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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AUTUMN 2015

What a wonderful afternoon/evening Picnic on the Green was. All of you who came would surely agree how good it was! Fantastic weather, good company and lots of lovely food, but best of all was the superb music by our wonderful local group 'Sold Out' ably assisted by Graham on the drums and Phil who gave up his birthday celebrations to play for us. Very many thanks to 'More Tea Vicar' who were very entertaining and kept the party spirit and the dancing going for the rest of the evening. Even the shyest person got up and had a boogie. The Camden Arms generously funded this talented duo and a huge thank you to James and Carol for their generosity.



Moving the date of this annual event has been really worthwhile and a huge thank you to those who came and helped on the day and for the generosity of the bucket collection, which is going towards the extension of the children's play area.

I wish I could say the litter situation in the village has improved, but after going round with the judges for Pride in Pembury, I felt very sad that parts of our lovely village are beginning to look very shabby because of litter. It's such a shame as Pembury is a wonderful community – I think you will agree. Can we all try to pick it up when we see it, every one of us, and help make a difference to our environment?

The really good news is all you gardeners have again excelled and we had lots of nominations for the Pride in Pembury Competition, so it was very tricky for the judges, but very worthwhile - thank you all.

Every village has its ups and downs; it's never perfect, so if you have anything worrying you and you cannot make the Parish Council meeting, please always write to us so that we can be as proactive as possible.

I am looking forward to new Councillors joining the Parish Council and becoming part of our team, and I thank our present ones who work so hard, it's an honour to work with them.

I am also really excited that the new village map will be in situ on the Village Green at the end of the summer; it will be really helpful to visitors. What an achievement for the Pembury Society!

Kind Regards

June

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## REPORT FROM PEMBURY'S PCSO – NICK BROWN

With the summer season in full swing and when not out on patrol, I have been busy together with other officers trying to attend the various community events that make this village such a great place to live.

I was delighted to attend Pembury Primary School's summer fete, which as many of you will remember was an extremely busy day. As well as proving a platform to offer crime prevention advice and tips on how to improve home security, the event also allowed both children and parents an opportunity to join in the fun and also try on police uniforms!

It is important to remember though that the warmer weather can also offer opportunities for criminals. Throughout Kent, the summer months typically see a greater number of sheds, garages and other outbuildings targeted by thieves, with gardening equipment and lawnmowers among the items often stolen.

So please ensure you protect and secure your own property to make it more difficult for opportunistic criminals to get their hands on your belongings. It can be tempting to leave doors and windows open during hot weather but remember that others may see this as an opportunity to help themselves to your hard-earned valuables.

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- **Close your garden gate and lock it from the inside.**
- **Use lockable hanging baskets or secure the baskets to their brackets.**

Thankfully overall, crime levels in Pembury continue to be low and the village remains a safe place to live and visit.

Of course, when there is an emergency it is important that people dial 999. Unfortunately there will always be a minority that call 999 when they clearly do not require urgent assistance and sadly those that abuse the system are putting people's lives at risk.

We recently had to deal with a Pembury resident who was making repeat 999 calls to police and who was also often abusive to our call handlers. The man was arrested and taken into custody and although he was not charged he was issued with a caution, which will always remain on his record.

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## SINGING A NEW SONG IN PEMBURY

Caroline (Carrie) Walshaw, who has been teaching singing for 21 years at Kent College, will start as curate at St. Peter's Church, Pembury in September after her ordination in Rochester Cathedral. She has combined being a singing teacher and a soprano soloist with being a Reader (licensed lay minister) in the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Tonbridge for nearly 20 years. She is now really looking forward to her new ministry as curate, working alongside the vicar, Reverend Douglas Robertson, serving the people of Pembury and sharing the good news of God's love with them. Married to Richard, who is also on the music staff at Kent College, Carrie enjoys reading, playing violin with the Tonbridge Philharmonic and trips down the beautiful south Cornish coast.



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in St. Peter's Upper Church,  
Hastings Road,  
Pembury.

Following the service  
wreath laying will take  
place at the War Memorial.



## PEMBURY SCHOOL

Once again Pembury School has had a very successful year, especially on the sporting side. In May the A and B cricket teams took part in the Annual Kent Schools' Cricket Competition organised by the Lady Taverners at Bells Yew Green. Unfortunately, despite having some very close run games the B side just missed the playoff places but well done anyway. The A team fought through to the final two places; only one could qualify to go through to the Kent County finals at Canterbury and sadly they lost their final game by one run but they did receive a medal.



The swimming team had a magnificent year, performing in two major competitions - the last one back in the spring - was at the Tonbridge Public School Pool where the facilities can only be described as perfect. They won three trophies and were the out-right champions.



The netball team were not quite so fortunate this year, narrowly missing out in their competitions at Tonbridge and Skinners'

Academy. I raise my cap to all the teachers and assistants who devote their time and effort to the various teams and sporting activities in the School; there are many more that I have not mentioned, and of course to Kent College for the use of their swimming pool for the training of the Pembury School team. Sadly, many of these children have left Pembury School but it gives the opportunity to the children coming along behind.

Fortunately the weather held for two successful sports days which were very well attended by the parents. They do an awful lot in creating team work and making children aware of the competitive side of life.

