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Thursday 21st September was the culmination of years of debate, traffic hold ups and Pembury always getting the brunt of lorries and cars when the A21 was blocked, so it was a privilege for David Coleman and I to be invited to the official opening of the new stretch of the A21 from Longfield Road and Tonbridge with the new cycle/pedestrian path. I honestly didn't think all those years ago when we first saw the plans at the Ramada Hotel we would see it finished or imagine the amount of earth movements, the new roundabouts and, at the time of this issue going to print, the new footbridge from the Tonbridge Road to Blackhurst Lane being constructed. This will make such a difference for all who work in either the Hospital or at one of the businesses on the Trading Estate.

The opening was performed by Tom Tugendhat MP for Tonbridge, Alan McDermott - Cabinet

Member for Transport TWBC and David Brazier - Cabinet Member for KCC. It was very unfortunate that our MP Greg Clark was needed at a Cabinet meeting in Downing Street so couldn't be there. Nicholas Heslop - Leader of Tonbridge and Malling Council and Cllr David Jukes - Leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council also attended along with David and I.

Highways England and Balfour Beatty have a lot to be proud of in always keeping us informed and trying hard to make sure traffic flow kept moving.

On behalf of us all from the Parish Council, I sincerely wish you all a really nice Christmas and hopefully a less stressful 2018. Thank you so much for all your support over the year.

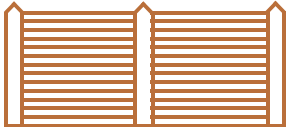
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This month we feature someone who has been a stalwart for Pembury Brownies- Moira Allan. She takes up her story for us:

People in Pembury probably know me through Brownies, which I have been involved with for over 30 years. I started helping at a Brownie unit in Edinburgh when, one Sunday, the Minister asked for help with the Brownies who met in the Church Hall. I volunteered because I enjoyed being a Brownie, and I can honestly say I've had more fun than I expected.

As a child, I went out to play in the evening and was told to come back before it got dark. We climbed trees, fell out and climbed them again. We lit fires on the beach and cooked our sausages. It is very difficult for children to do those things now. Our Brownies go away for two or three days every year and we do archery, fencing, trampolining and abseiling, we go on zip wires and we roll down hills. I never ask the Brownies to do something I won't do, so I have also shut my eyes at the top of the abseil wall! Guiding is fun, and over the years I've met many people who are now good friends.

I had a happy childhood, and as the middle of three girls I always had someone to play with. Summer holidays were spent in Scotland in our caravan. Dad would come home early from work and we would travel for a couple of hours before stopping to eat. Mum banned us from going out of sight of the caravan on the first night as one of us always managed to find water and fall in, and she got fed up starting the holiday with our wet clothes and shoes.

Dad worked for Blue Circle Cement and for three years we lived in Nigeria, in Africa. This was in the late 1960's, during the Biafran War. We went to school by bus, and our journey was often interrupted by road blocks. We were used to men with guns checking the bus, but it must have been very worrying for our parents. There were two American girls who caught the same bus, and they had snakes as pets which they brought to school. We only had a gecko and felt hard done by.



When we came back to Scotland we got a kitten, and I remember us bringing him home wrapped in a towel. We never had a cat basket, and Sooty used to travel from our house in Fife to our Grandparents in East Lothian, about 50 miles, sitting on Mum's knee in the front of the car. The men taking the money on the Forth Road Bridge used to give us some funny looks, and when we had Sooty with us Dad had to remember to go through Edinburgh on a route with no cobbles otherwise Sooty would be sick.

At 16 I got a part-time job in our local library. Although only employed to re-shelve books, the Librarian was of the opinion "if you're here you should be able to do it all" and my enthusiasm for books and libraries started. When I left school at 17, I started working in the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. Surely enough books for anyone!

It was when I was in Edinburgh that I met Donald, who is now my husband. We moved from Edinburgh to North Berwick, on the east coast of Scotland, and I continued to help at Brownies. When fixing the lock on our Brownie cupboard at the School, Donald overheard two Brownies talking about "the man trying to get into the cupboard". He thought it very funny when a third Brownie said "he's ok – he came with Brown Owl". Obviously high praise!

We were living in North Berwick when our first two children were born. Donald works for





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a large accountancy company and in 1996 was re-located to London, and that's when we came to live in Pembury. Moving over 400 miles from your family and friends with a 6-week-old baby is really not to be recommended. Luckily the local National Childbirth Trust coffee mornings – or the “Mummy Mafia” as Donald calls them - let me meet new people, and over 20 years later I am still friends with many of the people I met then.

After our third child started school I worked at Pembury School as a Teaching Assistant and also Librarian, before going to work for Canterbury Christ Church University, in their campus Library in Tunbridge Wells. I still work there, and I am lucky as the people I work with are very understanding when I want to swap hours so I can go away with Brownies.

Our Brownies have lots of fun- we went to London by train, and went up the Thames to the Cutty Sark by boat. We went to Leeds Castle and the Brownies proved they are better in the maze than Brown Owl. We have more activities planned for the coming year - including the compulsory campfire and marshmallows..... so still lots to look forward to.

I am sure everyone would agree that Moira has been an inspiration to generations of families and has more than contributed to the Brownie Promise herself – “I promise that I will do my best to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community, to help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide Law”.

Richard Snow



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### **Fly tipping:**

Around Pembury and the local area, you may encounter fly tipping.

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### **Mental Health:**

Mental health is one of the biggest challenges facing policing today. Around a third of all incidents dealt with by Kent Police have a mental health element. The scale of this type of demand is a common refrain across police areas. In Medway it's estimated 57 per cent of police time is spent dealing with mental health issues and in Thanet it's 50 per cent. Changing how we tackle this issue is not just about freeing up police resources. It's also about ensuring vulnerable people get the right support from the right person at the right time. There are other agencies, like the NHS, who are better trained and better placed to deal with those in mental health crisis than police officers.

