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CHAIR'S REPORT

I think by now you will all be fed up with the dank cold weather and will be looking forward to Spring. I know I am as when the Spring arrives, we seem to get renewed energy in our approach to life and how we deal with issues; it's all about new beginnings isn't it?

This Spring will see the retirement of our Clerk, Barbara Russell who has given such valuable service for 27 years and the appointment of a new Clerk. We have been advertising the post and are very hopeful we have some good candidates to interview. The successful person will then have the pleasure of working in Pembury and getting to know you – our lovely residents and organisations.

Can I remind you all about the Scarecrow Competition which is held on the lawn outside St. Peter's Church on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May. Anyone from the village can take part; be as creative as you like, age no barrier - just go for it! Wouldn't it be great if all our businesses and village organisations took part and scarecrows just appeared throughout the village? It would be a great talking point and of great interest. Please have a think about entering. Pride in Pembury, as you know is very dear to my heart and last year's displays were amazing; please enter this year and make it a stupendous year for colour and show. Or nominate your neighbour or a front garden you think is just stunning. All of us as Councillors will also be looking to nominate gardens and containers/hanging baskets. Could this year be even more of a wow factor, I really hope so?!

I am very aware we have a lot of new residents now making Pembury their home. Can I reach out and welcome you to our Parish and for you to know the Parish Council is here for you if you have any issues of concern that we should be aware of. Please let our office know.

Kind Regards

June

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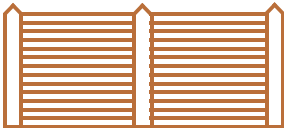
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PEMBURY PEOPLE - DAVID KNIGHT

I have chosen to feature David Knight of Pippins Farm to tell us about his life in fruit farming. We first met in October 1996 at the Apple, Cider and Wine Country Fayre at the Farm, organised by the Pembury Link of Hospice in the Weald. I will let David tell his story.....

I was born in Farnborough Hospital and the family lived in Bromley. My father was a wartime RAF pilot before working for the Valuation Office in Bromley and later in Brighton. I was educated at Tonbridge School where I studied science subjects and enjoyed rugby. I was always interested in plants and animals as a boy. My parents had no farming background. However there is farming in my blood as my grandfather was born on a farm at Ulcombe and my ancestors were there for generations before the family moved to London in the 1900's.

I came to live in Pembury in 1982 after living in a flat in Tunbridge Wells. I had been working for an agricultural consultancy business which operated widely, giving advice and assistance on farms in the U.K. This involved quite a bit of travelling, though as a new member of the firm I was assisting a partner initially until I built up my own clients. I was soon thrust into working in Ireland as the business took over an existing office based in Cork. Although I had a degree in agriculture from Reading University and a Masters in Agricultural Economics I had to quickly learn accounting techniques. Before long I was costing pig herds, dairy farms and tillage (arable) farms to monitor performance for business minded farmers.



After my marriage to Veronica in 1981, I continued to visit Ireland, but having obtained the farm tenancy in the same year I had to concentrate on activities closer to home. I had seen Pippins Farm advertised in the local press and with an ambition to farm I put in a tender for the tenancy. The farm was in a poor state and I was lucky to just beat the next highest bidder. I knew next to nothing about fruit farming but with most of the farm growing cooking plums and blackcurrants, which were long past their best, it offered an opportunity. The farm was owned by Tunbridge Wells Council who had taken it over from the local Water Company. Under Government pressure to sell non-essential assets we were offered the farm to purchase a few years later. As a relatively young sitting tenant it was a good price allowing us to invest with the security of owning a farm. We gradually replanted the orchards with Cox, Russet and Bramley apples and set up a "Pick Your Own" soft fruit venture. The first "farm shop" was a basic wooden barn that blew down in the Great Storm of 1987.

Today we have modern orchards of Gala, Braeburn and other commercial apples plus some speciality and traditional varieties – over 50 in all. We also grow cherries and a few plums. Apples go through a marketing organisation to the supermarkets.

Over time the regulations and inspections have grown enormously. In addition, the specifications are constantly being tightened so that apples are not just visually examined but cameras can look internally as well. Unfortunately prices have declined and costs continually increase so that the economics are now very questionable indeed. Who knows what the future holds?

