME110 on September 4th. Two days later he was shot down by a Me109 over Mayfield. He baled out but was wounded. He landed at Pembury and his Hurricane (V6647), crashed at Kippings Cross. He continued to destroy a number of enemy aircraft until he crashed on May 2nd 1942, attempting to take off from Debden in a Spitfire, (a single-seater aircraft) with the Controller (Flight Lt. David Gordon) on his lap. They were said to have been going to a party to celebrate Trench's forthcoming wedding to Diana Barnato, a bit of a pin-up girl, who became the first woman to break the sound barrier in a Lightning! Both men were killed. He was buried at Saffron Walden, and was awarded the DFC after his death.



Arsen Cebrynski - born in 1912, he served in the Polish Air Force before the war. He arrived at Northolt on 7th July 1940 and joined 303 Squadron on 21st August, just after Stanislaw Karubin. On 11th September the Germans launched a massive raid. Their target-London. 60 bombers guarded by 90 German fighters expected to deliver a devastating blow to the British capital. 303 Squadron rose to meet them. The Messerschmitts dived to attack the RAF fighters. The second section of 303 Squadron in turn attacked the German bombers who scattered. The RAF fighters then chased and destroyed the fleeing Germans. The battle raged over six counties from London to the Channel coast. For 303 Squadron it was a great victory. In less than 15 minutes their 12 fighters had shot down 17 German aircraft. Two of the Polish fighters lost their lives in the battle. Cebrynski probably

destroyed a Do17 on 11th September but was then shot down in further combat south of London. His Hurricane, V6665, came down at Hitchens Farm, Pembury and he was badly injured. He died in hospital on the 19th and was buried in Northwood Cemetery, Middlesex. He was awarded the KW (Polish Cross of Valour) and Bar (gazetted 23rd December 1940) and a second bar (gazetted 31st October 1947).

Richard Snow

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The new coffee shop open every Monday from 9.30 to 12 noon at The Pavilion, Lower Green Road has been well received by local residents and visitors to Pembury. The coffee shop offers spacious and comfortable surroundings. In this cold weather it is a welcoming place to meet friends and family of all ages to enjoy a cup of something as well as delicious homemade fayre, and we can offer gluten-free products. The little ones can also enjoy their play time with us.



With the days getting lighter and Spring on its way, we anticipate having more visitors. We are able to serve those who wish to have a takeaway beverage whilst they are in the Recreation Ground. What a treat, a drink while you walk or play with the children.

For your diary, we will be holding an Easter raffle; Jeffery Rowland was the lucky 1st prize winner of the Christmas raffle.

Look out for our sign on a Monday at the bottom of the drive to the Recreation Ground. Come and visit us, we will be very pleased to welcome you, the Pembury Way! Thank you to our regulars who have visited the coffee shop since we opened, your support has been amazing.

Beverli Shaw and Christine Snow.



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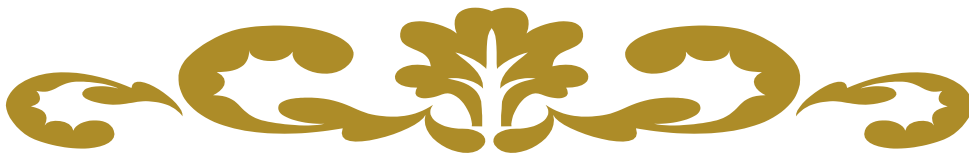


**New Free Hi Kent Tinnitus Support Group –
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Hi Kent have started a new support group in Pembury for people affected by Tinnitus.

This informal group gives people the opportunity to meet people with similar problems, share coping strategies and talk to people who understand what it is like to live with tinnitus. The group is informative giving details on help available and the latest research and we often have guest speakers. It will be held regularly but please check our website (www.hikent.org.uk) for future dates, or telephone the number below.