Kent Police is moving forward in a number of ways to work with partners to deal with people suffering from mental health issues. On 20 June the Force and the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) launched a joint Mental Health Strategy at the first Mental Health Conference of its kind in Kent, held in Maidstone. Around 100 delegates represented charities, local authorities, commissioning groups and criminal justice partners with the aim of providing the right support for those in crisis.

This includes the Community Street Triage scheme, where mental health nurses join police officers on patrol in areas of Kent, to help provide the most appropriate care. The pilot scheme has been running at key times since April 2017 and was followed in June 2017 by a similar scheme in Medway.

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We also presented a donation of £250 to the Baptist Church from profits made throughout the year - £150 will be used to purchase arts and crafts for the Apples of Gold events and £100 will go towards the Christmas lunch for their Tuesday lunch club members.

We are so pleased that we can help in the community and the volunteers are very grateful to all their loyal customers who attend the coffee shop. We have again had a very successful year thanks to their continued support.



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The Guides and Brownies put on their Apple Art Show and included plenty of pears this year with a few artistic rotting ones! The apple tasting was very busy with varieties such as Pitmaston Pine Apple and the all red Tickled Pink, creating much interest. Never have so many apples been pressed for juice – over 2 tonnes, but it all went by the end of the day. Another three quarters of a tonne were scattered round the farmyard in the apple games but these don't get wasted as the local pigs get to eat them.

A highlight was the Pembury U3A Ukelele Band with over 15 members - thanks to all of them. The Hog Roast and the refreshments were very popular, as was the giant apple crumble. (See photo). It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and the children having fun.

The important end result was a sum of close to £5500 being raised for Hospice in the Weald. Claudia and her team from the Hospice worked hard all day serving tea and coffee, supported by Jill and Tim Noakes with their home made cakes. Overall a very successful event and thanks to everyone who gave their support.

David Knight, Pippins Farm



### CALLING ALL PEMBURY BANDS

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With the Ashes now underway in the sunnier climes down under, planning for summer 2018 is well underway for PCC.

On the back of a hugely enjoyable and successful season for the junior section in 2017, we are delighted to confirm that a new synthetic turf pitch has been installed on the square, together with a refurbished practice area, both of which will provide us with a comprehensive upgrade to our training facilities for all ages.

Both of our junior sides in 2017 had great seasons, with the "Steelers" (u-11s) winning their league, and completing their season unbeaten. The "Blue Caps" (u-13s) performed admirably against some strong opposition, and with a relatively young squad in this age group, the future looks very promising. Additionally, for 2018, we will be introducing an u-15 side into the Invicta league structure.

We are hugely focused on our coaching offering at the club, and have several ECB qualified coaches, plus additional resource provided by Invicta Cricket Coaching. Our winter coaching will re-convene indoors at the Judd School on

Sunday afternoons in January, together with the senior section.

The senior section had some highs and lows throughout the season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the league with at times some excellent performances, but will certainly be looking to add more consistency next year.

The Second XI battled away in a truncated season, and the Sunday XI enjoyed themselves as always, with some notable performances along the way, no one more so than Richard Webster with his maiden century for the club!

Cricketer of the year for 2017 went to village stalwart Garry Knight, with 32 league wickets at an average of 15.16.

Performance of the Year for 2017 went to Neil Mobbs, with a classical innings for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI of 81 (run out) against Horton Kirby. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Year for 2017 went to Sam Slack, for his all-round team contribution.

Young Player of the Year for 2017 went to Harrison Coe, who at 15 established himself as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI regular, and made excellent contributions with both bat and ball.

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.

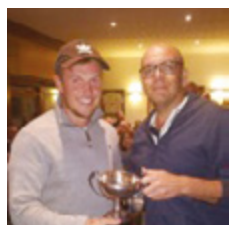
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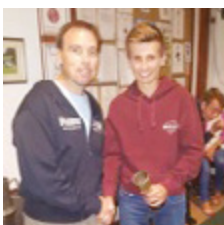
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## THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL

Since the new hospital at Pembury was built the League of Friends of Tunbridge Wells Hospital has had no visible presence there in terms of a shop (as they had in the old Pembury Hospital) or a cafeteria and indeed many people don't realise they are still in existence! Determined to resolve this problem, the committee, with the assistance of the hospital administrators, arranged to man a table in the reception area to raise their profile and to make a bit of money for their funds as well.

A date was chosen in July and the committee had a wonderful day. They were given a huge welcome by both patients, visitors and hospital staff and a fantastic £400 was raised from the sale of cakes, jams, chutneys, knitted baby clothes, books and cards. Another sale was arranged in August and it proved to be an equally successful day raising £340. The committee hope that this may become a monthly event and would welcome anyone who would be interested in supporting and helping with this very worthwhile scheme.

The League of Friends started in 1954 and was formerly the League of Friends of Pembury Hospital until the new hospital opened and the



*League of Friends of Pembury Hospital – table sale*

name was changed. Over the years the League has been very active and very committed to supporting both patients and staff at the hospital and Pembury Hospital fete was legendary, only stopping when the hospital development made it impossible for it to continue. Recently the provision of televisions for all the rooms and the provision of Wi-Fi by the League have benefited patients and staff alike.

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## 2ND PEMBURY RAINBOWS

The colours of autumn can't help but inspire Pembury Rainbows and we've been out and about making the most of the dry and windy weather. In doing so, we were able to work towards our Autumn Pawprint Challenge Badge, which included creating beautiful Autumn Flowers from fallen leaves, as well as making S'mores on our camp fire.

2<sup>nd</sup> Pembury Rainbows do love a challenge and excitement and we managed to combine both to full effect in our last meeting before we broke for the Half Term holiday.....We invited the absolutely fabulous Mark and Jerry, from 'Our Amazing Animal World', along for the night. They brought a huge selection of their rescued animals with them for the girls to hold, touch and learn about. The guys were brilliant with the girls and managed to get even the most nervous of girls to handle creatures, including a Chameleon, a Leopard Gecko, a Bearded Dragon, a Python, a Giant African Millipede, a Hermit Crab, a Chinchilla, a Skinny Pig, a Hedgehog, a Tortoise and their delightful Meerkats. The entire session was nothing less than magical.