On the more positive side we have managed to restore most of our traditional farm buildings, including a 3 roundel Oast, which is depicted on the village green sign. Several small businesses now operate successfully

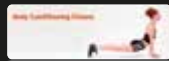


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PEMBURY PEOPLE - DAVID KNIGHT Cont...

from here. We have also made a horse training gallop and a fishing lake.

Until fairly recently, I ran a rural/agricultural consultancy business with a partner in Oxfordshire and staff based here. This enabled me to invest in the farm, as on its own it would not have been viable. I was also a director of various local cooperatives in the grain and fruit sectors.

Having lived our married life in Pembury we have always valued being part of the local community. We commenced Apple Day again around 2010 having resurrected our apple press and restarted cider making with the Pippins Cider Club. Over the last 3 years we have raised about £12k for the Hospice.

We are fortunate having such beautiful countryside around us, being in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Like all the South East it is under pressure but well worth protecting for future generations. In reality farming is hard work and subject to risks and setbacks. The land is enjoyed by many footpath walkers and their dogs as we are on the Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk.

Looking forward, we have two children who work and live in London but enjoy regular weekends in Pembury. Both work for international firms, Edward as a management consultant and Emily as an employment solicitor. This year we have our second farm wedding reception- very convenient for the Old Church.

Veronica has had a successful legal career, initially as a barrister and latterly as a judge. She has recently retired but is still continuing to do some part-time work and is involved with school governance.

When children are young there is little time for hobbies but in the last twenty years I have gone back to sailing, both in my own small dinghy and also as crew on larger boats when the opportunity arises. Gardening is becoming of more interest and we are planning to grow some of the flowers for this year's wedding.

Thank you David for sharing your story and for your contribution to the local community.

Richard Snow

OUT AND ABOUT CLUB



The Out and About Club is organised by St. Peter's Church and is committed to offering opportunities to get 'out and about' to those who may have no other means to do so, or they find driving difficult, have difficulty walking or have no transport of their own. Each year we arrange a programme of trips and visits and in 2017 we are visiting the Ashdown Forest and Heaven Farm, the Watercress Line, a Thames River Cruise on Pocahontas, a lunch

at Pevensey and Christmas lunch at Hever Castle. Once priority has been given to those in the greatest need of this service, there are often places available to anyone who would like to join us. If you would like an information pack with details of all of our forthcoming trips, please contact Sue Giles on 823318.



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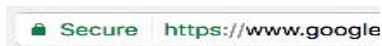
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Fill your basket with local fresh produce, plants in season, cakes and preserves, or rummage amongst the vintage bric-a-brac for that unexpected treasure. As well as the regular stall-holders we have an ever-changing mix of interesting offerings including skin care and beauty products, stationery and hand-knitted items so call in often as you never know what you might find.

Extra parking is available at The Camden Arms until 11:00. Come and see us soon and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Suzanne Leviton

QUIZ ? NIGHT

Friday 9th June 2017

Pembury Village Quiz - Pembury Village Hall

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POPPY APPEAL - NOVEMBER 2016

As you will be aware, the Parish Council was involved with some of the arrangements concerning the Poppy Appeal. Lots of you volunteered to help with the collections at Tesco and I am delighted to say that the appeal raised £8,527.00 which includes static boxes at various outlets throughout the village.



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On a freezing cold December Sunday morning, Pembury Penn Cubs made their way to the village crossroads at Woodsgate to plant some daffodil bulbs on behalf of the Pembury Parish Council.

The Cubs were working towards their environmental conservation badge. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning and we are all looking forward to seeing the flowers appear in Spring.

We will be doing a litter pick around the village later this term as another part of this badge.

Thanks to both the Parish Council and to Notcutts who very kindly donated the bulbs and for working with the pack to help them achieve their badge.

Kate Middleton
Akela, Pembury Penn Cubs pack

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CHILDHOOD ANTICS

It may very well be that many people who now live in the Parish have never heard of Gouches Lake, and even I am not certain that I have spelt it right. However, when we were in our early teens a lot of our fun was had on and around the lake which was situated down in the woods below Wellgrove Stables. I don't know if it is still there. The lake had a very high steep bank on one side and a stream came in at one end and out over a stone block at the other. There were quite a few in our gang then and I hope they do not mind me mentioning their names, some of whom still live in the village, my dear friend Michael Waterman and his brother Richard, Mick and Peter Hillier, Barry Grainger, Melvyn Cole, Roger Fenner, Graham Chandler, Peter Giles and Bob Sellings to name a few.