On the morning of Tuesday 13th July we grandparents were privileged to see the best school play of the many we have seen over the years. Audience participation was continuous with laughter and singing in abundance. Well done pupils and production team.

The evening of Friday 17th July saw the Proms Evening for Year Six and what a magnificent turnout with such a variety of dress themes; some of the boys dressed as New York gangsters and the girls as rock and film stars. Well done kids and parents and I am certain that I speak on behalf of the village wishing all of these children all the very best in their new schools.

The morning of 24th July saw the Year Six final farewells and goodbyes to each other, their friends and teachers who they had grown up with at Pembury School. Each pupil gave their own brief message of memories of their time at the school. It was a very emotional occasion and very difficult to keep a dry eye. Many thanks to the Headmaster, Mr Wibroe for the provision of tissues!

Many thanks to Mr Wibroe and his team for looking after all our children and grandchildren over the years and long may it continue.

Hugh Boorman.



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It will be a chance to find out more about the Waterfield House Patient Group as well, and to join in future debates as GPs around the country try new models of care, while many choose to retire.

I look forward to meeting you on the 15th October.

**Justin Cumberlege**

*Chair of the Patient Participation Group at Waterfield House Practice.*



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## BROWNIE FUN DAY – OR - HOW MANY TIMES CAN A SKUNK MAKE A 'STINK' IN ITS LIFETIME?!



The weekend of 13th and 14th June saw over 40 excited Brownies and their leaders heading off to 'The Swattenden Centre' at Cranbrook for a couple of action packed days. Both days were large events with over 200 Brownies attending on each day. The range of activities on offer was great: rafting, abseiling, climbing, den building, archery, assault course and zip wire.

Then there was the animal show which included a snake, a tarantula, a skunk and a vulture. The animal handlers told us that a skunk can only make a 'stink' five times during its life. It takes so much energy and puts such stress on the skunk that it is more likely to run away than make a stink. Nice to know when you are stroking it!

We all had an amazing day, the Brownies were supposed to be tired at the end of it, but according to the parents many of them talked the whole way home.

A huge thank you to the leaders who gave up their time to take the Brownies to this memorable event.

Anyone who may be interested in helping in Guiding can contact me on [pemburybrownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pemburybrownies@hotmail.co.uk).

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Other trips this year were a visit to Bury St. Edmunds in July; a morning cruise on the River Thames to Hampton Court Palace and gardens - planned for September and a trip to the Dickensian Festival in Rochester in December. For a pack with information on our trips please ring Sue Giles on 823318.

**Pauline Hawker**

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## MUSICAL PICNIC

The Annual Parish Council Musical Picnic was held on the Village Green on Saturday 11 July. The weather was good and many people gathered to enjoy a picnic and listen to the excellent music of local group 'Sold Out' and a band called 'More Tea Vicar' who were kindly sponsored by the Camden Arms.

A collection was taken towards an extension to the Children's Play Area in Lower Green Recreation Ground and £438 was generously given.





## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD - BRUNCH BUNCH JOIN THE 10K FUN

Tucking into a bacon buttie is one treat the dedicated runners will have to miss out on before setting out on Hospice in the Weald's annual 10K run.

But the family and friends who wave them off will be able to enjoy their bacon sandwich, plus crepes, coffee and a smoothie bar while they wait for the runners to return to the finishing point on Tunbridge Wells Common.

The brunch is just part of the fun celebrating the 10th anniversary of the 10K which is expected to raise more than £50,000 for the hospice.

"We wanted to lay on something special for the runners' supporters to enjoy while they are waiting to welcome them back," said the hospice's corporate fundraising manager Sara Clark. "If we can hit our £50,000 target, that would fund our In-Patient Unit at Pembury for a whole week, providing 15 terminally ill patients with specialist care in an atmosphere where they feel safe and supported."

To get involved in the popular event, which takes place on Sunday 20th September, check out the

details at [hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://hospiceintheweald.org.uk) or call Sara Clark on 01892 820586.

Registration online until Thursday 17th September or just 'turn up on the day'.

- For any information regarding the Hospice in the Weald 10K please contact Sue Latham, Fundraising Events Coordinator, on 01892 820527 or [sue.latham@hospiceintheweald.org.uk](mailto:sue.latham@hospiceintheweald.org.uk)
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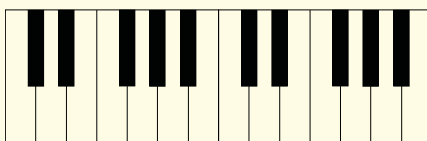
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## PEMBURY - MY RETURN IN MAY 2015

Back in 2013 I completed the story of my life in Australia after leaving Pembury as a 4 year old in 1950, arriving back again with my parents in 1960 as a result of homesickness by my mother (Joan Lillian King) who longed to return to Pembury. I had included my email address in the Pembury Village News and as a result I was contacted by Alan Steward who was a friend as a child during early 1960 while residing with my grandparents in Stone Court Lane. Alan's parents managed the Plant Nursery (some readers may remember the Nursery) however we lost contact when my parents moved to Canterbury in late 1960. It was a fantastic surprise when Alan contacted me by email. Alan was reading the Pembury Village News and came across the article where I mentioned living in Stone Court Lane and how my parents had returned from Australia with a white Sulphur Cockatoo as a pet; he remembered two blond haired lads (my brother and myself) and after 54 years with his memory intact, contact was made. I was absolutely astounded.