If you are interested in joining this free group and for further information please get in touch with
Hi Kent: Tel: (01622) 691151, Fax: (01622) 672436
textphone 07795 951466 or Email: enquiries@hikent.org.uk



Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

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PARISH MEETING

of the above named Parish will be held at

The Village Hall, High Street, Pembury

on Monday 23 March 2015

at 8.00 pm

The Business to be transacted will be as follows:-

- 1. To read the Notice convening the meeting***
- 2. To Read and Sign the Minutes of the last Parish Meeting***
- 3. To receive Pembury Parish Council Audited Accounts for the year 2013/2014 and to receive a Financial Outline for the year 2014/2015***
- 4. To receive the Report on the Work of Pembury Parish Council during the year 2014/2015***
- 5. To receive a report from Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillors***
- 6. To receive a report from Kent County Councillor***
- 7. Open Forum to ask questions of the Pembury Parish Council***

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VILLAGE PANTOMIME

Pembury Players pulled off yet another sparkling performance in this year's Panto. Babes in the Wood, a Robin Hood farce wowed the audiences in all four shows and once again demonstrated that this bunch of amateur actors are endearing themselves to adults and children alike in Pembury and beyond. All the usual suspects were involved; the villainous Sheriff played by Andrew Hawker, the big -haired foul-mouthed Dame Played by Patrick Gillan, Robin Hood played by Maggie Weaver plus a host of fairies, orphans, nymphs and one very disturbed Donkey. The plot was to rescue the sheriff's orphans from the evil deeds of the sheriff. Thankfully all was happy in this never never land. Robin married Marion, the orphans recovered from their ordeal and re-started school and the Sheriff married his not so sweetheart - the Dame. Not told in the story the Dame divorced the sheriff, inherited the castle sent the orphans to boarding school and married Justin Bieber.



James Drummond, one of the producers said the technical support was invaluable and he also wanted to thank Matthew Rosenz for managing the bar, Linda Bowen for her wonderful costumes and Richard Highgate and all his stage crew for the fabulous scenery.

See you next Year!

Patrick Gillan

'UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE' (U3A)

Come December and time to think about our stomachs again! As usual Pembury U3A was keen to get started on the turkey and 100 or so of us met up for food and fun in the Village Hall for our annual Christmas Lunch. As in past years the Hall looked magnificent with a team of volunteers adorning the walls with Christmas decorations, fairy lights and balloons, the tables were laid festively, and so the scene was set. A fabulous seasonal lunch was produced with the usual quiz to get our brains working and the odd ditty or two to get the Christmas spirit going, but the finale proved the biggest hit with the Quintus Singers, a local group, providing us with a musical treat of Christmas music and carols. All in all, a very good way to start off the Christmas season!

And as we head into 2015 we've lots of interesting talks to listen to; fifty six interest groups going about their busy ways; theatre trips and outings to look forward to and a whole host of activities not yet dreamed up! If you think it is for you, why not come along and find out more about us?

Sally Sturcke



AFTERNOON WI

This year is a centenary of the first WI in Britain and Pembury WI was one of the few surviving originals and was hoping to reach its centenary in 2020; but sadly our meeting in December was the last. We ended with a Christmas Dinner at the King William prior to the formal suspension of activities. Although our membership during the year remained at 18 we have very few members fit enough to serve on the committee or car drivers to participate in the many extra activities. We have done everything to publicise our activities but have not succeeded in recruiting new members.

Pembury evening WI continues as a separate WI; the possibility of forming one Pembury WI was proposed, thus preserving the continuity of Pembury having one of the oldest WIs in Britain, but was not accepted.

Members have been committed to the future and daytime meetings as they fulfil a need in our rural community for women who do not want to go to evening meetings; or as our hall is near a bus stop for the surrounding villages, members could come from

places such as Brenchley, Lamberhurst and Capel where those WIs have closed recently.

During the three years after suspension the Pembury afternoon WI could be reopened with new meeting times etc., perhaps in the morning to attract women with school children or for a lunch time meeting. There is so much on offer to women of all ages. It will be sad if all our history is lost, if the suspension finally becomes closure in December 2017.