Sometimes we would go to the lake and dam it up and then plant as many bangers (fireworks) and cherry bangers which were used to scare birds off the cherry crop, as we could get. The next step was to somehow light the fuse and run like hell and destroy the dam. But our main object was to build a raft. We knew what we wanted but to get the required items was a little more difficult. We needed at least six, empty five gallon oil drums which we eventually found on one of the tips on the outskirts of the village, but we still had to get them back to the lake and hide them. The next thing was wood for the main supports to attach the oil drums to, which we did with string and wire. But, where could we get the timber from to make the deck to fix to the frame and drums? Purely by luck one of the lads noticed that either demolition or reworking of some sort was being carried out on an old bungalow up by the old brick yard which used to be up the lane behind what was the Royal Oak pub.

Taking extreme care not to be seen we crept up the lane and removed some of the floor boards which had been taken up. We then had the task of getting them round to the lake, which was quite some distance from there. We could now set about completing our task and it was with some triumph that after a lot of sweat and hard work we managed to get it in to the water. Of course we all wanted to be first but it was a little unstable. We then realised something was wrong because the raft was getting lower and lower in the water. In our attempts to fix the oil drums to the frame we had pierced the skin of the drums and water was getting in. At this point, we had to wave goodbye to some of our tackle much to mine and Michael's annoyance!!

One day we had decided to go fishing round the lake and we decided that we would use two of the spare oil drums we had as seats. And so we launched; Michael sat at one end and me at the other. We hadn't been on the lake very long when one of us caught a fish, I cannot remember whether it was me or Mick but he got up and walked to my end of the raft, when without warning the raft started to submerge, as gracefully as a Trident submarine. There we were, in the middle of the lake, fishing rods and kit in the water being dragged down by mud and water but we managed to get to the shore. Although this was the end of our ship building ambitions on Gouches Lake, it was a place that we loved visiting.

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DAVID PARRY 1916 - 2016

“He has been here so long he has become an institution,” David’s manager said on his retirement from the bank. He subsequently moved to Pembury and lived in the village longer than anywhere else in his life. “He was a legend,” said the lady at the Rec to our daughter who was enjoying the play equipment with her two young children on the morning of Dad’s funeral. David Parry was a character, well known in the village, his home for the last 40 years.

He was born in China to parents who were missionaries with the China Inland Mission. He lived there until leaving school aged 17 to start work. He had already been acquainted with this part of Kent when his parents took a year’s break and stayed at the Mission’s chalet in Bidborough where David first attended school. He returned there for several other holidays after the war.

His career took him to several central London banks before six years active service in the London Corps of Signals during the war. He was in France and Belgium with the British Expeditionary Force, was evacuated at Dunkirk then saw further service in Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Italy and Greece. During the war he managed a four day leave to marry Rosalie.

Post war, he resumed his work at the bank, finishing in Ealing. As a bank cashier he was always in demand for his attentive listening and great people skills. He met a galaxy of famous people - amongst them the actress Honor Blackman, the spy Kim Philby, the singer Matt Munro, Elizabeth Taylor’s husband Michael Wilding, as well as radio and TV presenters. His most notorious customer was the acid bath murderer John George Haigh. He was equally attentive to those who were vulnerable through age or circumstance. He particularly showed kindness to those who were living away from their home countries.

After retirement, he and Rosalie moved to Pembury to be near his mother who was, by then, living in the old Cornford House. From their Highfield Close home they took an active role in village life with the Baptist Church, the W.I. market and the footpath committee. After Rosalie’s death in 1988 David remained active and was a familiar sight in the High Street most days.

His holiday adventures in his 70s included walking Hadrian’s Wall by himself and revisiting China for ten weeks, spending much of that time visiting the places where his parents had served as missionaries.

He took an active interest in local news and also wrote to national newspapers with topical anecdotes.