During my visit I arranged to meet Alan who now lives in Sittingbourne. He came over to my Aunt's house in Tonbridge to pick me up and although we didn't recognise each other it didn't seem to matter; it was about the fact that we did many years ago!

We spent a wonderful day together without contemplating too much on the past. We visited the 'Old Church' where we used to climb the big Oak trees and where my parents' ashes are now interred, the old Water Works, Pippins Farm and the Pembury Woods. We had lunch at the Camden Arms (my old favourite pub) and continued to reminisce about where our lives had taken us as we are now a pair of old timers!!

I also made a special visit to the Parish Council Offices with Alan to meet Yvette and Barbara who have been so kind in forwarding the magazine to me in Australia which also resulted in Alan & Barbara having a mutual friend many years ago.

My association with Pembury will remain with me for the rest of my life and I will always return to enjoy the wonderful ambience of village life.  
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# **COMMUNITY CALL-UP!**

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**Pembury Players**



### **An Honour**

First of all your community's amateur dramatic club was very honoured this year to receive a £400 grant from Councillors Mrs June Crowhurst and Mike Tompsett in recognition of their community effort and spirit in putting on their annual pantomime. The society has matched that in order to buy a new follow spot lamp, and two stage microphones to help improve the acoustics in the hall when using the stage. Thank you so much June, Mike... and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council!

### **Call-up**

Now to the call-up. We have a nucleus of talent but we still need a few more actors (all ages and genders), stage-crew, musicians, wardrobe helpers, and so on, to make sure that our 2016 plans live up to and build on June and Mike's generous recognition of our community effort. Previous experience is desirable but by no means essential; you just need some energy and enthusiasm for putting on a show!

### **Programme**

Maggie Weaver will direct the pantomime 'Snow White' to be performed 7th-9th January 2016, and Derek Hollweg will direct a comedy to be performed 19th-21st May 2016. Depending on the actors who are available, this will either be 'Happy Birthday' by Marc Camoletti (who also wrote the famous comedy 'Boeing Boeing'), or 'Living Together' by Alan Ayckbourn.

### **Introductory Meeting**

So don't be shy! Come along to our Introductory Meeting in the Village Hall at 8 pm on Thursday 10th September and help make the programme a resounding community success. We'll be able to show you the excellent facilities we have at the hall and answer your questions about the various activities. If you think you might like to get involved in whatever capacity put this date in your diary and speak to any of the committee of Derek Hollweg, Richard Highgate, James Drummond, Hilary Smith, Patrick Gillan, Andrew Hawker or Hannah Tamblin if you see us around the village. Membership of the society now costs just £10 per annum which enables us to pay the insurance bill; the shows we perform are our main source of income and have recently been very successful.

### **Reading Auditions and Rehearsals**

Looking a bit further on, following the Introductory Meeting there will be a Pantomime Script Reading/Audition at 8pm on Thursday 17th September in the Village Hall. After this date rehearsals for 'Snow White' will be on Thursdays at 8pm every week and from October there will be some additional word rehearsals on Monday evenings. For the comedy a script reading/audition will be arranged in November, and then twice weekly rehearsals starting late January.

**Derek Hollweg - *Chairman***

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## PEMBURY U3A GARDEN PARTY

At the suggestion of the British Parliament, major institutions were encouraged to hold an event on 14th June to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta and to reflect on the rights and liberties we enjoy in this country. It was given the rather excruciating title of 'LiberTeas' and so a tea party seemed a good idea and what a great excuse for a summer garden party!

The invitation went out to all members to join the Committee for tea and a stroll round our Chairman's garden - parasols to the fore! The latter a forlorn hope as the afternoon proved rather dull and chilly. However with tables, chairs and gazebos in place, the tea table laden with sandwiches and cakes, the urns switched on and a team of happy helpers assisting, more than 60 members arrived with the intention of enjoying themselves despite the gloomy weather. A facsimile of Magna Carta was on display, a quiz on Magna Carta was organised and a prize awarded to the winner, but the grand finale was the cutting of the Magna Carta celebration cake which a very talented member had made and beautifully decorated.

Everyone agreed that the afternoon had been a great success and only hoped they hadn't got to wait for another 800 years to repeat the event!

Sally Sturcke



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## PEMBURY SOCIETY - By Richard Snow

The new 'Historic Pembury' Map will be unveiled at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26th September. This will take place on the edge of the Village Green opposite the front entrance to the Camden Arms. The 900mm x 600mm map was the idea of Richard Snow and the wording/artwork has been kindly put together by Kathryn Franklin, Gillie Norman, David Jeffery and Pam Oxley. The zinc map will be unveiled by Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst, Chair of the Parish Council and David Hanes, Chairman of the Pembury Society.

The funding for the map, made by Photocast Products of Liverpool, has been kindly sponsored by the Parish Council and Pembury Society funds. The brick base has been generously donated and built by Lesters Building Contractors of Tunbridge Wells. Everyone is most welcome to attend the unveiling.

The Autumn meeting and AGM of the Pembury Society will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.45pm in St. Peter's Upper Church, when the Speaker will be Dr. Ian Beavis, Research Curator of the Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery and Museum. All welcome. Members free, non-members £3.