Rainbows from all over Dunorlan Division celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday here in Pembury, at the Guide and Scout HQ. Our theme was The Circus and all the girls who took part in the day's activities, had a chance to learn juggling, plate spinning, stilt walking, ribbon dancing, as well as trying their hand (or should I say foot!) at the tightrope. They were also able to experience several Carnival Side Shows, from 'Net A Duck' to 'Tin Can Alley', from 'Bat The Rat' to 'Hoopla'.

Faces were painted, balloons modelled, trapeze crafts made and much fun was had at the fancy dress 'Selfie Stand'. The fantastic Topper entertained us all with his hilarious and captivating routine, culminating in a unicycle masterpiece – has to be seen to be believed! As the day drew to a close, all the girls and leaders who had taken part, renewed their Rainbow Promise, which seemed the most fitting end to an extraordinary day.

Amanda Baker





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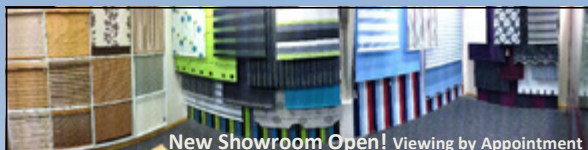
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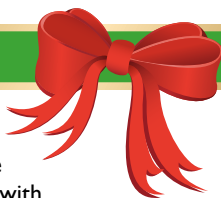


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Over the weekend of 22nd to the 24th September, Pembury Cub Scouts from the 'Sturgeon' and 'Penn' Packs came together for a weekend activity camp at Blackland Farm on the Ashdown Forest. The Cubs spent two nights camping under canvas - many for the first time!

Upon arrival on Friday evening, the boys pitched their own tents and had a traditional sausage and beans supper before settling down for the night.

Greeted by blue skies and sunshine (very early!!!) the next morning, we all enjoyed a bacon sandwich breakfast before flag break and a morning of activities such as archery, crate stacking, climbing challenge and woodland tracking.

After lunch all the activities were again on offer and helped by the warm sunshine, the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all.

In the evening we took the opportunity to have a go at the woodland assault course before

dinner. After dark we held a traditional campfire and 'sing-song' rounded off with 's'mores'.

Following a good night's sleep, we were all up in the sunshine on Sunday morning for breakfast before flag break. It was then time for the Cubs to split into two groups one group taking down their tents before setting off on a hike. The Second group set off to Weir Wood Reservoir for a session of canoeing. Both groups met up at Stone Farm Rocks for a picnic lunch before separating again, the first group this time doing kayaking whilst the second group headed back to camp to take their tents down.

Finally, 'flag down' and presentation of badges drew our camp to a close. A fantastic weekend was had by all.

Richard Alfieri  
Akela,  
1st Pembury 'Sturgeon' Cub Pack.



## PRIDE IN PEMBURY WINNERS



It was lovely to drive around the village with colleagues and judge the various entries for this year's Pride in Pembury competition. Once again it was well supported and it was a pleasure to take on the task of working out who were the worthy winners. It was obvious that a lot of you do take a real pride in your gardens and I can only guess at the number of hours and hard work it must take to get your gardens looking so pristine. So, well done all the winners and here's to next year.

All the winners were invited to a Tea Party held at the Pavilion at the beginning of October. It was an enjoyable afternoon and a great opportunity to meet new people over a cup of tea and a piece of cake!

See below for the list of winners and a couple of photographs taken at the Tea Party.

### **Large Front Garden**

Winner - Mr/Mrs Wood  
Runner Up - Mrs Huggett  
Runner Up - Mr/Mrs Card

### **Hanging Basket**

Winner – Melanie Hambleton

### **Container**

Winner – Mr/s Chartres

### **Medium Front Garden**

Winner Mr/Mrs Beeneey  
Runner Up – Mr Bowles  
Runner Up – Mrs Digby

### **Merits were awarded to:**

Nancy Barden  
Mr/Mrs Mooney  
Mr/Mrs Russell  
Mr/Mrs Stevens

### **Small Front Garden**

Winner – Mrs Ford  
Runner Up – Mrs Clark

### **Allotments**

Winner – Mr/Mrs Razmus  
Runner Up – Paula Davis



The Brownies were awarded with a certificate for 'Helping to spread Pride across Pembury.' Other certificates were awarded to the King Will Pub, Thai/Chinese Takeaway, Downingbury Farm Shop, the Chemist and the Hospice in the Weald for their outstanding displays outside their businesses.

Pembury School Gardening Club also won an award for 'Awareness of the Environment'. This will be presented to the children and Juliet Lewis-Williams and Melissa Pearce who both run the Club. The children had also planted some amazing containers and beds with flowers and vegetables.

## LOCAL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS



A District Council's Local Plan sets out a framework for the future development of an area, in relation to housing, community facilities and infrastructure. They also guide decisions about individual development proposals, as Local Plans (together with any approved neighbourhood plans) are the starting-point for considering whether applications can be approved.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) is currently developing their Local Plan and will consult further on their proposals soon. Residents have been advised on the inherent threats to Pembury from TWBC's five strategic development options.

Over the last fifty years successive Governments have launched various proposals billed as putting planning into the hands of local people. None have.

Previously Pembury drew up a village plan 'Pembury 2000' in the 1970s giving rise to a lot of local development. The Parish Council and local volunteers hurriedly drew up 'Pembury 2000 Plus' to constrain unwanted development. In the 1990s, the Parish Council and TWBC drew that tight Metropolitan Green Belt line around Pembury that has kept us separate from Tunbridge Wells until this day.

The Government claims a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is a community-led planning framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. An NDP could be part of the statutory

development plan for an area IF adopted. However, the caution expressed by the TWBC Chief Planning Officer recently on the inherent dangers and limitations of these within the Local Plan review process must be borne in mind.

### What are the advantages?

Communities may be able to:

- Choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built and what they should look like;
- Choose which assets such as open spaces, important buildings and community facilities should be protected and enhanced.