Following a spell in Pembury Hospital, after breaking his femur two years ago, he moved to Cornford House, loved by staff and visitors alike. Family trips to Pembury took him back out into the High Street in his wheelchair with regular visits to the Tuesday village market.

He was just a few weeks short of his 100th birthday at his death but was quite ready to go to his heavenly home. As a family we are so grateful for so many of you in Pembury who took an interest in his adventurous life and shared his friendship.



John Parry

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When Pembury Parish Council approached us at 'Verdant View' about undertaking the renovation of the War Memorial we felt it was one of those projects that we 'should do' as well as want to do.

Many of you may have seen us working on it last year when walking or driving by but have yet to stop and take a look. We spent a couple of weeks planning and pricing it so that it looked fitting for the site and came within budget. There is a single slab slanted circle that runs around the perimeter of the plot which visually encloses the area while keeping access easy. Within this we have planted a few screening trees to the rear and I hope you enjoy the splash of spring colour the pairs of Cherries and Magnolia's bring.

Access was an important part of our brief and we have now extended a new path up to the edge of the pavement and dropped the overall height of each step. The new paving, sets the lighter colour of the actual memorial itself off well, especially after its steam clean.

We at Verdant View were proud to be asked to do this project and I hope that everyone appreciates the renovated area.

David Davis.
(Please see front cover)





Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

PARISH OF PEMBURY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE ANNUAL

PARISH MEETING

of the above named Parish will be held at

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on Thursday 23rd March 2017

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 2015/2016 and to receive a Financial Outline for the year 2016/2017***
- 4. To receive the Report on the Work of Pembury Parish Council during the year 2016/2017***
- 5. To receive a report from Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillor***
- 6. To receive a report from Kent County Councillor***
- 7. To receive a report from the Rt. Hon. Greg Clark, MP***

Dated: 2 March 2017

Chair of Pembury Parish Council

The Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP is our Guest Speaker

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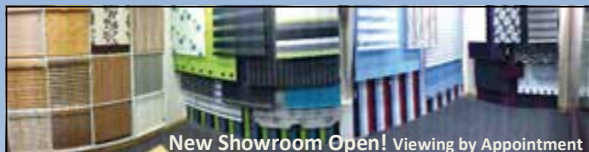
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FUN AT ROWLEY HILL

In hindsight, as kids, we did many things which were considered extremely dangerous (as I'm sure many readers did too!).

No doubt many parishioners can still remember Rowley Hill as it was before the bypass went through to Colts Hill from Woodgate Corner. When we were kids we all had trolleys which you could sit on and steer. These were normally constructed of a wooden box of some sort and a piece of wood, normally about 9" wide, 2" thick and about 5' long – the box being about 2' long.

The next step was to find two sets of wheels that were mounted on axles and these were normally found on old wheelchairs or pushchairs. Unfortunately these could be difficult to get hold of so we would go and see what had been deposited at one of the dumps. One of the axles and pairs of wheels would be nailed or screw fixed to the underneath of the box. The next part of the project was to find a piece of wood about an inch thick, 6" wide and just a bit narrower than the distance between the pair of wheels. We would then drill a hole through the centre of the piece of wood and through the main piece of wood. The next task was to bolt the two pieces of wood together but leaving the nut and bolt a little loose in order that the smaller piece of wood could be moved in either direction. We then screwed the other axle and pair of wheels to the underside of the wood. Finally we had to attach each end of a thick piece of string to each end on the top side of the wood.

Next we would sit on the box with our legs outstretched. Our feet were the main method of steering the cart but not forgetting the piece of rope that we held in both hands. There were no brakes and there were only two options of slowing the cart down: one was with your hands if we were travelling slowly but if we had gathered speed we had to drag our feet. Or of course we could wait until we hit something or tipped it over!!

At Rowley Hill the challenge was to see if you could let go at the top of the hill and reach or go past the bottom end of Pembury Walks. Unfortunately there were two obstacles – one was the grass triangle and the other the slight right hand bend at the bottom. When my father found out what we were doing, he banned me from doing this. I took no notice and three of us went down the hill on one trolley! The road had just been freshly re-gritted but off we went. It was fine until we got to the bottom bend and we were going too fast to stop. Over we went, elbows, knees and hands dragging along the grit; holes torn in our jeans and much damage to our hands and fingers.