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### PEMBURY VILLAGE QUIZ 2015



The Village Hall started to fill with people, the bar opened and the tables were all set out for this year's Village Quiz. Keith Merrin, the Question-Master was in charge and the questions flowed, as well as the beer. Ten rounds of questions, some easy like the picture rounds of musical instruments and kitchen products and some needing a bit more thought like the Sport and TV rounds. Finally the winning team emerged. 'Been There' won with a total of

203 points and the wooden spoon was given to the team with 159 points. The Parish Council Cup was presented to 'Been There' along with a cheque for £300 to be donated to a charity of their choice; half to Hospice in the Weald and the rest to 'Sense' a charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deaf, blind or have sensory impairment. A good time was had by all and the Pembury Scouts and Guides ended with a profit of just over £500 to help maintain their building. Thanks to everyone who came.

**Janet Ditchett**



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## PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

The Pembury Gardeners' Society held its Summer Show on June 27th at the Village Hall. The hall was filled with the scent from the sweet peas and roses.

The judges were surprised with the quality of the produce on display; anyone who missed this missed a treat!

The awards were presented by the Chairman Mrs Ann Purton and the following exhibitors were the winners:

### **Sweet Peas**

The John Gorringe Award  
for most points in classes 1 to 5  
**Awarded to: Doug Drury**

The Doug Steward Award  
for best vase in class 1  
**Awarded to: Doug Drury**

The National Sweet Pea Society  
Medal for best vase in classes 1 to 6  
**Awarded to: Doug Drury**

### **Roses**

John Baggeson Award for most  
points in classes 9 to 16  
**Awarded to: Steve Jones**

The Committee would like to thank all the helpers and exhibitors at the show and look forward to seeing you at the Autumn Show on September 12th at the Village Hall.

### **John Wood**

*Show Secretary*

Society Award for best exhibit in  
classes 9 to 16  
**Awarded to: Steve Jones**

### **Floral Art**

Helen Reeves Award for most points  
in classes 30 to 33  
**Awarded to: Mrs B Penfold**

Certificate for best floral art exhibit  
in classes 30 to 33  
**Awarded to: Mrs B Penfold**

### **Fruit and Vegetables**

R W Smeal Award for most points  
in classes 39 to 45  
**Awarded to: Steve Jones**

### **Cookery**

Miss Harthan Award for most  
points in classes 49 to 55  
**Awarded to: Mrs H Wood**

### **Handicraft**

Mary Standen Award for most  
points in classes 58 to 61  
**Awarded to: Mrs H Wood**

### **Junior Exhibitors**

Maurice S Mephram Award for best  
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**Awarded to: Imogen Riley**



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The good news is that the Government has introduced Pension Wise, a new free service offering guidance online, over the phone with The Pensions Advisory Service, or face to face with Citizens Advice. The appointments are pre-booked 45 minute sessions tailored to your individual circumstances. Guidance is impartial, meaning that it will not recommend products or services, but they will describe your options and help you consider their impact.

To get the most out of Pension Wise guidance, preparation is key. First, work out the value of your pension pots. Look at your most recent statement, or contact your provider. Check if there are any restrictions attached. Next, get a state pension forecast, and gather the details of any benefits you receive.

The next step is to work out your likely expenditure. Include the cost of essentials like housing or utilities, and leisure activities. This should give you a rough budget.

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Silver Surfers visit Kent College weekly from September to April and learn the basics of computing – e-mails, googling, making posters, writing letters, ordering clothes.

Huge thanks to Kent College students, teachers and minibus driver who make this all possible.

The next course begins on Thursday 24th September with elevenses at Pembury Baptist Church and returning at 12:45. If you would like to join this free course, please contact Jennifer on 825590.

### **Tuesday Club Outing**

The Tuesday Club would like to highly recommend a 3 hour trip on the Kentish Lady from Maidstone to Teston with fish and chip lunch; as this is what Tuesday Club members did on July 7th. The staff were so friendly and helpful, the scenery was beautiful as the Kent countryside always is and the journey was serene. A little highlight was going up and down in the lock.



Helen Nevison cheekily asked if she could help move the lock gates, (due to risks of falling, passengers are not usually permitted), and to her surprise she was allowed. Tuesday Club advises parking at the Market Car Park on Barker Road, Maidstone and walk across the pedestrian bridge and along the riverside to the boat. Fortunately Tuesday Club members were delivered to the quayside before drivers took the cars to park.



Tuesday Club welcomes everyone during term time to Pembury Baptist Church from 10am – 2:30pm to join us for a 2 course freshly cooked hot meal, refreshments, keep fit and other activities for £5. Please call Helen for any details on 01892 825590

### **Harbour**

A new meeting place for those who find life challenging is testing the water on Fridays from 11:30am – 13:30 starting on Friday 18th September at Pembury Baptist Church. A simple lunch will be provided along with a listening ear. For further details, please contact Jennifer on 01892 825590.

## CHANGES AT SAINT ANSELM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Saint Anselm's Catholic Church in Pembury has been anything but idle this past year. An area of ground starved of sunlight for years was made into delightful garden space for use by the community. During the week this garden now brings pleasure to the children of the New World Montessori (who meet on our premises) and at weekends serves our church community which is attracting many young families these days.

During July, for example, some 30 children descended on St. Anselm's for our annual holiday club entitled 'Catholics in space'; they would have benefited from the changes.

