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## CHAIR'S REPORT - SPRING 2014

It's a new year and as a Village we have to make sure it's a positive one. The recent events over our Green Belt land make it even more imperative we remain vigilant and continue to fight for Pembury's rights. Over the Christmas and the New Year period I have had time to reflect on just how strong we are as long as we continue working in partnership and I firmly believe all of us pulling together makes this Village a positive place to live in and to be proud of.



Thank you to all who continue to give us positive feedback on all matters relating to our community and suggestions are always welcome on future events you might like.

This year brings us to the Anniversary of the start of World War I and we shall be honouring the Men of Pembury. We lost many men from our Village and when the Roll of Honour is read out on Remembrance Sunday, it brings you up short as you realise just how many families in Pembury lost their beloved sons and in some cases, all the men of the family, resulting in old family surnames being lost for ever. There are events being held in the Village over the autumn to honour and commemorate these brave men and we will keep you informed of all that is going on.

On a totally different note – please support the Scarecrow competition – it's new and will bring laughter if nothing else - just free expression and creativity. Please ring the Office or myself to register; I really look forward to hearing from you.



**Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst**

**Chair, Pembury Parish Council**

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## STORM DAMAGE TO TREES

On inspection of the Lower Green Burial Ground on 17 January, the Parish Council Groundsmen reported that they were concerned about a large Western Red Cedar tree leaning towards the school playing fields causing the tarmac path to crack. A tree surgeon was immediately contacted and the tree was felled.



In the late afternoon of 25 January 2014 a storm swept through the area uprooting another tree, a Lawson Cypress and leaving three more in a dangerous condition; two more Lawson Cypress and another Western Red Cedar. Sadly, although these trees weren't diseased, they had to come down. The tree surgeon estimated the age of all the trees to be over 100 years which meant they were probably planted around the time that the Burial Ground was opened in 1897.



The ground conditions were so poor because of the very heavy rainfall throughout the winter that it wasn't possible for a lorry to access the Burial Ground to remove the wood so it was left for residents to help themselves.

The tree surgeons used their skills and imagination to make seats and a toadstool from the remaining stumps and our thanks go to them for the professional way in which this urgent, potentially dangerous situation was dealt with.







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## DR CAMERON

Valentine was the Roman saint who died on 14th February and gave his name to the day when people demonstrate their love for each other. It sounds so simple, but getting it right is fraught with difficulties. Telling someone something doesn't guarantee they will understand; we hope and expect that they will. Sometimes an innocent comment is taken the wrong way and hurts when no hurt was intended. When we don't intend to give offence, offence is sometimes taken and we are unprepared for the response. I have a saying at home that if anything I say to my wife Sue can be taken in two ways and one way upsets her, then of course I meant it the other way!

It all boils down to communication and in Pembury we have for the most part opted for English as the language of choice, which is not without its problems. For instance my father is broad Glaswegian and will occasionally 'phone me at work. One of the first times he telephoned, he was not put through and the receptionist later explained that a strange man had wanted to talk to me. She said the foreign sounding gentleman had introduced himself as my 'Fetha'. Anyone fluent in the Scottish tongue knows exactly what he meant but he now enunciates clearly that he is my dad.

Relationship problems often stem from communication difficulties. When expressing a feeling or an emotion it is easy to be misunderstood. Sue and I have found the book by Dr Gary Chapman very useful and have tried to incorporate his ideas into our marriage. Dr Chapman is a relationship counsellor and author of *The Five Love Languages*. He describes how we express our love to one another in five ways; through words, actions, touch, time and gifts. We probably use all five to express our feelings but have individual preferences often as a result of our upbringing.

For example I cannot remember my father ever buying my mother a birthday or Christmas present. I don't doubt they love each other as they have spent the last 60 years together. Fortunately for both of them, 'gifts' is not an important love language. When I was first married to Sue, I did not buy her a birthday present and very quickly learnt that 'gifts' is an important language for her. I did not learn quickly enough and discovered the next year that a Duracell pocket torch was not an appropriate birthday present. Since then I have tried to understand Sue's preferred love language and then use it. Thirty years of marriage and I am still getting it wrong.

The other love languages are also important, that of touch, time and words. I am amazed by touch; it is the first thing we ever do with our babies. As soon as a baby is born we want to hold them, to cuddle and kiss them. All the family wants to share in the touching experience. If we teach our children the importance of touch when young, we must also be happy to hug them when they grow up. My son James is now 20 and will never be too big for a manly hug. It is also great to spend time with him; although the hugs are much stronger now and he can lift me up, we have less and less time together as his life and studies takes him away from us.