Anyone interested in the activities of the WI should contact:
The WI Federation Office on 01892 823813.
Website: www.thewi.org.uk/westkent
Email: westkentwi@btconnect.com



CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN



The Saturday before Christmas Pembury Villagers young & old and a few of our four legged friends gathered on the Village Green for Carols.

The Salvation Army Band beautifully played all our favourite carols taking requests for our favourite tunes which we sang with gusto.

Thank you to all that came and braved the chilly night.
A huge Thank You to the Salvation Army Band who were brilliant.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides attended a Carol Service at St. Peter's on 14th December 2014. Over 70 girls attended with their families and the retiring collection raised £165 for the Hospice in the Weald.

Jackie Fichtmuller (right) was presented with flowers and a certificate to mark 50 years of volunteering with Guiding – a remarkable achievement.

Thanks to those who attended, and all the leaders who give so much of their time for the girls. Anyone who may be interested in helping in Guiding can contact me at pemburybrownies@hotmail.co.uk.



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LAWN BOWLS IN PEMBURY - LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

If you take a constitutional walk in the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground you may notice that the striped appearance of the bowling green is refreshed periodically. This is part of our winter maintenance routine. Every 10 to 14 days worm casts are brushed away with a stiff broom, then dew or raindrops are brushed off the grass with a much larger 3 metre wide broom, and then the mower is employed. In practice, very little grass is removed as it does not grow unless the winter weather is very mild, but any loose debris is collected by the mower which also lightly rolls the green and refreshes those contrasting stripes.

Those with keen observational skills may notice that the direction of these stripes is different now than in the summer. Currently, the cut direction crosses the green end to end between the football pitch side and the side running parallel to Lower Green Road. But from March onwards, as we approach the playing season, the green will be cut diagonally from corner to corner. The diagonal cut is preferred during the playing season as it provides a more consistent resistance to the course of the bowls; a side to side cut would slow bowls when running against the cut direction and speed them up when running in the cut direction.

The start of a new outdoor bowls season is always an eagerly anticipated event. Despite the vagaries of the weather and the inconsistencies of grass surfaces compared to indoor carpets, (or maybe because of the challenge set by these inconsistencies), outdoor bowling in late spring, summer and autumn is a joy. Friendships are renewed, both within the club and with other clubs. We have a comprehensive list of friendly match fixtures with other local clubs virtually every weekend between May and September. Outdoor bowling is invigorating, skilful, pleasantly sociable and playable from junior school age to ones' eighties and beyond.

Pembury Bowls Club welcomes new members. Existing members are scheduled to meet at our clubhouse by the green on the morning of Saturday 11th April at 10.00am to renew their membership, prior to the start of the new season some two weeks later. This would also be a good time for potential new members to come along and find out about our facilities. We will, however, also be having an open session, probably in early May, when potential members can try out the game on our green; this date will be published locally including on our web-site PEMBURYBOWLSCLUB.COM.

For more information please refer to the contacts on our website or :-

Norman Brown, 01892 823915



WEAR A HAT WHEN IT'S COLD!

Each winter numerous articles are published warning us about the dangers of hypothermia, how to spot it and what to do about it, but amongst this plethora of information there is rarely the warning that you are more likely to suffer a heart attack if you don't wear a warm hat in cold weather.

Every winter in the UK upwards of 20,000 extra deaths occur that are attributed in one way or another to the cold. Amongst them, heart attack and strokes are responsible for thousands of cold weather deaths each year. These two conditions have one thing in common...blood. Both conditions are caused by a clotting of, or restriction of, the flow of blood through an organ, namely the heart and the brain, and this is where the warm hat comes in.

Although blood is a liquid, it is viscous, it has a stickiness to it that some fluids, such as water, don't have. Like motor oil it becomes more viscous when it is cooled, and less viscous when it's warmed. So, when it's trundling around in your blood vessels, for the most part all is well, as it's warm and fluid.