In spring work began on the next phase of work. The construction of a hall and narthex (church language for lobby area!) to transform the space inside Saint Anselm's started. The old entrance, which was looking tired has given way to a fresh glassed entrance leading people into the narthex from which either the church or hall can be accessed. A beautiful sculpture, salvaged from a redundant convent in Oxfordshire, has been sited in the gardens leading to the new entrance. The hall itself was designed with children in mind and lots of low windows ensure plentiful light.

Possession of proper Church and hall means we can now set aside space for God without loss to our community outlook. It is a marked improvement which reflects the changes of recent years as St. Anselm's has grown from being a mass centre, served from nearby Paddock Wood, to becoming a fully fledged parish in its own right with a resident priest in the village. An anticipated five year project draws to a close then and we did it in only four! The next five years will be spent gradually beautifying the worship space and paying down the remaining debt. Debt which is very manageable thanks to the generosity of various grants which meant that half the work was paid for.

Would you like to come and see what we have done? There are several ways we invite you to do so. Firstly via a coffee morning for villagers on 12th September. This will run from 9:30am – 12noon. We will be selling hot drinks and cakes and, as an ecumenical gesture, all proceeds will be given to St. Peter's Church which is working hard to clear the way for its own building project.

Alternatively pop into St. Anselm's when passing. It is now open for private devotion during school hours Monday to Thursday in term time. Or you might wish to come and join us for formal worship and become part of our growing congregation. We gather on Sunday mornings at 9.15am and 11am and there are services during the week. For more information visit [www.saintanselms.org.uk](http://www.saintanselms.org.uk)

Finally if you are interested in hiring the hall for a one-off function or a regular meeting then phone Janet Ditchett, our hall lettings manager, on 01892 822586. Get in quick - spaces are already limited!

With sincere good wishes to all the residents of Pembury

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## MOLES - by Sarah Pomfrett

Moles (*Talpa europaea*) are mammals that are solitary insectivores and they live in a range of habitats; grassland, woodland, arable land, upland, moorland, gardens, and urban areas. They are one of the most widespread and common mammals in the United Kingdom (they don't live in Ireland), but because they spend the majority of their lives underground in tunnels, they are very rarely spotted. Molehills, small mounds of soil moles push up, are often seen and in gardens they are particularly unwelcome.



Moles do emerge from the ground occasionally; in long periods of dry weather when there is a shortage of food, or when the young disperse after the breeding season.

Moles are small (about 15cm long) and they have short dark velvety fur. Their eyes are tiny and their eyesight is poor; they don't rely on sight much living underground. Moles have forelimbs that are stout and spade-like with long strong claws, these are very good at tunnelling. Their snouts are pink and

bare, and they are covered in pimples that can sense the scent and movement of their prey. Moles live about 3 years, but they can be eaten by buzzards, tawny owls, cats and dogs, and stoats.

A moles' underground tunnel system includes permanent and semi-permanent tunnels. Some are surface or feeding tunnels and others are much deeper. They also can include a nest.

Earthworms are the main part of a mole's diet and they can store them by biting off the front end of the worm so it stays alive and therefore fresh, but is unable to wriggle away. Moles also eat beetles and other insects including insect larvae in the summer.

Moles are most active usually in late winter and early spring. Breeding occurs in the spring and males expand their tunnels looking for females. A pair of moles will have 3 to 4 babies which will disperse from the female's territory, over ground, 5 to 6 weeks after birth.

Many people dislike moles because they leave unsightly mole hills, their surface tunnels can collapse leaving the ground unlevel and they get blamed for eating plant roots.

But moles don't eat plants! They are carnivores and eat invertebrates. Plant damage can be caused by their tunnels, but it is incidental; their tunnelling may disturb or expose roots which then can dry out.

Moles are seen as pests by many, including gardeners and farmers and they have no legal protection in the U.K. Moles used to be trapped for their pelts, or poisoned with strychnine, but today they are killed by trapping which can be cruel (especially if the traps are misused). Use of strychnine is now illegal; it's dangerous to wildlife and death this way is slow and painful.

Negatives	Positives
Mole Hills	Aerate and improve the soil
Incidental damage to plants	Eat many pest insects (crane fly larvae, slugs)
Hills and collapsed tunnels can damage farming machinery	Eat harmful insect larvae (carrot fly, may bug)
	Tunnels can help drain soils

I have a mole in my garden but I wouldn't for a second consider hurting it. When I first discovered mole hills in my garden I did worry a bit for my plants and I googled for kinder ways to dissuade the mole from sticking around.

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## MOLES - Continued...

There doesn't seem to be a consensus on whether these things work or not but some of the ideas I found were: Planting species that repel them such as alliums, using other repellents like castor oil, or gadgets that use vibration or sound to repel moles.

I haven't tried any of these things. I decided to live with my mole. I set out to make a wildlife garden and moles are wildlife! I invited it really. It hasn't caused any real damage so far and it's been around a while now. After its initial tunnelling frenzy it's quietened down. It's a welcome part of my homemade nature reserve now :)

Some advice I've found for living with a mole is:

If one of your plants is affected by a mole tunnel, push the soil back and water it in well to keep the roots moist.

Clear away the molehills by scooping them up; the area underneath is likely to be relatively undamaged. If you see a hole, carefully fill it in.