We have words that can affirm and edify and show how much we love. Words can also be used to ridicule and belittle. It is important to find the words that will allow the other person to know how much they are loved. Finally I want to share my dislike for the word 'but'. It is disappointing that 'but' is part of the English language because it undermines everything we say. I love you but..., I am sorry but..., I will never leave you but...; every time that word gets used it destroys the sentiment that went before.

So this Valentine's Day, I hope you all sent and received messages from your loved ones that were understood and reciprocated. If there were any upsets then a check of the five love languages could be really helpful; I still think a torch was a sensible and useful present!

**Dr. Andrew Cameron**

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## PEMBURY U3A

There was much jollity and laughter as volunteers assembled in the Village Hall to hang decorations and put up Christmas lights before 120 members arrived to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch cooked and served by a local business. Our Ukulele Group were on hand to play us through an assortment of Christmas carols and well known songs to which we all lustily joined in and which put us in the Christmas spirit.

This coming year we have various events organized including an evening in July to commemorate the start of World War One when several of our Interest Groups will put on poetry and play readings and no doubt the Ukulele Group (again!) will be called upon to accompany us in songs of that era whilst we eat fish and chips swilled down with copious amounts of sweet tea (believe that if you will!)



Ramblers Group are heading to Hereford in October for a couple of days walking led by a Ledbury U3A member. They will be staying in a charming period hotel with ample facilities for drying off wet clothing and boots (if other years are to be replicated!)

So altogether Pembury U3A is in good heart and looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable 2014.

**Sally Sturcke**



## PENN'S YARD APPEAL DECISION – OUR GREEN BELT UNDER THREAT?

We all knew that the planning 'rules' had changed but it was still a big shock when in late November the Government's Inspector announced that they were allowing Town & Country's appeal against Tunbridge Wells decision to refuse planning approval for 27 new dwellings mostly in Pembury's hard won Green Belt between Penn's Yard and the A21.

Back in the 1980s, because of development pressures arising from the construction of the A21 and A228 bypasses, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) worked closely with the Parish Council to set a firm line defining the Metropolitan Green Belt (MGB) around Pembury. This formally adopted line has remained strong over the years and has seen off a number of development proposals. However, this time matters changed considerably.

The genesis of Town & Country's (T&C) development came because of perceived shortfalls in the Borough Council achieving its 'affordable housing' targets across greater Tunbridge Wells. Following a flawed 'housing need' survey in 2008 (it had to be done twice because of confusion as to who had actually completed it) T&C approached the Parish Council (PPC) on possible Pembury sites. As the Parish had no objection to a small development on the right site and suggested a range of options, it was a shock when a proposal for some 27 housing units mainly in the Green Belt emerged backed by TWBC. A series of unproductive meetings with the Borough and T&C only showed that it was now apparently a political imperative for TWBC and a formal planning application was submitted.

The Parish Council, working with residents, the Pembury Society and its Borough and County Councillors, fought the application through its consultation stage, a TWBC Planning Forum and eventually, the Eastern Area Planning Committee. It was argued, amongst other things, that the impact on existing Penn's Yard residents would be very detrimental, breaching the MGB line would set a precedent and open up all the back land between Pembury and the A21, the traffic and highway effects on Pembury High Street would be substantial, the development wasn't limited or small as required for 'affordable' housing exceptions, it would not be just for people with links to Pembury and anyway, if T&C thought there was such a shortfall in local housing why had they sold the 24 housing units in 32 High Street.

At the Planning Committee last March, all the opponents argued so convincingly that the Borough Councillors voted against their own officers' recommendation to approve and refused the planning application, primarily because it breached the Metropolitan Green Belt and the development of 27 properties was in excess of what was meant by 'limited affordable' housing (the grounds for breaching the MGB) and the inadequate proposal for addressing the 'infrastructure impact obligations'

Town & Country appealed to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government who appointed an inspector to hear it in October 2013.

At the appeal the residents, our Borough and County Councillors, Pembury Society and Parish Council again spoke, although somewhat hampered by the nature of appeals where the Borough Council's officers answer the Inspector's questions or the appellants' case while other interested parties such as objectors are limited to speaking only when asked. Nevertheless we all gave a good account of ourselves.