In some parts of your body blood vessels are far nearer the surface than you might think – the inside of your wrists, your jugular vein that you see pulsing in your neck, the veins visible at your temples, and in the case of newborns under the thin skin of their scalp. Here the blood dissipates heat far more readily than it does from other parts of the body. When it cools, it becomes a little stickier, a little more viscous. Cool it further still, like on a really cold day, and it becomes even more viscous. Sticky blood cells stick together and form tiny clumps, which turn into bigger clumps quite quickly, certainly within a couple of hours.

So. Let's have an example. We'll call him Joe. Joe has a desk job in the city and he travels by train.

He is fit, goes to the gym three times a week and plays football at the weekend. That and running around after his three kids is enough he feels. He gets up, showers, has a healthy breakfast of whole wheat cereal and fruit, a glass of orange juice and sets off.

He drives to the station, parks and makes his way to the platform. He is wearing a shirt, suit and tie and thick overcoat. He realises when he is standing on the open platform that he's shivering, he has left his gloves and scarf in the car and doesn't have time to fetch them. His shivering increases his heart rate, making the blood move faster, so more blood is passing the exposed areas more often and passing through the warm areas at a faster rate. After a few minutes his blood is slightly more sticky than it was when he arrived on the platform. He continues to shiver. A couple of blood cells have agglutinated, clumped together in one of his veins. By the time Joe gets on the train fifteen minutes later the clot is no longer microscopic, but for the moment it's staying where it is. Joe feels a touch off-colour but puts it down to the shivering and shaking he's been doing for the past 20 minutes.

He gets off the train and makes his way to his office, glad to be in the warm at last. As he settles at his desk, he warms up, his blood gets less sticky and starts moving at its proper rate around his body. The clot in his vein gets less sticky also, a lump of it breaks off and gets carried along with the liquid blood until the clot lodges in Joe's heart.

WEAR A HAT WHEN IT'S COLD! CONTINUED...

As the blood supply slows, Joe's heart, starved of what it needs, starts to fire off irregularly, the electrical system is failing. Joe feels a rapid tightening in his chest as the heart strains to maintain its output. It gives one last flutter before ceasing its activity. Joe feels like his chest is going to explode, attempts to stand up and collapses. Joe has died. He was 43 years old.

Many people die each year of cold related strokes, heart attacks and pulmonary embolus. Even wrapped up, some people prone to sticky blood will still die, but a great many more would survive if they dressed in weather appropriate clothing.



So stay safe and warm this winter. Don't forget your hat, gloves and scarf! Your mum really did know what she was talking about!!

Melanie Karpinski

Based on an article in the Daily Sheeple, October 19, 2013 and The Lancet, Volume 349, no. 9062, p.1341-1346, 10 May 1997

*Thank
you*



It has been a very great privilege to represent you as a Borough Councillor for Pembury over the last eight years. I genuinely hope that whatever you have had problems with, I have been able to help. Due to health issues I am standing down from this role, as you deserve some one fitter and healthier to pursue any problems or issues you have.

From my perspective, I have made many new friends, hopefully I have put positivity back into the Village I love and I hope to have been of use to you all. I would like to thank three gentlemen in particular who, during this time have been of great help and inspiration to me. Firstly, David Coleman who has always pointed me in the right direction on procedure and Council matters; secondly Hugh Boorman, whose passion for the Environment and our Village I have always admired and thirdly Dick Crouch who again as David, has always been a guiding light.

June

MIDSUMMER BARN DANCE

St. Peter's Church will be holding a barn dance from 7.30pm to 10.30pm on Saturday 20th June 2015 at Pippins Farm Barn, Maidstone Road, Pembury. Tickets will be available nearer the time from Pembury Pharmacy or from St. Peter's Church office but if you would like further details please email me on gill.betts@outlook.com.

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PEMBURY IN THE 1960S : A VILLAGE IN A TIME OF CHANGE.