We eventually came to a halt, moaning and groaning but that was not the worst bit. That was going home to tell my father. Enough to say that I was confined to barracks and the back garden for two weeks and that hurt even more!!!

Hugh Boorman

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Teams and individuals are invited to book their places, at the latest by Friday 14th April. Tickets are £10 per person and include your place at the quiz and a hot supper. There will be a licensed bar. Please contact 01892 825590 or email office@pemburybaptistchurch.org, jmditchett@pt-c.co.uk, kathy.tiller@uw.net or donald.bottle@btopenworld.com.



HOPE Action Day this year is on Saturday 10th June starting at 10am in the morning.

The HOPE Action Day offers you help with jobs that you may not be able to manage yourself such as gardening, cleaning, decorating or simple DIY work. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like us to help you on that day with details of the work you need doing. Call 01892 825590 or email office@pemburybaptistchurch.org for more details.

MESSY CHURCH at PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Messy Church is a free fun family event, held from 11am-1pm which includes themed crafts and activities, a short talk and a two course lunch. It is held at Pembury Baptist Church and the next event dates are Saturday 11th March and Saturday 22nd April. For more information or to book your place, please call 01892 825590 or email office@pemburybaptistchurch.org. Don't forget to let us know any dietary requirements.



THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

“A21 PEMBURY TO TONBRIDGE DUALLING PROJECT”

The Pembury Society holds its Spring Meeting on Wednesday 26th April, 7.45pm, at the Upper Church, when our speaker is George Pargeter, Project Director from Balfour Beatty, speaking about the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Project. George will be sharing the ups and downs of the project and no doubt we will have a lively Question and Answer time! So do come, and bring your questions for what should be an interesting evening! We also have a very special display for you to see of Pembury historic maps, presented by Tony Nicholls. Members and non-members welcome. (non-members £3 which enables you to join the Society).

Members will know it is the time for annual membership subscriptions. Our enrolment days, where you can renew your membership and collect your copy of the Spring newsletter will take place in the Club House of The Pembury Bowls Club, (at the Recreation Ground) between 10 am & 1pm on any of these days: Friday 31st March, or Saturday, Sunday or Monday 1st - 3rd April, or renew when you come to the meeting. (£3 individual or £5 per household). We look forward to seeing you!

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Pembury Players



PEMBURY IS IN FOR A “SHOCK!”

This coming May, Pembury Players will be presenting “Shock!”, a taut thriller written by the well-known thriller playwright, and Avengers script-writer, Brian Clemens. It will be directed by Derek Hollweg, assisted by Hilary Smith.

Five friends of Flight Attendant Maggie Miller have been invited to her modified hillside country cottage for her birthday party. But why is Maggie not there to meet them, and where is she? Has an artist with a studio nearby something to do with it? As the story unfolds, and ghastly facts emerge, everyone begins to suspect each other of not quite telling the truth.

The play will keep you on tenterhooks and guessing right up to the very last moment, and maybe even beyond! So make sure that you see this intriguing and startling thriller. The cast includes some of Pembury Players’ pantomime performers so come and see them play very different real life characters in this drama of suspicion and suspense. Our photo shows five of the cast rehearsing a tense moment during the play

Performances will be at the Pembury Village Hall on Thursday Friday and Saturday the 18th – 20th May at 8 PM each evening. Tickets will all be priced at £8 as the play is not very suitable for children, and will be on sale at Pembury pharmacy from late April. A licensed bar will be open half an hour before the performance, during the interval, and for half an hour after the performance.

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PEMBURY U3A

Whenever I am invited to a party or function where I do not know (or cannot remember) anyone else who is attending, I am often apprehensive. I am sure many of you feel the same when it comes to deciding whether to join a club or organisation if you do not know an existing member. You wonder if you will feel at ease there and will you be able to socialise with anybody?