The Inspector's decision is now well known. She upheld Town & Country's appeal apparently mainly based on the fact that while up until three years ago 'affordable housing' had to be small as grounds for breaching Green Belt and other rural policies, Government had now changed the regulations to 'limited' and this application met the requirements and all the other current planning rules. Clearly, the fact that the TWBC planning officers had recommended approval earlier did not help.

So what is next? The Parish Council has met with Town & Country to try and get both information and assurances on the future and it looks like they will be working with us on this.

Lastly, I would like to pay tribute to Debbie Horwood and the Penn's Yard residents, David Brice, Kathryn Franklin, Paul Barrington-King, Chris Hoare, James Tansley and June Crowhurst for all their hard work. We fought a good fight!



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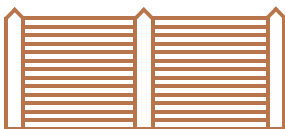
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## COPPING CROUCH GREEN

Following Hugh Boorman's query in the last PVN about the name 'Copping Crouch' as a former name for the village green, I would like to offer the following explanation. All the information has been extracted from documents held at the Kent Archives in Maidstone.



In the mid 14th century a wealthy family called Copping lived in Pembury, though we have no idea where. Given the similarities in the names they were possibly related to the Kipping family who gave their name to Kippings Cross. We know they were rich because in 1337 Richard & Thomas Copping of Pembury, together with John Copping of Tonbridge (He may have lived as near to Pembury as Woodsgate which was in Tonbridge parish then.) and 3 others, owed £400 to Richard de Cobham. This huge debt was still outstanding in 1341. They were possibly Ironmasters as John bought a bloomery at Southfrith in 1350.

Moving on 150 years the next reference is from 1492 when John Judd sells some land at Coppings Crouch which he had bought from Thomas Berme. Also, in 1506 the records for the Manor of West Peckham, which we know included

land in Pembury, mention 'Sunninglye, Dundale & Copping Crouch'. In his Will of 1547 Richard Robyns mentions his messuage at Coppingshaw Green.

There are also a lot of documents, dating from 1528 to 1803, concerning Copping Crouch Croft. This was a 1 acre plot of land on the north-west side of the green. Whether this was where the Copping family had lived is anyone's guess, but from the descriptions in the documents it appears to be the plot that includes 7 & 9 Lower Green Rd, the Catholic Church and the houses behind. The name seems to disappear from the early 19th century.

Several of the old maps on the Pembury village website show Copping Crouch Green, particularly through the 18th century. Also, throughout the 17th century, when plots of land were defined by their boundaries, there are many instances of land 'abutting the highway' to/from Copping Crouch Green, both with regard to the High Street and Lower Green Rd. As late as 1800 Copping Crouch Green is described in a travel book as being 1½ miles from Kippings Cross, but when the 1st edition of the 1-inch OS map for Kent was published a few years later it shows 'Pembury Green'. The Tithe map for Pembury, dated about 1840, also shows 'Pembury Green' and the 1841 Census refers to it as the 'Upper Green'.

**Kathryn Franklin**

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## BRINGING HOPE TO ROMANIA

Last year, I wanted to do something different with my annual leave, something challenging and rewarding. So I decided to volunteer on the Hospices of Hope summer camp in Romania.

Hospices of Hope is the leading palliative care charity in South Eastern Europe, covering Romania, Serbia and Moldova. The charity was founded by Tunbridge Wells resident, Graham Perolls OBE, in the early nineties after he witnessed the appalling conditions in the cancer hospital and local orphanage. Having set up the Ellenor Foundation hospice charity in Dartford, after being inspired by the care his father received at a hospice, Graham thought he could use this experience to pioneer hospice care in Romania. Before then, there were no hospices in Romania, palliative care was non-existent and free treatment unheard of.

So last August, I set off with nine other volunteers from the UK to Brasov, armed with all kinds of arts and crafts materials. The camp is for the siblings and young family members of the patients at the hospice, who perhaps don't receive the love and attention they need at home because someone in their family is very ill. Having lost my Mum five years ago, I know how tough it is when someone you love is ill, but I was fortunate enough to have the love and support of my family and friends. The camp gives them a chance to laugh, run around & be children.