### What are the disadvantages?

- An NDP cannot stop development and cannot promote less development than the level identified in the area's Local Plan.
- Cost could be in the region of £30,000 or more. This would be funded by residents through their council tax to the Parish Council. However, some grant funding is available.
- Volunteers must commit significant amounts of their time to the project.

### What next for Pembury?

The Parish Council is currently reviewing if an NDP could be useful for Pembury and an update will be given in due course.

## PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL FIREWORK EVENT



Friday November 3rd saw another great firework event. Record numbers flocked to the Recreation Ground (some 3,400 people) and all enjoyed a spectacular firework display together with some fantastic music. Food was once again served from the Pavilion with hundreds of hotdogs and bacon rolls being sold.

£3,104.80 was raised by you in the collection buckets and this will go towards a disabled entrance at the Guides and Scouts Hut at the bottom of the Recreation Ground. I'm sure you will agree that this is a great cause and a massive thank you to all who contributed.





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## HEDGEHOGS ARE IN TROUBLE

Our hedgehogs are having a tough time; how about we give our local spiky friends a hand - they are here in Pembury, I hope you've seen some!

I have seen several hedgehogs in my garden this year and I feel very lucky to have them. In May of this year we made CD sized holes in the gravel boards of our fences to let them in; habitat fragmentation is a big issue for hedgehogs and they need several connected gardens to find enough food.

It only took our hedgehogs a couple of nights to find us; pretty much straight away we started to see little presents left for us, so I started putting food and water out. Hedgehog food such as Spike's is good for them, but they can also eat meaty dog or cat food (not fish), or kitten biscuits. We must not give them milk and bread as it's not good for them and they are lactose intolerant.

I have used baited footprint tunnels to capture the footprints of our visiting hedgehogs and we've spent time watching them from the patio doors.

In late August we spotted one of our hedgehogs out in the day time. Hedgehogs shouldn't be out in the day, so I popped it in a box and contacted Folly wildlife rescue, and I took it in. Sadly this hedgehog didn't make it. We don't know what this one died of but from what I have heard it's not a good year for them.

I have a friend up north, who rescues hedgehogs, and she believes many are being weakened by internal parasites such as lungworm, fluke, and roundworm. This may be due to the hedgehogs eating too many slugs and snails, which are a host species, and warmer winters that don't kill off as many parasites as colder ones.

In addition I have heard of a recent study published in the journal *Mammal Review* that found the distribution of hedgehogs in the UK was even lower than anticipated, and we've



*(Photo by Emma Farley)*

known that their numbers have been declining for some time.

It's possible to help your hedgehogs by making sure they have enough food; filling at least part of your garden with plants and dead wood. Leaf piles will attract insects, especially beetles, for the hedgehogs to eat, and reducing any use of pesticides will make a difference. Quality, connected habitat could potentially save many hedgehogs.

It's been in the news that hedgehogs should not be fed during autumn and winter, but I follow hedgehog rescue centres and charities and their advice continues to be that hedgehogs should be fed during this time, and that there is not currently any evidence to support a change. Hedgehogs may need the supplementary food to fatten up for hibernation.

Roads, strimmers and bonfires are also big dangers for hedgehogs. Always move anything you are burning before lighting, and check long grass before strimming. If you have hedgehogs, they can hibernate from October/November to March/April so please try to leave any piles of wood, leaves, branches etc., undisturbed during this time, and watch out for nests in the summer; a mother hedgehog could leave her young if she is disturbed. Thanks for reading.

**Extra fact:** Contrary to popular belief hedgehogs are not normally covered in fleas and if they are it could be a sign they need a hand. Hedgehog fleas are species specific and do not live on people or pets.

Sarah Pomfrett

## GIRL GUIDING

Hi! My name is Martha and I have lived in Pembury most of my life, going to Pembury School House Nursery and Pembury School. While growing up I was lucky enough to become a member of the Girl Guide Association in Pembury; I started as a Rainbow when I was five, and moved through Brownies, Guides and the Senior Section until I recently left to go to University. I also helped as a Young Leader with 1st Pembury Brownies, 1st and 2nd Pembury Rainbows, which was very rewarding and lots of fun. I am obviously addicted as I am just about to start helping at a Rainbow unit in Bristol near my Halls! As a member of GirlGuiding I have had so many enjoyable experiences and been on Pack Holidays and Guide Camps all over the country and ski holidays with Guides in Switzerland. I have learnt to canoe, ski, climb and abseil, put up and sleep in a tent, build shelters, light a fire and cook on it, play games, sing songs, do crafts, do incident hikes and night hikes and much more through GirlGuiding; also, more importantly, made friends of different ages and worked with them on activities as a leader and a member of a team.

This Summer I was proud to be selected to represent our Guiding Region (London and the South East) on a trip to Belize as one of a team of 12 adults. We spent two weeks working at Liberty Children's Home in the outskirts of Belize City, some time working on a conservation project and spending our free time exploring the beautiful, diverse country. Belize is a very poor country that neighbours Mexico; it has a tropical climate, a barrier reef and rainforest, lovely people and a lot of insects! While at the Children's Home we tutored the children, most from very difficult backgrounds, in English and Maths, reorganised the Home's garden and spent afternoons playing games and doing crafts. It was so lovely to build relationships with the children and see the joy on their faces as we played and taught them new things. We were all sad to leave and there was not a dry eye. We then moved down to the south of Belize, onto a reforestation project on the banks of the Columbia River. We also explored the coral reefs, rainforest, Mayan ruins and met the Mayan people.

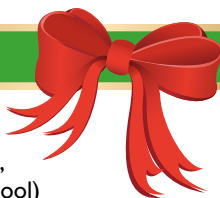


This experience was life-changing and the memories will stay with me forever. I hope to revisit Liberty one day and think often of the children there. I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise the money to get there by sponsoring me or my dad, getting a Belize badge or by buying one of the cakes at one of several cake sales.