I came to live in Woodsgate Way, aged 5, in the summer of 1961 and started at Pembury School in September that year. In retrospect it was a pivotal time in the development of the village from a largely rural community to today's dormitory town. Although I ceased to be a permanent Pembury resident in 1974, I continued to visit until the death of my mother in 2003, by which time the village had changed almost beyond recognition.

In 1961 the recently completed developments at Woodsgate Way, Woodhill Park and The Forstal were virtually the only post war housing in the village and these were inhabited largely by young families whose father (but in that era, not yet their mother) commuted daily to employment in London. It is only at this distance in time that I can appreciate that we represented the thin end of the wedge as far as the change in the nature of the village was concerned. Looking back I think it was the development of the housing between the school and the recreation ground that tipped the balance for me; it was at this point that I ceased to recognise by sight almost everybody I encountered.

In the very early 1960s newcomers had a sense of being witness to a way of life which was on the very cusp of vanishing and which in some respects had already turned the corner out of sight just before our arrival on the scene. In this latter category was the hotel-cum-tea rooms-cum-country club at Woodsgate Corner and the Dower House (which was later to become the council offices and then the Mercure Hotel) . There were intriguing clues to this earlier life.

In the case of The Woodsgate there was left behind the open air swimming pool, marooned between two modern housing estates , but still functioning. This pool was the delight of my life from about the age of 8 until its closure in my early teens. At this period the pool itself, the chutes, diving boards and fountain were all painted an exotic shade of deep turquoise and set against the white of the entrance building. It presented many interesting rites of passage; jumping from the top diving board, going down first the small chute and then the large one and then each head first, – to this day I have slightly impaired hearing in my left ear sustained during an over-ambitious descent. The pool complex was evidence of changing tastes; poolside there was an aura of faded 1930s elegance, while the adjoining café, with its formica tables, juke box and pinball machines seemed to have fallen prey to 1950s American youth culture. Neither much changed their decor during their remaining existence, the café undergoing a late renaissance as a transport café by day and a night club after dark.

The clues to what life might have been like in and around the Dower House were more difficult to uncover and interpret. The house itself always seemed somewhat forbidding by the time I knew it was unoccupied and falling into disrepair. The grounds however hinted at an exciting past. There was a pond, a large stand of rhododendrons, a small woodland under-planted with daffodils and bluebells and, most interesting of all, the remains of what appeared to have been the track of a miniature railway.

In other ways we arrived just in time to witness the 'old' village. Acotts' Bakery was still in business in the High Street and their delivery man, Mr Taylor, still did his rounds as did Mr Waghorn with his fresh fish. Miss Walker still had the drapers shop where you went to buy Pembury School uniforms and which smelt of rubber from the plimsolls and wellingtons hung above the counters on lengths of string and whose window display was protected from sunlight by a kind of orange cellophane. The modern block, comprising the Off Licence, Mr Maynard's Spar shop, and between the two what was briefly – and unsuccessfully - the High Street's third confectioners, had yet to be developed. There was what appeared to have been a grocer's shop on the footprint of the Off Licence but this had already ceased trading and

PEMBURY IN THE 1960S : A VILLAGE IN A TIME OF CHANGE.

the faded green window blinds were always down. The Newsagents and Sweet Shop near the corner of Lower Green Road and High Street was known as Giles' but I don't know whether this was the name of the elderly couple who owned it at this period or of a previous owner. There was also a lovely lady, universally known as Joan, behind the counter.

On the other side of the High Street, approaching from Woodsgate the first commercial premises you came to, just as the road bends round, was The Square Deal. In 1961 this was already a transport café but it appeared to have had a previous life as a more genteel establishment as there were roses and green and cream metal chairs and tables in the garden. From the style of the building it appeared to have once been a private house. There was one house between the Square Deal and the Village Hall (yet to be modernised and freezing cold in the winter) and then a row of terraced cottages from one of which operated Chapman's transport business. I think lorries were kept in the yard behind the cottages. The owner, Rod Chapman, was considered a rather glamorous figure as he was also a Rally Cross driver. Beyond the cottages was Eldridge's (the other Newsagent), another house and then a run of shops and businesses. Amongst these were Rideout's Greengrocers, a branch of the National and Provincial Bank (later to become the Nat in NatWest) and Bruce's Butchers Shop. Mr Bruce was helped in his sawdust floored shop by his assistant, Jim and Mrs Bruce delivered Sunday joints on a Saturday morning. If you left your backdoor unlocked she would even put it in your fridge while you indulged in a weekend lie-in. In the parade which is on the corner of Camden Avenue the last shop was the chemist, and there was another bank and a hairdressers called Marlene's. At a later period either Rideout's or the National and Provincial (I can't recall which) became another hairdressers called Judith's.