Hopefully, when the mole has enough tunnels to sustain itself, it will stop tunnelling. Don't flatten the hills as this may damage the tunnel and the mole will fix it making more hills.

In a wildlife garden where the grass is kept longer and wild flowers are grown, you don't even notice mole hills. You can even scatter seeds over a mole hill where the soil has been prepared for you.

If you have to remove a mole, perhaps relocation is an option.

In 2013 BBC 2 ran a programme called The Burrowers. It was about our underground animals. You can see a mole in action in a 5 minute clip from the show here:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f9lwf](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f9lwf)

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## COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

At last summer arrived and we were able to use tables and chairs outside the Pavilion which enabled visitors to the Recreation Ground to have an 'al fresco' drink. We are pleased to say that this has been doing well. We are also pleased to announce that we have two new volunteers in Susan and Ada who have enjoyed great success on their Monday mornings. Our visitors are growing and our cakes as always are amazing. If

you have not visited the coffee shop yet, we are open each Monday from 9.30 to 12 noon, but closing slightly earlier on the third Monday at 11.30am. The Pavilion is in the Recreation Ground just off Lower Green Road, Pembury. There is ample free parking. We will offer you a very warm welcome together with a good selection of hot and cold beverages. Hope to see you!



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## SHOT DOWN OVER PEMBURY PART THREE



**Nathaniel John Merriman Barry** - born in South Africa in 1918, he studied Mechanical Engineering at Pembroke College, Cambridge. "Nate" transferred to the RAFVR from the University Air Squadron. Called up on the outbreak of war he became ADC to Air Vice Marshall de Crespigny but volunteered for Fighter Command and posted to 501 Squadron at

Kenley, Surrey on September 26th 1940. Four days later he made a forced landing in his Hurricane L1657 at Pembury after combat with Bf109's over Maidstone.

He was shot down on October 7th by a Bf109 at Wrotham. He baled out and was found dead at Wilmington. His plane carried on for a couple of miles, before crashing in South Darenth. But there is no record of whether Nate bailed out of the plane or fell, whether he had been shot or whether his parachute failed to open. He was 22 and was buried at Finghall, Nr Bedale, North Yorkshire. His brother Surgeon Lt. Adrian Barry lived in Bedale at the time. In 2002 volunteers from Shoreham Aircraft Museum found some relics from the plane. A monument to Barry was unveiled at Court Lodge Farm, Darenth on 26th May 2007.

**Robert Wardlow Oxspring** - born in Sheffield in 1919, he joined the RAF in 1938. He started operational flying in July 1940 and quickly earned a reputation as a distinguished pilot. He was one of the 'Few' selected by Fighter Command to have his portrait painted by Cuthbert Orde, the war artist.



He flew Spitfires throughout the Battle of Britain and was promoted to flying officer in September 1940. He was shot down by a Me109 over Kent on 25th October. After eventually baling out his parachute lines became tangled and he hurtled towards the ground convinced that he would break both his legs, or even die.

"These quandaries inspired a sudden devout Christianity as I earnestly sought divine guidance to steer me towards a friendly tree or lake which might just cushion the impending impact. Fortune smiled and provided me with a whole wood just north of Pembury, and after a dodgy float over

some high-tension cables I crashed down through the foliage of an enormous tree. I didn't have long to wait before a number of the splendid and alert Home Guard arrived to the rescue and whisked me away to the Kent and Sussex for a check-up. There the super medical staff gave me a sympathetic going over, produced a most welcome four fingers of brandy and pronounced me fit for further adventures."

By the time hostilities ceased, his total claims were 13 enemy aircraft destroyed plus one 'shared', two 'probables', 13 damaged and 4 V-1 flying bombs destroyed.

He won the DFC and two Bars and Air Force Cross and went on to command 91 Squadron at RAF Hawkinge. He retired as Group Captain and died age 70 on 8th August 1989.

**John Maurice Bentley-Beard** - born in Shoreham in 1918, he attended Leamington College and then had a job with the Midland Bank. He joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1937 and received his wings just before the outbreak of war. He served as a sergeant in 609 Squadron, before joining 249 Squadron in early 1940. On 18th September he shot down a Bf110, and in total destroyed 5 planes that month. On 25th October he was shot down but managed to bale out. He landed safely near Tunbridge Wells although being wounded and was admitted to Pembury Hospital. He returned to his Squadron in January 1941 and was commissioned, but left soon after. He did not see further combat, ending the war with 7 confirmed victories. His aircraft was recovered in 1986, and he was present. He received the Distinguished Flying Medal and the Air Force Cross. He was known to be living in Leamington Spa in 1991.

**Oskar Strack** - a German of 1./JG52 who had been lost over Southern England on 26th October. For many years it had been assumed by researchers that the unknown airman buried at Tunbridge Wells and who had been killed in the crash of a Messerschmitt 109 at Chalket Farm, Pembury was probably Uffz Geiswinkler of 6./JG53 who had been lost on the same day as Strack. It later transpired that when this unknown airman had been exhumed during the 1960s for reburial at Cannock Chase a tobacco tin had been found with the body. On it was inscribed O.St, sufficient evidence of identification for the German authorities to declare that this man was in fact Oskar Strack and thereby to close yet another missing airman case.