In Pembury U3A we have long recognised this problem and have addressed this in a constructive way. Firstly, any new member joining gets an information pack with the contact details for all of our Committee and the leaders of our many Interest Groups so you will know their names, what each person does and what subjects are available. Secondly, under the leadership of Janet Goodchild, we have a long established Welcome Group which performs sterling service. For example, that Group's members make a point of ensuring they have a conversation with any new member coming to their first monthly meeting in the Village Hall. In addition the Welcome Group members play host in their homes by holding regular coffee mornings for new members who also have an opportunity to meet representatives from our Committee. I was pleased to attend



the last such occasion in December and talk to a number of 'newbies' about what U3A does.

So although many of our new members join U3A because of personal recommendations from friends who are existing members (and that is how I came to join), we are not a 'closed society'. We would be pleased to make welcome anyone in Pembury and its surrounding locality who no longer has any full time gainful employment and/or parental responsibility. Joining is simple. You can go to our website www.pemburyu3a.org to find out more about what we do, and use the contact form to inquire about membership or just call our membership secretary Andrew on 01892 824012.

Roger Gardner

COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

After opening up again after the Christmas break we are now back in full swing at our Community Coffee Shop at the Recreation Ground Pavilion. Firstly we welcome Sue and Karen, two of our newest volunteers.

The kettle is always on every Monday 9.30 - 12 except Bank Holidays. We serve homemade cakes, coffee/tea and hot chocolate. There is also a selection of second-hand books for sale and take-away cakes. If your weekends are quiet and you would like some company always remember you have the Community Coffee Shop to pop

into on a Monday morning, and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

This year we are planning to have an Easter raffle some time in April - date to be announced later.

A big thank you once again to all our customers for their continued support.

**For any enquiries please telephone :
Chris Snow on 01892-825428
or Heather Purdy on 01892-824940**

CRICKET SEASON FAST APPROACHING



At the time of going to press we are fully embraced into our winter junior coaching at Sackville School in Hildenborough, as we look forward to an exciting season ahead for the junior section. Our junior league sides have rebranded into the “Blue Caps” – u-13s and the “Steelers” – u-11s, as they join the newly formed Invicta Junior Cricket Leagues for 2017.

We place a huge emphasis on the coaching and development of junior players, with training sessions on Saturday mornings from May until August for boys and girls aged 7 and above at our Chalket Lane ground. Additionally we will also be looking to run some school holiday coaching clinics in 2017.

The adult section will be looking forward to a change of fortunes for the coming season, in 2016 the 1st XI finished 6th in Championship West of the Kent Regional Cricket League and the 2nd XI were cruelly denied promotion on the last weekend of the season by “Mother Nature!”

Sundays will once again see a full fixture list throughout the summer, a great place to harness the skills for both young and old, whilst enjoying the joviality of social cricket.

Embracing the village community is an essential ingredient to a successful club, and we are indebted to the many local residents and businesses that continue to support us, this not only helps maintain the high standards at the club both on and off the field, but enables us to plan for the seasons ahead.

This certainly gives us the opportunity to have ambitious plans for new outdoor nets, and the introduction of an artificial pitch to the square, in the not too distant future.

We are always 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 - Secretary (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.

Richard Dawes
(Club Captain – Pembury Cricket Club)



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CRICKET SEASON FAST APPROACHING



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SECOND PEMBURY RAINBOWS



2017 has started with a bang for 2nd Pembury Rainbows. We have fondly bid farewell to two of our girls as they crossed the rainbow and joined 3rd Pembury Brownies - we had a lovely ceremony where the Rainbows got to say goodbye to one another, collect some gifts from their leaders and then walk right over a rainbow

to their pot of gold and a warm welcome from Brown Owl, Wendy Plane. This is another exciting stage on their journey into Guiding and I've already heard that they have settled in well and are looking forward to Pack Holiday!

We have taken the girls climbing at Chimera Climbing Centre, where they all released their "Spidey" powers, literally flying up and down the walls. They were amazing.

Kent Fire Brigade visited and educated us in the ways of fire prevention and safety. Always an activity that goes down well, with everyone.... leaders and girls alike!

As part of the Wonderland Challenge badge the girls are working towards, we plan to visit 'Heavenly



Glaze', where we will paint designs on cups and teapots, which we will use in our own Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The girls will also be learning a silly dance, choreographed by one of our Senior Section, to "A Very Merry UnBirthday To You". And much more.