Many of the institutions of the village - the Free Church, the Brownies, the WI, the Bowls Club - were peopled more by the families who had been in the village prior to the 1960s than by the newcomers. This also changed during the course of the 60s and 70s as the number of new houses grew. I joined the Brownies in about 1962 and the pack then met in the hall beneath the Methodist Church on Hastings Road and was therefore largely made up of girls from this part of the village. It subsequently moved its meetings to the Village Hall and as a consequence attracted more girls from Woodhill Park. In the 60s there was no footpath between the Paddock and the High Street and unless you were prepared to climb through a gap in the fence and traverse rough, unlit ground you had to walk all the way round Woodhill Park.

I was a member of the Free Church Sunday School from about 1962. The minister was initially a Welsh man called Reverend Howells and he was succeeded in the mid 60s by Reverend Moon. There was an annual Sunday school outing (complete with marquee) to either Bexhill or Eastbourne and, in addition to the usual festivals, we celebrated Primrose Sunday, when the Sunday School adjourned en masse to pick primroses in the hedgerows of Cornford Lane or the Old Coach Road.

Looking slightly further afield, there was no link from the A21 to the North Farm Industrial Estate and the short dual carriageway outside the hospital was not built until 1967. Buses from Tunbridge Wells – which was referred to by longstanding Pembury residents as simply The Wells - stopped at the end of Pembury Road and only the Tonbridge buses stopped on the A21. On summer weekends there was a line of stationary traffic all along the A21 both morning and evening as motorists from nearer London made their way to and from Hastings and Bexhill.

Jane Bateson

(Jane now lives in Manchester and keeps up with news from Pembury via the PVN)



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1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°) fan or Gas Mark 6
2. Put the garlic into a bowl with the honey and chilli sauce, stir to mix
3. Add the chicken thighs and toss to coat
4. Put the chicken into a roasting tin and roast in the oven for 15-20 minutes until golden and cooked through. Check that the juices run clear when pierced with a skewer
5. Service with rice and crisp green salad

Apfelschnitzen

- 9 oz Plain Flour
- 1 oz Ground Almonds
- 6 oz Butter
- 3 oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Egg Yolk (beaten and mixed with 3 tbsp milk)
- Pinch Salt

- 1lb Apples (grated)
- 4 oz Granulated Sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 oz Caster Sugar

1. Preheat oven to 160°C
2. Mix flour, salt, sugar and almonds
3. Rub in the butter until it looks like breadcrumbs
4. Mix the flour mix with the egg and milk
5. Roll out half the dough to fit a 9" x 6" tray
6. Mix the apples, sugar and cinnamon together and spread over the dough base
7. Roll remaining pastry and cover the apple mix
8. Beat the egg white until frothy, pour over the dough and sprinkle with the remaining caster sugar
9. Bake for 45 minutes until top is crispy

Serve with cream or custard



CRIME REPORT

Here we are again, Happy New Year to you all. Unfortunately, it really is bad news as far as the crime figures for the last quarter of 2014 are concerned. I don't know if it was a deliberate attempt to mislead us but I would suggest that most people focus on the total figure shown in the bottom right hand corner of the report sheet, and that normally includes the figures for Burglary Dwelling and Burglary Other. As I have stated many times before, due to the Data Protection Act the Authorities are not allowed to disclose in which road the act of Burglary took place. This time there is no figure in the column on the main sheet but it is tucked away in the smaller crime reported by month sheet.