The trip started with a tour of Hospice Casa Sperantei in Brasov, this gave me a good understanding of what the Hospice does and how important their work is. Casa Sperantei began life with just one UK nurse training a Romanian nurse and visiting patients in their own homes. It quickly grew and now employs more than 100 staff with a range of services, including a 20 bed in-patient unit for adults and children, day care centres, out-patient clinics, along with social and spiritual services. It has become recognised as a Centre of Excellence in the region and, in conjunction with the education centre, plays a vital role in providing hands-on clinical placements for medical professionals across the region. Graham also works with the Romanian government and policy makers on the way people receive healthcare and pain relief, something that is fundamental for change.



The week on camp was such an experience. I was in a team with three Romanians - a social worker, head of nursing and a volunteer - and two UK volunteers. Our team was given the theme cartoons and we had project time throughout the week, working towards a big production on the Friday. The week came with many challenges, not least the language barrier. But for me, seeing members of my group go from being angry with the world at what was happening at home and despondent, to

making friends, running around laughing and getting stuck in with the project work made all the challenges insignificant. The children were so appreciative of the time we spent with them; it made a real difference to their lives for that week.



## BRINGING HOPE TO ROMANIA

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After camp came homecare visits, something I found quite hard. I visited the homes of three of the youngsters from camp, two of whom live in a village just outside of Brasov, where the local authority hadn't paid the parents any carers' allowance for five months. This was particularly difficult for one young lad's family, since his father had left and his mum was sole carer for his younger, disabled brother. I asked where they got money from and was told it was difficult. Living in the basement of a relative's home, they survive by growing food and the young lad worked odd jobs as well as going to school. Romanian businesses often give the Hospice donations of food and clothes, so this is shared out amongst all those cared for by the Hospice. I asked about his future, because he would be out of education next year. I was told that because of the lack of work in Romania, he would probably be forced to go abroad to make money for his family. This broke my heart.



What struck me most was the hope everyone I met had; patients undergoing treatment, children living with constant challenges or the staff and volunteers at the Hospice. All of the people I met were so welcoming, kind and happy. So to me, Hospices of Hope really is a place of Hope.

This year, Hospices of Hope are opening a new Hospice in Bucharest, with 20 beds for adults and children, a day centre and an outpatient clinic and have been given a property close to Bucharest to establish a children's centre for children with life limiting illnesses and children who have been bereaved or who

have a sick parent or sibling. This building will have a further 10 respite beds and provide a venue for summer trips and rehabilitation activities. The cost of building the hospices, training for staff, and 9 months of the first year's running costs amounts to £4.9million. They have already secured pledges amounting to £4,150,000 and only need to raise £750,000 more.

To help raise money for this, I am organising The Great Gatsby Party with some friends. The event is on Saturday 29th March at Salomons, Tunbridge Wells, from 19.30 to midnight. Tickets cost just £40 per person and include arrival drink and canapés, two course meal with wine and coffee, followed by dancing to a live band. 1920s dress is optional and there will be plenty of surprises on the night. Tickets are available from Anna Perolls at Hospices of Hope on 01959 525110, [anna@hospicesofhope.co.uk](mailto:anna@hospicesofhope.co.uk) or on the Hospices of Hope website

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## PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND STORM DAMAGED TREES

There is no need for me to go into a lengthy description of the unbelievable weather we have had since before Christmas but I have never seen such damage and flooding in the woodlands, fields and orchards around the village, even in the Great Hurricane which tended to be more localised. Every Thursday our group of volunteers, which normally consists of Mick Waterman, Neil Franklin, Johnny Boakes and myself travel different footpaths each week armed with a variety of tools, chain saws, hedge cutters, bow saws, loppers, spades, etc., to name a few and our object is to keep the footpaths around the village clear and safe.

Some of our work is done in conjunction with the KCC footpaths' department who will often contact us with a request to repair or remove an obstruction on a path.

Please see the pictures, taken by team member Neil Franklin, of two trees which could have resulted in serious injury or worse if a member of the public had been walking there. The first picture shows a tree which came down in the Recreation Ground on the footpath leading down the side down by Westway. This tree was also being supported by chestnut trees which we felled to safely get the holly tree down on the ground which we then cut up and burnt.

The second tree is a large oak which has split down the middle as if attacked by a knife. This tree is located on footpath WT248 which runs through what used to be Tugbys Farm and forms part of the boundary with Pippins Farm. I wish to point out that the tree is not the property of Pippins Farm but that of what was Tugbys and it is that person's duty to remove that tree. We have requested KCC to close that section of WT248 until the tree is safely disposed of. They will be instructing the landowner to clear it. Please do not try and pass through the branches of the tree because it is extremely dangerous and should it become detached from the main trunk, which will also have to be felled, I dread to think what would happen. I hope that by the time that you read this that it will have been dealt with.