2017 is a special year for Rainbows globally - we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary, and I have no doubt that there will be lots to report in the future editions of PVN, of how individual Units, the District and maybe even beyond the village, have celebrated such an important 'Birthday'.

If you have a daughter who would like to join one of our Rainbow Units, meeting Monday and Thursday, please register her on <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk> Rainbows are aged 5 - 7, but get your daughter registered as soon as possible.

Amanda Baker
2nd Pembury Rainbows
07812562814

PEMBURY DISTRICT'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

'T'was two weeks before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse! Actually, that's not completely true - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Seniors and Leaders of Pembury Guiding District were warming up their vocal chords, digging out their Festive Spirit and deciding which Santa's hat looks best, all in preparation for the Guiding Carol Service held at St. Peter's Upper Church. It was wonderfully well attended and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did, with traditional carols and festive, fun renditions of Jingle Bells, Rudolph the red-nosed Reindeer and others. As Father Christmas was slowly constructed during 'T'was the Night before Christmas', I think it certainly got everyone in the Christmas mood and we left the church with excitement for the few weeks ahead.



Amanda Baker
2nd Pembury Rainbows
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CIVIC AMENITY VEHICLE DATES AND TYPES OF COLLECTIONS

DOMESTIC RUBBISH	COMPOSTABLE GARDEN RUBBISH
5 MARCH	19 MARCH
2 APRIL	16 APRIL
30 APRIL	14 MAY
28 MAY	11 JUNE

12.00 - 12.55 Henwood Crescent
13.00 - 13.55 Herons Way
14.00 - 15.00 Woodhill Park

CIVIC AMENITY VEHICLE UPDATE

- No major operational issues or events have been reported.
- Continuing to have a member of staff covertly visit some sites at weekends and the hit squad also remains on standby.
- No out of the ordinary reporting of fly tips or bonfires.
- Total material collected in November = 34.95 tonnes (Domestic = 28.51 tonnes & Compostable = 6.44 tonnes), but totals affected by the depot fire, for the same period last year, the waste collected was 132.07 tonnes.
- Total December material collected = 29.40 tonnes (Domestic = 25.10 tonnes & Compostable = 4.30 tonnes), but totals affected by the reduced round scheduling, for the same period last year the waste collected was 87.30 tonnes.



So far since the start of the modified service, up to w/e 8 Jan the CAV has collected -

- Total waste 236.71 tonnes
- Composted 62.18 tonnes
- Landfill 174.53 tonnes.

In the comparable period for 2015 just over 788 tonnes of mixed waste was sent to landfill
The specific data related to Pembury is –

- Total material collected in Pembury is 31.32 tonnes split between
Domestic = 22.92 tonnes & Compostable = 8.40 tonnes

Paul Shipley
Head of Contract Services, TWBC

RECIPES



CHICKEN WITH LEMON AND HERBS

50g (2oz) butter
2 spring onions
15ml (1tbspn) chopped fresh tarragon
15ml (1tbsp) chopped fresh dill

juice of 1 lemon
4 chicken thighs
salt and ground black pepper

1. In a small pan, heat the butter until melted, remove from the heat and add the chopped onion, tarragon and dill. Season with salt and pepper;
2. Pre-heat the grill to medium. Brush the chicken with the herb mixture. Grill for 10-12 minutes. Turn the chicken over, baste and cook for a further 10-12 minutes or until the juices run clear;

Serve with new potatoes and salad.

LEMON MERINGUE PIE

1 packet coconut crisp biscuits
115g (4oz) butter

1. Melt the butter in a saucepan and crush the biscuits with a rolling pin
2. Add the crushed biscuits to the butter and mix well
3. Press the biscuit mix into a dish and refrigerate for about 20-25 mins

For the filling:

50g (2oz) cornflour
175g (6oz) caster sugar
finely grated rind and juice of 2 lemons
2 egg yolks



FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am
 Town/Country Housing Group Clinic – last Tuesday in the month - Housing Manager Stephen Aspinall
 CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am
 Community Coffee Shop – Pembury Pavilion, Recreation Ground – Mondays 9.30-12noon
 ‘The Shed’ Youth Café - at Pembury Baptist Church – Fridays 6 – 8pm (school yrs 7-13) term time only