If you look at the total figure on the main sheet it says the total was 68, but if you then look at the bottom right hand corner of the top set of figures the total is 80. I will leave you to come to your own conclusions but we are repeatedly being told that crime figures are coming down and yet the last twelve months have been by far the highest in the many years that we have been reporting crime figures in the Parish magazine.

There is a one hundred per cent increase in criminal damage, which is just the mindless destruction of people's property and probably in most cases carried out by these cowards under cover of darkness. Again violent crime is on the increase and if you look in the top box you will see that the two sets of burglary figures total twelve as against two for the previous quarter.

I know that as I write this there are plans for a representative from the Constabulary to meet with the Parish Council at a forthcoming meeting. We have to show a one hundred per cent support for the Police and our Police Community Support Officer, especially in these times of reduced numbers of front-line troops. But I still say that with a village the size of Pembury there needs to be a much higher level of support and presence from the Police. We obviously don't know if the crimes are being committed by groups of people who move from village to village or are residents of the village but the time has now come when we must demand some action from the Police.

Following a recent report in the national newspapers I wonder what planet our Home Secretary Theresa May is living on by suggesting crime 999 calls should be sent by email. Can you imagine the excuses then - the system crashed, we didn't receive it etc, etc.

Look after each other and be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman



FLY TIPPING

Once again flytipping in Pembury has reared its ugly head again. We expected an increase after Christmas but not to the level that was experienced. You may remember the picture previously shown in this magazine of the rubbish which had been tipped in Romford Road. The same site has been targeted again but probably the most outrageous was the huge pile of rubbish which was flytipped at Woodside on the

concrete road approach to the playing fields partially blocking the road.

We also walked along Redwings Lane by the Waterworks on the first weekend in the New Year and it was as if someone had come away from a New Years party with all the empties. We found five carrier bags of beer cans, plastic coffee cups etc., deposited along the lane. With the larger

amounts of rubbish, including bricks and plaster rubble it does make one wonder at times if someone has done a job and been paid to take the waste to the tip but gains a bit by flytipping.

It is a scourge and somehow we have to stop it.

Hugh Boorman

CRIME FIGURES

Recorded crime in Pembury

If a road name does not appear in the table below, it is because no crimes have been reported to Kent Police in that road during the specified period.



Crime type by reported month	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	Total recorded crime
Oct-14	6	3	1	0	1	2	7	0	2	22
Nov-14	6	2	2	1	0	1	8	1	0	21
Dec-14	6	2	2	3	0	15	7	2	0	37
October - December 2014	18	7	5	4	1	18	22	3	2	80

	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	Total recorded crime (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)
A21 A	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	1
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	1	0	3
BELLFIELD ROAD	2			0	0	8	0	0	0	10
BULLS PLACE	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CHURCH ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CORNFORD LANE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GREENLEAS	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HASTINGS ROAD	1			1	0	1	1	0	2	6
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	3			0	0	2	1	0	0	6
HENWOODS CRESCENT	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HERONS WAY	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	2			0	0	0	7	0	0	9
KINGS TOLL ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KNIGHTS RIDGE	0			0	0	1	1	0	0	2
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	1	0	1	0	0	3
PEMBURY ROAD	0			0	0	0	6	0	0	6
RIDGEWAY	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
ROMFORD ROAD	2			0	0	1	0	0	0	3
THE COPPICE	0			0	0	2	1	0	0	3
THE MEADOW	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	1			0	0	0	4	2	0	7
WOODHILL PARK	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WOODLANDS	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)	18			4	1	18	22	3	2	68

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 16th January 2015 at 12:26 hrs, and is therefore subject to change

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am – term time only.

Town and Country Housing Group Clinic – last Tuesday in the month.

CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am. See page 32 for details.