When you are out walking and you see anything on our paths that is dangerous or an obstruction please contact the Parish Clerks' Office, 823193 or me on 823068. We normally meet on a Thursday but there are times when that can be changed so if you would like to join us, want some fresh air and exercise please contact me.

**Hugh Boorman**



## RED RIDING HOOD



It was a laugh from beginning to end; Pembury knows the meaning of true Pantomime. The audience joined in whenever they could, booing, screaming and answering back. The Bad Walter Wolf got the screams, Tinkerbell got 'oooo' and the story got underway. The villagers did a dance round the May Pole and the Dame Trott entered in a flurry. Patrick was a natural at playing the dame but not at learning his lines! Each member of the cast in turn had

to prompt him which increased the banter as the plot progressed. Chip and Dale - the woodcutters - had us falling off our chairs as we didn't know what they would do next. Silly Billy played by little Charlie was spot on each time he entered, and helped Dame Trott in many ways including arguing whose line was next. Red Riding Hood played her part well and swooned over Colin; she did her best to tame the wolf who really didn't look like her grandmother! Then it was all in good fun when the Squire married the Dame in the finale. I am not sure we all followed the plot but we all had a good evening's entertainment which is exactly what Pantomime should be.

**Janet Ditchett**



## PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP - WINTERCAMP

Eleven boys from Pembury Scouts recently attended Wintercamp at Gilwell Park, Epping Forest with over 2300 other young people. The national event for Scouts and Explorers took place in early January and the temperature dropped to -2° overnight so the tents were a bit frosty. The mud was particularly spectacular; wellies were definitely required to get around!

The scouts enjoyed taking part in many activities including climbing, lazer-quest, quad biking, white-water rafting and radio workshops. There were over a hundred activities available and the scouts could join in whatever they were interested in. It was a great but tiring experience; first night lights out and quiet by 2 am whereas the second night by 9pm – not even waiting for hot chocolate and cake!!!

We will definitely be going again next year – along with the new Explorer Unit which will be opening soon in the village. Explorers' is open to both girls and boys, aged 14-18 yrs – contact me for more information.

**Michelle Usherwood**  
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The walk organised each year solely by volunteers raises vital funds for the nation's heart charity with all sponsorship raised going to the fight against heart disease.

For more information and a registration form please contact the organiser, Rose Mitson on 01892 824250 or [www.bhf.org.uk/bewlwaterwalk](http://www.bhf.org.uk/bewlwaterwalk)



## RUDYARD KIPLING JOINS THE OUT AND ABOUT CLUB

The Out and About Club enjoyed lunch at The Black Horse and was joined by Rudyard Kipling (Geoff Hutchinson) who spoke of His Life and Verse. Popular First World War poetry recited by Geoff, a talented actor with a phenomenal memory for words held us all spellbound. The Black Horse served a tremendous lunch to its usual high quality. Out and About club trips arranged for 2014 are:

- A river Medway Cruise and Blossom Route Tour
- Midsomer Meanderings – a tour of the Chilterns
- Saffron Walden and Audley End House
- A lunch at the King William

If you would details of these trips please contact  
**Sue Giles** on 823318



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## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION - PEMBURY BRANCH

Pembury Branch RNLI is currently in its fifth decade of activity. From humble beginnings, the Branch has now flourished to become one of the main fundraising organisations in the Village.

Their ten-strong Committee of dedicated volunteers is assisted by many other local residents, who are willing to 'pitch in' to help at special events such as the regular Autumn Fayre and collections at supermarkets. The Autumn Fayres are often supported by a Mayoral presence and usually include entertainment for children.

In recent years, supporters have been invited to visit Lifeboat stations to witness training exercises. Their Honorary Chairman, Peter Chartres, is active in giving talks to schools throughout the West Kent area, particularly emphasising to children the importance of beach safety.

Many people do not realise that the Lifeboat Service receives no UK Government grant, but relies entirely upon voluntary donations, local fundraising efforts and legacies to keep its financing on an even keel.

Another initiative is the Pembury Branch RNLI 100 Venture. For the equivalent of £1 per month, a maximum of 100 members enjoy the chance of winning a top prize of £100 every 6 months (along with eight other smaller prizes). Half of all monies collected goes in prize money; the balance to the RNLI. A few remaining 'shares' are currently available, for those who wish to snap them up!