Mar			
13th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
21st	CAB	9.30-11.30am	Pembury Library
23rd	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Village Hall
25th	Pembury Gardeners' Society	2pm	Spring Flower Show – Village Hall
31st	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – ‘The Medieval Housewife’
Apr			
4th	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Guest Speaker
10th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
26th	Pembury Society	7.45pm	St. Peter's Upper Church A21 Pembury to Tonbridge Dualling Project
May			
2nd	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Guest Speaker
5th	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Annual Meeting & Resolutions Quiz (time permitting)
8th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
18th - 20th	Pembury Players – ‘SHOCK’	8pm	Village Hall – Performances, Thurs, Fri and Sat Tickets from Pembury Pharmacy – late April
19th - 21st	Pembury Art and Craft Exhibition (incorporating the Parish Council Scarecrow Competition)	Fri 6pm – 8pm Sat/Sun 11am – 4pm	St. Peter's Upper Church Scarecrows to be displayed on the lawn Friday 19th and Saturday 20th
June			
2nd	Pembury Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – An Introduction to Calligraphy (Phillip Young)
5th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office
6th	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Guest Speaker
9th	Village Quiz	8pm	Village Hall

The diary serves two purposes. Firstly to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid 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.

Please note that to view the calendar you must be using a recent version of Firefox, Google Chrome or Internet Explorer (IE11 or later). Computers running Windows XP will only be able to view the calendar using Firefox or Google Chrome.

Organisations – please contact me with your dates for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine: deputy@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Oct-16	10	2	1	1	0	2	6	1	2	25
Nov-16	11	0	0	0	1	3	5	1	0	21
Dec-16	15	0	0	0	0	5	9	1	1	31
October - December 2016	36	2	1	1	1	10	20	3	3	77

	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHERS)
A21 A	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	2
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	1
BELLFIELD ROAD	2			0	0	1	0	0	0	3
BRICKFIELDS	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CHALKET LANE	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CHURCH ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CORNFORD LANE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DUNDALE ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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HIGH STREET	4			0	0	1	6	0	0	11
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MIDDLE FIELD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	1			0	0	0	4	0	0	5
PENNS YARD	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ROMFORD ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SANDHURST AVENUE	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
STONECOURT LANE	4			0	0	0	0	0	0	4
THE COPPICE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THE GROVE	1			0	0	2	0	0	0	3
TONBRIDGE ROAD	7			0	0	1	5	1	1	15
WOODSIDE ROAD	2			0	0	0	1	0	0	3
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)	36			1	1	10	20	3	3	74

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on the 5th January 2017 at 09:17 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

CRIME REPORT

Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope this one slows down a bit. Unfortunately the last set of figures for 2016 does not make good reading. Whilst the figures tend to increase once the darker evenings set in when the lowlife come out under cover of darkness, the number of incidents for October, November and December have increased from a total of 55 for July, August and September to 74. Now any number this high is a little worrying but we have to hope that it is a one-off and not the future trend.

What we do not want is for the average to keep moving up. I went back through some of my previous records and found some as low as 38 for one quarter in 2003 and then another for 74 in the same year. Our average is gradually creeping up but not at an alarming rate, although any increase is not good. Thankfully criminal damage only increased from 9 to 10 but theft offences increased from 14 to 20 and again, without having the details some of them may have been avoided by taking better precautions with our property. Unfortunately and there is no point in hiding the figure, violent crime has reared its ugly head again. The figure rising from 23

to 36. Please remember, as I said before many of these will have been in the two main sections of Domestic Crime but we must somehow ensure this figure comes down.

We also need to look at the very irritating and annoying amount of dog fouling that is occurring around the village, on public footpaths, churchyards and play areas to say the least. Let us hope that the powers that be double the penalties for such offences, same as litter dropping. Fly tipping around the village and in the woodlands, from washing machines, fridges and mattresses is still very much a problem and an annoyance. Unfortunately the poor landowner gets lumbered with the cost of disposal if it's on his land or the Borough Council if it's on the Highway. If you see it happening don't get involved but telephone the registration number of the vehicle to the Police or the Council.

Let us keep this village clean and be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman

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