*Richard Snow*

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## RECIPES

### BEANY MINCE

1 tspn vegetable oil  
225g minced beef  
1 onion – finely chopped  
415g can of baked beans  
110g carrots - grated  
50g swede – finely chopped  
1 tbsp tomato puree



1. Heat the oil in a large pan and brown the mince then add the onion and cook until the onion has softened;
2. Add the carrots and swede with about 150ml boiling water (but don't add it all at once as too much water could make the dish sloppy);
3. Cover the pan and cook until meat and vegetables are cooked;
4. Add the tomato puree and baked beans. Cook until everything is heated through.
5. Season and serve with rice or pasta.

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### GOOSEBERRY AND ELDERFLOWER FOOL

500g gooseberries  
115g icing sugar  
crisp biscuits to serve  
300ml double cream  
30ml elderflower cordial



1. Place the gooseberries in a pan with 1 tbsp water over a low heat and cook;
2. Tip the gooseberries into a bowl and crush with a potato masher, then leave to cool;
3. Whip the cream into soft peaks and fold in half the crushed fruit, icing sugar and elderflower cordial;
4. Sweeten the remaining fruit;
5. Layer the cream mixture and gooseberries in four dessert dishes or tall glasses. Cover and chill until ready to serve.



## LIFEBOAT NEWS



Apart from our usual range of fundraising activities, this summer has seen RNLI Pembury Branch involved with some other unusual and interesting events.

We gratefully accepted an invitation to visit Newhaven Lifeboat Station and accompanied the Crew on one of their training exercises out in the English Channel when we were able to see at first hand the way that these brave volunteers put their lives at risk to save others.

A short time later, Branch members travelled to London to see HRH The Duke of Kent present to our Chairman, Peter Chartres, the RNLI's Gold Award for charitable fundraising at a special Awards' ceremony held at the Barbican.

This summer has also seen the launch of a new fundraising

initiative by the Branch via the re-cycling of used ink cartridges. For each one successfully re-cycled (and most popular brands are eligible), the Branch can re-claim £1 for Lifeboat funds. Please contact Paul Crook (825686) for further details and a supply of envelopes.

The next major fundraising event will be our Autumn Fayre which will be opened by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, Cllr David Elliot and the Mayoress Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst and will be held on Saturday 7 November (10am – 12noon) in the Catholic Hall, Lower Green Road. Please come along and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to stock up early with quality Christmas gifts!

Yvonne Horswill

*Publicity Officer - RNLI Pembury Branch*



## CRIME REPORT

Here we are again; the good news is that the recorded crime figures in Pembury for the quarter April, May and June have dropped considerably from the horrendous figure recorded for Jan, Feb and March, down from 80 (eighty) to 52 (fifty two).

The worrying item is the increase in violent crime to 22 (twenty two) from 15 (fifteen) in the previous quarter. I have stated in the past that violent crime does include domestic violence and whilst I appreciate that the Police cannot release details of particular incidents they have told me that 'violence against the person' = 20, 'robbery' = 1 and 'sexual offence' = 1. Criminal damage is still much too high and appears to be something we just cannot get to grips with. I don't know the figures relating to other parishes, perhaps they don't report it but it would appear that Pembury has more than its fair share of riff raff (that is putting it politely) in the village who need sorting out.

There was a series of strange events in the Recreation Ground in June which will have been put in the criminal damage column and the very nature of the incidents suggests it might have been juveniles. One was the attempt to set light to supermarket shopping trolleys using, I am told, a container of ethanol and the next day an attempt to set light to the METAL blue children's seat and shelter by setting light to newspapers placed on the top of it? The next attempt was to place inflammable material by the doors of the new council building but thankfully no damage was done, there was a fourth incident but I do not have the details. The following

day by which time a second incident had occurred, the Clerk reported them both to the police to be told that even though two different crimes were being reported, as they were being reported at the same time, only one crime number would be given. Therefore although a total of four incidents were reported only three incident numbers were given which in my suspicious mind is a very quick means of reducing the reported crime by twenty five per cent!

Perhaps the most serious and sickening crime was the cowardly attack on the home of a young mother and her two young children in the early hours of the morning. The young lady was asleep in her bed when a brick came smashing through the window and actually landed on her bed. Her front room window was then smashed by a second brick. This event understandably caused great distress to both mother and children and I just hope that the Police can identify the persons responsible and that they get the punishment that is due for such a cowardly, lowlife attack. I do know that there are many people in the village who would like to issue their own punishment, which of course they dare not do.

Let's hope this is an isolated incident. Despite times when you feel there are genuine reasons to be cynical of the Police we do need them and must support them.

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	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Total recorded crime
<b>Apr-15</b>	5	0	0	1	4	4	<b>14</b>
<b>May-15</b>	9	0	1	0	5	2	<b>17</b>
<b>Jun-15</b>	8	1	0	1	9	2	<b>21</b>
<b>April - June 2015</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>