All these experiences and opportunities have only been made possible by the whole of the GirlGuiding team in Pembury, and further afield. They give up their time happily and for free to provide us with activities during meetings, weekends and holidays as we grow up and become adults; experiences and opportunities we may never have had otherwise. I am so very grateful and am looking forward to continuing my journey with GirlGuiding.

*Footnote from the DC: As District Commissioner for GirlGuiding Pembury I cannot tell you how proud we all are of Martha, she represented our village with qualities that go beyond her age. She is correct when she says experiences like this are life changing, but then again I like to think that just being part of GirlGuiding can also provide those moments that mean nothing is quite the same again. When I look at our current crop of little Rainbows I can't help but wonder which one of them will be jetting off round the world in GirlGuiding Blue, making the world a better place, one toasted marshmallow at a time!*

Caroline Cooper



The primary purpose of our organisation is education. That means “education” in its widest sense of facilitating learning whether by provision of knowledge, skills or experience. It is not limited to academic teaching (like going back to school) but extends to other methods like directed research, discussion, physical practice and so on.

As with all U3As the main way we achieve our purpose is via our Interest Groups for which we rely on members as volunteers to be leaders or facilitators to share their knowledge, experience or just enthusiasm to organise a group of others interested in the subject. As a result of the past and continuing efforts of our marvellous volunteers we now have nearly 60 Interest Groups which include:

- crafts - quilting, patchwork and woodcarving
- mental agility - crosswords, mahjong and Scrabble
- sporting /physical pursuits - croquet, table tennis, darts, rambling and ballroom dancing
- foreign languages - Italian, French and Spanish
- intellectual - philosophy, mindfulness, history and books
- sociable - wine appreciation and visiting historic homes and gardens
- the arts - playreading, film club and ukulele
- research topics - family history and the Weald’s natural history

The object of an Interest Group is simply learning for its own sake (not qualifications, awards or passing exams) with enjoyment as the motivation.

Most Interest Groups meet in a member’s home but some larger Groups use local external facilities like the Village Hall. In each Interest Group its members pay nominal charges e.g. hire fees (where applicable), costs of materials and/or refreshments or take turns to provide these. In this way the costs of participation are very low for all attendees - much, much less than for most adult education classes. Members can join most Interest Groups at any time of the year, subject to availability of places - and there is no ongoing obligation for a member to continue in a Group; he or she is free to leave at any time for any reason.

So if you are in the happy position of being in the “third age” i.e. no longer in full time employment and not having parental responsibility, and you fancy trying out something new for the New Year or maybe just rekindling a past interest, why not join our U3A? You can find out more by visiting our website [www.pemburyu3a.org](http://www.pemburyu3a.org) or contacting our Membership Secretary on 01892 824012.

Roger Gardner  
Chairman, Pembury U3A

## U3A WALK

Here is a photo taken on Tuesday September 5th. It shows an arranged hike led by members of Pembury U3A which was joined by walkers from the Cirencester group. The walk began and ended at Chartwell. In all, 14 visitors stayed in the area for 3/4 days, mostly as guests at the Rose & Crown, Tonbridge. Four varying walks were on offer, which by all accounts were greatly enjoyed by all who made the journey over from Gloucestershire.



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A year or so ago a few members of The Pembury Society were discussing the village green and the blacksmith's workshop that occupied the top part of the green. There are quite a few old maps and pictures that show a variety of buildings on the green during the 1800s and through to the 1920s. Adjacent to the blacksmith's workshop was his furnace, a row of houses and a primitive fire station. There was also a wheelwright nearby, but we are not quite sure of its location. Some maps show two 'Smithy's' close to the junction of the High Street and Lower Green Road, and some writings refer to a wheelwright in that area, so the jury is still out on the precise nature and location of these cottage industries.

The discussion eventually led to the possibility of getting some archaeological help to investigate the village green. Pembury Parish Council, the owners of the land, granted permission for a limited examination under the supervision of The Pembury Society. We then invited the Southborough & High Brooms Archaeological Society to come to Pembury to conduct a few surveys. This they did. On the 8th, 22nd and

29<sup>th</sup> October a team of six spent many hours doing systematic scans of a portion of the green adjacent to the old smithy's workshop and house, unearthing all sorts of finds. The activity attracted interest from passing residents, some thinking we were hunting for lost treasure or buried bodies. No such luck. There was a lot of modern debris from the picnics, fairs and parties held on the green, but quite a few interesting historical artefacts came to light. These are currently being cleaned, examined and documented.

The next issue of the PVN will carry a more detailed article by Kathryn Franklin on the historical significance of the surveys and finds along with some history of the village green. The Pembury Society hope to be able to promote more of this investigative work, with results, pictures and maps to be displayed at their meetings and on the Pembury History web site.

Tony Nicholls





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# PemburyPlayers

Have you ever wondered what happened to Jack after he climbed the beanstalk? This has certainly kept us all guessing for many years. Although it has been a long time coming! Maggie Weaver has recently converted her latest zany ideas for another original pantomime into a workable script. Hurrah!

And the good news is that Maggie's script was enthusiastically endorsed by Pembury Players for presentation to the public in January. So then you will all know what happened to Jack when he went back down the beanstalk, or at least you will if you go and watch the show! And the even better news is that there will be a talented live band to accompany the songs and plenty of scope for audience participation. What could possibly go wrong?

We can't tell you the plot...not because it's a secret, just because we can't quite work it out for ourselves yet! Anyhow the gist of it is that Jack comes back down the beanstalk to see his mum and then goes back up again to look for Daisy [their cow] where he meets a lovely girl called Ella who seems to have got into a spot of bother. Jack tries to help but has to contend with the dastardly Sheriff Slack and his henchmen Rough & Ready...and a not-very-jolly giant. Luckily there is an army of beans on hand to make things easier for Jack and amazingly enough it all turns out well in the end.



To find out what happened to Jack, all you need to do is put the dates in your diary and then make sure you bring all your friends and family to Pembury Village Hall in January to enjoy this hilarious pantomime. There will be a licensed bar as usual with a good selection of beer, wine and soft drinks.