Community Coffee Shop – Pembury Pavilion, Recreation Ground – Mondays 9.30 – 12 noon

March 2015

6th	Tinnitus Support Group	2 – 4pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Street Pastors' – Village Hall
9th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	PC Office, Recreation Ground
21st	'Dad and Me'	10-	Pembury Baptist Church
23rd	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Village Hall
28th	Gardeners' Spring Show	2pm	Village Hall

April 2015

4th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at the Camden
10th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'A Wealden Woman's War' – Village Hall
13th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
13th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	PC Office, Recreation Ground
20th	Footpath Walkers' AGM	8pm	Village Hall
25th	'Dad and Me'	10-	Pembury Baptist Church

May 2015

1st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Annual Meeting/Resolutions - Village Hall
2nd	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane Bus Stop
7th	Gardeners	8pm	AGM – Pembury Baptist Church
11th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	PC Office, Recreation Ground
11th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
30th	Gardeners	8.30am-	Plant Sale – Village Green
30th	Dad and Me	10-	Pembury Baptist Church

June 2015

1st	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
5th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Boots No. 7 Make Up Demo – Village Hall

Richard Snow has taken over responsibility for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk and www.pembury.org for a fuller listing.

The diary serves two purposes. Firstly to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid some clashes. Secondly to enable everyone to know what is happening in the village. It is important that information is sent to Richard at events@pembury.org with date, times, title of event, venue and contact details.

FRIENDS TOGETHER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT NETWORK

The Pembury Friends Together group, formed in 2013, is part of a network of small groups who meet for lunch or coffee to provide support and friendship in the difficult times following bereavement.

The Pembury group meets in the Recreation Ground Pavilion on the third Monday of the month for a light lunch, conversation and sharing of life's activities in a convivial and friendly environment. There is no charge but donations are appreciated. We are unable to provide transport and do not offer a counselling service.

If you feel you would benefit from attending our small friendly group please contact Sue Bottle on 07840 361118.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

It's always great hearing from Pembury residents with their stories. The variety that I've received over the years as Editor is amazing and so diverse. Anything from life as a greyhound owner to charity work in Africa.

Please put pen to paper and keep the articles coming in. They are what make our village magazine unique.

Ed.

PEMBURY GARDENERS SOCIETY

Pembury Gardeners Society will hold its Spring Show at the Village Hall on Saturday March 28th starting at 2pm. Show schedules and further information are available from the Show Secretary at 18 Lower Green Road or ring 824877.

The Annual Plant sale is on Saturday 30th May on the Village Green from 8.30 am to 12 noon.

Do you fancy flower arranging? Why not join the Flower Workshop at the Baptist Church Hall the first Monday in the month starting on March 2nd at 8 pm. Further details are available from Ann Purton on Pembury 824223.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 7th May at 7.45pm for 8pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Romford Road. Further details are available from Ann Purton on Pembury 824223.



Society Shed at Woodside Road opens on Sundays from 11 am to 12.30pm.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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**Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst**

44 Elmhurst Avenue, TN2 4DA

Tel: 824873

Chair of Parish Council

Chair of Amenities, Christmas Lights and Pride in Pembury (inc. Public Relations) Working Group

**Cllr Mrs Sally Osborn**

34 Canterbury Road, TN2 4JT

Tel: 822726

Vice Chair of Amenities, Christmas Lights and Pride in Pembury (inc. Public Relations) Working Group

**Cllr Sean Cawley**

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**Cllr David Coleman**

22 Ridgeway, TN2 4ER

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Chair of Planning & Highways Working Group

**Cllr Steve Rose**

84 Woodhill Park, TN2 4NP

**Cllr Patrick Gillan**

1 Knights Close, TN2 4EL

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**Cllr John Hine**

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**Cllr Paul Roberts**

107 Beagles Wood Road, TN2 4JJ

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Chair of Audit, Finance and Personnel Working Group

**Cllr Mrs Chris Snow**

1 Cornford Park, TN2 4PW

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**Cllr Mrs Shelley Harris**

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Vice Chair of Parish Council

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Cllr Mike Tompsett, 14 Gimble Way, TN2 4BX Tel: 822711

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