	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Total recorded crime (exc BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)
<b>A21 A</b>	0		0	0	1	0	1
<b>BEAGLES WOOD ROAD</b>	2		0	0	1	0	3
<b>BELLFIELD ROAD</b>	4		0	0	1	0	5
<b>CHURCH ROAD</b>	0		0	0	1	0	1
<b>ELMHURST AVENUE</b>	0		1	0	0	0	1
<b>GIMBLE WAY</b>	1		0	0	0	0	1
<b>HASTINGS ROAD</b>	1		0	0	2	0	3
<b>HENWOOD GREEN ROAD</b>	1		0	1	2	0	4
<b>HENWOODS MOUNT</b>	1		0	0	0	0	1
<b>HIGH STREET</b>	1		0	0	3	2	6
<b>LOWER GREEN ROAD</b>	0		0	0	3	1	4
<b>PEMBURY ROAD</b>	1		0	0	0	2	3
<b>RIDGEWAY</b>	0		0	0	1	0	1
<b>ROMFORD ROAD</b>	2		0	0	1	0	3
<b>SNIPE CLOSE</b>	1		0	0	0	0	1
<b>STANAM ROAD</b>	0		0	1	0	0	1
<b>THE COPPICE</b>	1		0	0	0	0	1
<b>THE GROVE</b>	3		0	0	2	0	5
<b>TONBRIDGE ROAD</b>	3		0	0	0	3	6
<b>TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING &amp; OTHER)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 7th July 2015 at 10:05 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

## GROVEHURST

In the last issue of the Pembury Village News I gave some very brief details of the large house called Grovehurst which was situated just up from what is now the Tesco car park. Unfortunately the picture of Grovehurst which was published did not do it justice so I hope this one will give you a better idea of its splendour. Since the last magazine two people have come forward with additional information.

Maureen Stevens, who has always lived in Pembury gave me a great deal of information regarding her grandparents, Hester and Walter Stevens who worked at Grovehurst in the early 1900s; Hester, as one of the domestic staff and Walter as Head Gardener and they lived in Grovehurst as did my wife's great grandparents at approximately the same time.

The occupants of the big house at that time were a Mr Morton and family and from what Maureen Stevens told me he was a very gratuitous man. When Hester Stevens became seriously ill Mr Morton paid for her to have private nursing and treatment, sadly to no avail as Hester eventually died from her illness. When Walter also became ill at a later date he was also subject to Mr Morton's generosity. Maureen's uncle was also a butler at the big house. The Morton's tomb is in the middle graveyard by Pembury School as is that of Hester and Walter Stevens.

The Parish Council Office also received an email from a Mr David Beeching; I remember him well although he moved from the village some years ago. He remembers when he was a lad in the forties he was great friends with the family of Mr and Mrs Darkin and their two sons, Reg and John. Mrs Darkin did the laundry for Grovehurst and her husband worked on the farm. I am not sure who owned the big house then but I will find out. David remembers the big steaming coppers full of washing and the issue Mrs Darkin had if it had been raining and the problems of drying. He also remembers the selection of small irons Mrs Darkin had on the go at the same time, wiping each one clean before the next item of clothing.

David also remembers his father delivering groceries to the big house but having to use the entrance by the lodge at what was St. George's School and the tradesmen's entrance at the big house.

I am very grateful for the information provided by Maureen and David and if anybody has any more please let me have it. In the next issue I will mention some of the previous owners including the Colmans of the Mustard family.

Hugh Boorman



# 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.  
 Community Coffee Shop – Pembury Pavilion, Recreation Ground – Mondays 9.30 – 12 noon  
 Dates are published on [www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk) under site pages.

## SEPT

7th	Parish Council meeting	8pm	PC Office – Recreation Ground
7th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
10th	Ladies Thursday Club	2 – 4 pm	Pembury Village Hall
12th	Coffee Morning	10 – 12pm	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
12th	Pembury Gardeners' Autumn Show	2 – 4pm	Pembury Village Hall
26th	Dad and Me	10 – 11.30	Pembury Baptist Church
26th	Unveiling of Village Map	11am	Village Green

## OCT

2nd	Evening WI	7.45 – 9.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
3rd	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane Bus Stop
5th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	U3A	2 – 4pm	Pembury Village Hall
8th	Ladies Thursday Club	2 – 4pm	Pembury Village Hall
18th	Apple Day (in aid of the Hospice)	11 – 5pm	Pippins Farm
19th	Parish Council meeting	8pm	PC Office – Recreation Ground
21st	Pembury Society	7.45pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
31st	Dad and Me	10 – 11.30am	Pembury Baptist Church
31st	Hospice Community Choir Concert	7.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church

## NOV

2nd	Parish Council meeting	8pm	PC Office – Recreation Ground
2nd	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
3rd	U3A	2pm	Pembury Village Hall
6th	Parish Council Firework Event	7.30pm	Recreation Ground
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Pembury Village Hall
7th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Start at Bo-Peep Corner
7th	Lifeboat Autumn Fayre	10 – 12noon	St. Anselm's Catholic Church
8th	Remembrance Day Parade/Service	10.45am	St. Peter's Upper Church
12th	Ladies Thursday Club	2 – 4pm	Pembury Village Hall
14th	Hospice in the Weald Xmas Market	10 – 4pm	Hospice
28th	Dad and Me	10 – 11.30am	Pembury Baptist Church

## DEC

1st	U3A	2 – 4pm	Pembury Village Hall
5th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane Bus Stop
5th	Light Up a Life Service	6 – 8pm	Hospice in the Weald
7th	Parish Council meeting	8pm	PC Office Recreation Ground
7th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church

Richard Snow has taken over responsibility for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at [www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk) and [www.pembury.org](http://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](mailto:events@pembury.org) with date, times, title of event, venue and contact details.

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**Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst**

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