Performances are on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th Jan [at 7.30 pm], and on Saturday 6th Jan [at 2.30 & 7.30 pm]. Tickets priced at £7.00 for adults and £4.00 for children will be on sale from December at Pembury Pharmacy; tickets can also be reserved in advance via email: [pemburyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:pemburyplayers@gmail.com). Early booking is recommended, especially for the Saturday night performance. Look out for regular updates about the show on the Pembury Players Facebook page.



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## PEMBURY SOCIETY NEWS

St Peter's Upper Church was full with standing room only for the Autumn meeting of the Society when the focus was on the Local Plan for the Borough of Tunbridge Wells and the new Civic Development for the town. Guest speakers were the deputy leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Cllr Alan MacDermott, Cllr Tracy Moore, together with William Benson CEO of TWBC and Karen Fosset Head of Planning.



We were reminded that Option 4 of the Draft Local Plan had considerable implications for Pembury, and everyone should take a good look at the TWBC website and consider making any comment within the consultation period. An additional meeting of the Society may be held in the new year when the speakers would be able to update us on the consultation and direction that TWBC might be taking of the different options. Date to be announced.

A new bench "for the people of Pembury" has been installed by the new memorial wall in the Pembury Burial Ground, which we have been pleased to fund as a gift of the Pembury Society.

On the Sundays during October a group of metal detection experts from the Southborough & High Brooms Archaeological Society have been exploring the Village Green for the Pembury Society. Finds included a Roman coin, George III and George IV coins as well as a host of other metal objects. These will in due course be placed on display.

Our next planned meeting is on 18th April 2018, when we are being taken on a pictorial walk around Pembury, with a look at our flora and fauna. At the meeting there will be a side display of Kent College Girls School history, with pictures and documents of interest.

David Hanes

## MEMORIAL WALL

You may remember reading an article in the previous Pembury Village News about the new Memorial Wall which has been built in the Burial Ground behind St. Peter's Upper Church. This is for memorial plaques for loved ones and by the time you read this, a new bench will have been installed nearby for people to sit and reflect. This has been kindly donated by the Pembury Society. The Parish Council groundsmen keep the Burial Ground beautifully and take a real pride in it. We receive many good comments and they have in fact just won an award from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for their work there. The first plaques are now in place and several others are on order.



If you are interested in placing a plaque here, please contact the Parish Office on 01892 823193 or email the Deputy Clerk: [deputy@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk).



## SPOOKY FUN

Many of you might not know of its existence but down at the Old Church is another one of our old play areas which we used to visit. If you enter the Churchyard via the Lych gate and turn immediately left follow the hedge row along until you get to the corner. Immediately on your left, the other side of the stone slab wall is a large sealed vault. This is the Woodgate Family Vault; the family used to live in Pembury Hall and provided clergy for the Old Church for many generations. When we were kids the vault was always open but empty of any coffins. To get in there we just used to walk down the brick steps and just open the iron door.

Inside were two layers of shelves where the coffins would have laid. We used to go in and lie on the shelves and not think anything of it, although in hindsight it was a little disrespectful. One summer's evening we were down in the vault, when we heard the distant rumble of thunder. You all know what it is like just before a storm, everything goes quiet and still, nothing moves, dusk was descending, the thunder was getting closer but still no rain.



We decided it was time to do a runner so we left the vault and decided to get home before the storm broke. The first flash of lightening came as we crossed the churchyard but then, giving us the fright of our lives, the big barn owl which used to live in the Church Belfry swooped down from the tower and swooped low across us letting out a loud whoooooo as he did so. With that we then broke into a run off home, more worried about the spookiness than the rain!!

Whilst the vault is still there the steps and entry are all sealed and filled in.

The last owner occupier of Pembury Hall when we were kids was Lady Houston.

Hugh Boorman

## WAR TIME RELICS

Many of you probably do not know, other than those of you who have lived in the village for some years, that right at the bottom of Pembury Walks on the left hand side opposite the water works is one of the old brick Pill Boxes probably built to protect the water works during war years. You may have seen them in other areas around the countryside. The small open view points from which soldiers would have been able to fire their guns at any would-be invaders. To us this pill box was one of our camps and was part of many a battle of bows and arrows. Thankfully nobody got injured by an arrow coming through the narrow windows! We even had camp fires in there.

Hugh Boorman





Despite unfavourable growing conditions during the summer months, the Society's recent Autumn Show, held in the relaxed surroundings of the Village Hall, attracted exhibitors from far and wide, enabling visitors to view over 180 entries on the benches. The quality of Chrysanthemums and Dahlias on display were worthy of exhibition in National shows according to the judge and Brenda Penfold's winning floral art exhibit was almost magical in its perfection. Vegetable entries were down in numbers and quality – a trait reported by other societies this year but Brian Fryer found sufficient to take the George Sturgeon Cup with Steve Jones a close second. The only downside was, as in the Summer Show, not a single entry in any children's' class and the continued slide in the cooking class is a worry.

Show co-ordinator, Derek Parks thanked exhibitors and visitors on behalf of the Society saying that this year's three shows had all been held in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere and could be considered the best the Society has staged for several years.

## Cup and Trophy Winners

### Vegetables

*George Sturgeon Award – collection of vegetables*  
Brian Fryer

*H Bishop Cup – Most points – Vegetables*  
Brian Fryer



### Chrysanthemums

*National Chrysanthemum Society*  
*Silver Medal*  
Doug Drury

*Bronze Medal*  
Reg Bloe

*Bernard Reeve Award - most points in section*  
Doug Drury

### Dahlias

*National Dahlia Society*  
*Silver Medal*  
Arthur Dashwood

*Bronze Medal*  
Arthur Dashwood

*Society Award – most points in section*  
Derek Parks

### Flowers

*Kent Federation Certificate – most points in sections*  
Brian Fryer

### Floral Art

*Kathleen Mepham Memorial Award and Certificate for best exhibit*  
Brenda Penfold

### Cookery and Handicraft

*Society and Geoffrey Theobald Award for most points in sections*  
Jean Aust

### Annual Awards – 2017 Shows

*RHS Banksian Medal – most prize money*  
Brian Fryer

*Dr D Waterfield Cup – most points over three shows*  
Brian Fryer

*Dr D Waterfield Certificate*  
*Runner Up Second aggregate points over three shows*  
Steve Jones



### DIAL 2 DRIVE

Do you love driving? Are you a people person? Could you take an elderly/disabled person to a medical appointment or shopping once a week?

Run by the local charity Imago, Dial 2 Drive is a community transport scheme where volunteer drivers use their own cars to take clients to medical and social appointments. These drives include appointments at local surgeries, hospitals, day centres, hairdressers, opticians, lunch clubs and shopping. Drives are booked for days, evenings and weekends. Being a volunteer driver fits around your day as the role is flexible to suit you. Drivers are DBS checked and have references taken, receive an induction and support. Mileage is reimbursed to ensure volunteers aren't out of pocket.

The support clients' receive by accessing Dial 2 Drive enables them to stay active and independent in their local community for longer. People register to use the service and pay an annual membership fee plus any mileage costs on a monthly basis.

"Dial 2 Drive is a marvellous service. I had to give up driving after a stroke... All the team are great, they know what I need and are always so helpful. I am really very grateful for their help."

There are over 650 clients across Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and surrounding areas. In the last six months Dial 2 Drive has completed over 5,320 journeys!

Dial 2 Drive has a team of 80 fantastic volunteer drivers but is looking to recruit more to enable the increasing numbers of passengers who would like to use the service. If you think you could join the team and would like to find out more do visit the website where there is an online registration form: <http://www.imago.community/Community-Services/Dial2Drive/Volunteer> or contact the office on 0300 777 1200 or email [volunteering@imago.community](mailto:volunteering@imago.community)

Twitter: @Dial2Drive

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Dial2Drive](http://www.facebook.com/Dial2Drive)

## RECIPES

### Boxing Day Flan



#### INGREDIENTS

500g Shortcrust pastry  
100g (3½oz) Smoked ham (diced)  
50g (1¾oz) Butter  
175g (6oz) Gruyere cheese (grated)  
1 Small onion  
284ml Double cream

100g (3½oz) Button mushrooms  
2 Eggs  
200g (7oz) Cooked diced turkey  
1 tspn Dried sage  
Salt/Ground black pepper

28cm (11”) Flan tin

Oven temp Gas Mark 6 - 200°C

1. Roll out the pastry and line the tin – chill for 15 minutes then bake blind for 12-15 minutes
2. Melt the butter in a large pan and fry the onions until softened, add the mushrooms and cook for a further 3-4 minutes
3. Spoon the onions, mushrooms, turkey and ham into the flan case, covering with the Gruyere cheese
4. Whisk together the cream, eggs and sage. Season to taste and pour into the flan
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes until the centre is just set. Leave in tin for about 10 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.

The flan is best served warm with salad and garlic bread.

### Lemon Syllabub

#### INGREDIENTS

Finely grated zest and juice of 4 lemons  
125ml (4floz) Brandy  
125g (4oz) Golden caster sugar  
600ml (1pt) Double cream



1. Place the lemon zest, juice, sugar and brandy in a bowl. Stir well and cover
2. Whip the cream until it forms soft peaks. Add the lemon and brandy mix in a thin stream, whisking all the time
3. When the mix is soft and mousse like, pour into serving glasses
4. Decorate with strips of lemon zest.

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PETER'S, PEMBURY



## **Sunday 10th December**

6pm	Community Carol Service	Upper Church
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## **Sunday 17th December**

9.45am	Parish Communion with Nativity Play	Upper Church
6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Old Church

## **Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve**

9.45am	Eucharist Nativity performed by Illumin8	Upper Church
4pm	Crib Service	Upper Church
11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Upper Church

## **Monday 25th December – Christmas Day**

8am	Holy Communion	Upper Church
10am	Parish Communion	Upper Church
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Old Church

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## **Pembury Baptist Church**

### **Saturday 2nd December**

3-5pm – Messy Christmas for families to enjoy Christmas crafts, stories, carols and a meal to enjoy together. All free! Pembury Primary School

### **Sundays, 3rd, 10th, 17th December**

10am – Morning services - JOY!

### **Sunday 24th December**

10am - Light of the World – craft and interactive service for all the family

### **Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve Communion**

11.30pm – Carols and Communion

### **Monday 25th December – Christmas Day Service**

10am – Children, bring your presents for ‘Show and Tell’!

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## **St. Anselms**

### **Sunday 17th December**

6.30pm – A service of 9 lessons and carols

### **Sunday 24th December**

3pm - Children's Nativity Service / 5pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity / 11.30pm – Midnight Mass

### **Monday 25th December**

10am – Sung Mass for Christmas Day

# RECORDED CRIME IN PEMBURY



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

Crime type by reported month	Violent Crime	Burglary Residential	Burglary Business & Community	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (not vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Jul-17	6	0	1	0	2	3	4	5	27
Aug-17	11	4	2	0	0	10	3	4	33
Sep-17	15	0	0	1	0	7	0	3	26
July - September 2017	32	5	3	1	2	26	7	10	86

	Violent Crime	Burglary Residential	Burglary Business & Community	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (not vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
BELLFIELD ROAD	1			1	0	0	0	1	4
BRICKFIELDS	1			0	1	0	0	0	2
BULLS PLACE	0			0	0	0	2	0	2
CHESTNUT WALK	0			0	0	1	0	0	1
CHURCH ROAD	1			0	1	0	1	0	3
ELMHURST AVENUE	3			0	0	0	1	0	4
GREENLEAS	0			0	0	1	0	0	1
HALF MOON LANE	0			0	0	0	0	1	1
HASTINGS ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	0	1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	1	0	0	2
HENWOODS CRESCENT	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	4			0	1	10	0	1	15
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	1			0	0	0	1	0	2
MIDDLE FIELD	2			0	0	0	0	0	2
PEMBURY ROAD	1			0	0	8	0	1	10
PENNS YARD	0			0	0	0	0	1	1
RIDGEWAY	1			0	0	0	1	1	3
ROMFORD ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
THE COPPICE	0			0	0	0	0	1	1
THE GROVE	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	10			0	0	5	0	3	18
WOODHILL PARK	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARIES)	32			1	2	26	7	10	78

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 11th July 2017 at 11:30 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.



## CRIME REPORT



I have just received the crime figures for July, August and September and unfortunately they have risen when we would normally have expected them to show a drop. However, I have discussed these figures with the Police Analytical Team and they have assured me that the figures are no worse than any other Parish and that it is too easy to take the figures at first glance and feel that all is against us. There is the obvious one of population size and of the figures given to me which were those of six Parishes, including Pembury, we were third in the table. Three of the Parishes which are much smaller in population, but not in area, (ie, square miles) had lower figures than those of Pembury but the other two were much higher than those of Pembury and were out of proportion relating to the size of their population. In two instances more than double that of Pembury. To clarify these figures I will ask the Analytical Team if I can disclose the names of the other Parishes next time round.

As I have previously stated these figures are the same as are sent to the Metropolitan Police Headquarters to help compile National Figures which are also sent to Parliament. I can assure you that it is not my intention to make people frightened of living in Pembury, in fact it is the opposite. I also asked the question whether the Crime figures for Pembury had ever been cited as an issue for people wanting to leave the village but could not sell their houses because of our crime figures and the answer was, not to their knowledge.

Please just look at Pembury and the people you know and just ask them how long they have lived here, many will say all their lives, others will say twenty, thirty, forty years or more and have no intention of moving. In some instances there are several generations of families. People of this village have a right to know what is going on around them and what preventive measures they can take, if any. Just remember that the violent crime figure includes domestic violence, which for the last quarter was nine. Some of the other violence was related to groups of friends that the Police were called to following arguments that turned violent.

Please remember that Christmas is fast approaching and that it is all too easy to dash about and not take the care you would normally do. Make sure your house and car are locked, do not leave shopping unattended or on display in your car and do not leave your handbags unattended in your supermarket trolley. If you have a neighbour who lives on their own please make sure they are safe and well.

Please have a super Christmas and be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman.



Help is on hand from your local Mind  
[www.westkentmind.org.uk](http://www.westkentmind.org.uk)  
01732 744950

Information given, volunteers welcome and donations needed.

We're here to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support.

# TELEPHONE SCAMS / NUISANCE CALLS



Over a third of scams are over the phone. These fraudsters often use the names of well-known companies to commit their crime, as it provides a mask of legitimacy.

Telephone scams are the second most common type of scam in the UK, but many more go unreported.

Our intelligence shows that people in Kent are being targeted by so-called computer companies who tell you that there is a fault or a virus on your computer. They offer to fix the problem over the phone for a small fee. Of course, there isn't a fault or virus and you have given away your bank details to a stranger. One consumer agreed to pay £19 for the 'trader' to fix the problem, but they took £319.

Computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer.

## Common types of telephone scams:

- Computer virus alert or computer fault
- Telephone services (landline)
- Microsoft support
- PPI
- Prize draws
- Banking Services
- Advertising
- Energy
- Local Government



## How to avoid telephone scams:

- Don't give out your telephone number unnecessarily.
- Tick that you don't want to be contacted with promotional material when signing contracts.
- Register with the Telephone Preference Service (which is free) on 08450 700707 to reduce calls. Marketing calls are legal, but not if you tell the business you don't want to receive them or you are registered with the Telephone Preference Service.
- Go ex-directory.
- Check the call blocking facilities available from your telephone provider.
- Consider buying a call blocker device, such as a trueCall blocker, which can block 98% of nuisance phone calls.

If you receive silent or abandoned calls, contact OFCOM on 0300 123 3333.

For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm).



If you have a vulnerable or elderly relative or friend you think could benefit from a visit please contact KCC Community Warden Team Leader, Siobhan MacKay, via [siobhan.mackay@kent.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.mackay@kent.gov.uk), and she will arrange a suitable appointment.

# FOR YOUR DIARY



Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am

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

DEC			
7th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Christmas with singalong
14th	Memorial Service	7pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
JAN			
2nd	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – 'The Cambridge Spies' – Edward Towne
4th	Pembury Players	7.30pm	Village Hall – 'Jack Goes Back' Pantomime
5th	Pembury Players	7.30pm	Village Hall – 'Jack Goes Back' Pantomime
6th	Pembury Players	2pm/7.30pm	Village Hall – 'Jack Goes Back' Pantomime
11th	Ladies Thursday Club	2pm	Village Hall meeting room
12th	Evening WI	7.45pm	'Gongoozling for Beginners'
15th	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Office
FEB			
2nd	Evening WI	7.45pm	Quiz
5th	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Office
5th	Flower Works	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Work of the Pestalozzi Village – Sue Walton
8th	Ladies Thursday Club	2pm	Village Hall meeting room
MAR			
2nd	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall 'One of the Dunkirk's Little Ships'
5th	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Office
5th	Flower Works	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – British Wireless for the Blind – Simon Parsons
8th	Ladies Thursday Club	2pm	Village Hall meeting room
19th	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Village Hall - all welcome
24th	Pembury Gardeners' Spring Show	2pm	Village Hall
APR			
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – 'One of the Dunkirk's Little Ships'

Richard Snow has taken over responsibility for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org).

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](mailto: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:

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# *Henry Paul Funerals* *Service of Remembrance*

Thursday 14th December 2017  
at 7.00pm

St Peter's Upper Church  
Hastings Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Placing of gold stars with your own personal messages to your dearly departed,  
Lighting of candles, carol service, soloist, piper, releasing of balloons plus refreshments.

The service will be conducted by Reverend Douglas Robertson

PARKING: Church grounds for disabled parking only. General parking around village green and main road opposite church

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