Pembury Branch RNLI is always on the look-out for new helpers and ideas. Further details of Branch activities may be obtained from the Branch Chairman, Peter Chartres (Tel. 823759).

RNLI Pembury Branch supporters on a recent visit to Newhaven Lifeboat Station.

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## FRIENDS TOGETHER BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Friends Together Bereavement Group began in April 2013 and has been meeting regularly each month since then. We meet for a light lunch at Pembury Pavilion on the third Monday of each month from 12.15 until 2pm. There is no charge for the lunch but donations are requested. A small group of us has been meeting each month, getting to know each other and enjoy sharing company, news and a fair amount of laughter. This is not a counselling group but one where people who have fairly recent experiences of bereavement can support and encourage each other.

The Friends Together Groups meet throughout West Kent and once or twice a year a lunch is organised at a hotel or pub for all group members to come together and these have been very enjoyable. In addition the trustees are now planning some daily coach outings to enable members to enjoy visits to places of interest.

If you have been bereaved within the last two to three years and would like to join the group you would be most welcome; please contact Pamela Vale-Taylor on 07544683416 for further details."

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## MONSTER QUEST

1st Pembury Brownies were set a Challenge – come up with a Challenge!



The Brownies had to plan several themed activities, and design a badge to go with it. The leaders judged the ideas, and 22nd January saw the results ...when the Brownies came dressed as monsters. We decorated monster biscuits, made monster masks and played monster games. Monster Quest was a great challenge, and it's an idea we will try again.



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

**Moirá Allan** 1st Pembury Brownies.

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides attended a Carol Service at St Peters on 1st December 2013. Pembury Trefoil Guild also attended, and kindly read the Christmas Readings for us. Over 70 girls attended with their families and the retiring collection raised £147 for the Hospice in the Weald.

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

**Moirá Allan**

District Commissioner



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## PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DOG

A pet is a valued member of your family and if your pet is a dog, it needs plenty of exercise and care. In return you get devotion and love BUT the amount of dog faeces left on our footpaths is frankly unacceptable. Take a carrier bag with you when you go for a walk, give your dog dignity and clear up after it. There are several dog/litter bins throughout the Village.

There have been reports of dogs' mess in Cemetery Lane where the schoolchildren walk, in the Recreation Ground where children play but generally all around the Village.

Excrement on children, shoes, wheels of wheelchairs, buggies and prams is not only offensive but is a real health hazard. This is not a new request but please can we sort this problem out in 2014.

**Love your dog but please love our Village**



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## SCARECROW COMPETITION 2014

Last year saw the beginnings of what I hope will be an annual competition. We had some very worthy exhibits to launch it in 2013 so can all the organisations, businesses and residents (young and old!) consider taking part. The date has been brought forward this year to enable school children, scouts and guides and children from the playgroups to participate. So please let's rise to the challenge and make it even better this year. Spring is a good time to sort out old clothes and an ideal opportunity to recycle for the scarecrow!!

The judging and exhibition will take place on Saturday 10th May on the lawn at St. Anselm's Church, so come along and let's have some fun. Please give me or our Clerks a ring (01892 823193) to enter your scarecrow ~ no theme, just be wacky and have fun; remember the basis is two broom handles and straw or stuffing!!



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## PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

Last year the Parish Council announced that it had placed an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) inside Paydens Pharmacy in the High Street.

We are now pleased to report that the AED has been placed in an external cabinet on the side of the pharmacy, to ensure it is available twenty-four hours per day.

An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can stop an irregular rhythm and allow a normal rhythm to resume in a heart, in Sudden Onset Cardiac Arrest (SOCA), where defibrillation in the first few minutes can increase the chance of survival from 7-10% up to 75%. Untreated SOCA will lead to death within minutes if not treated.

The cabinet (pictured here) is bright yellow to ensure it is easily identified and is opened by use of a pin code. The code can be obtained in an emergency from the Pharmacy (during opening hours) or from the ambulance service if you have dialled 999 and been asked by the emergency operator to go and fetch the AED.



The AED (shown left) will be checked regularly to ensure it is always ready for use. In the event of a member of our community having to use it, the AED will automatically tell you what to do. Once you are at the patients' side and have opened the clear plastic panel on the front, the machine will give you verbal instructions.

In the spring, we will be holding an event in the village to train people in the use of the AED and provide some basic training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). If you are unable to attend this training, this should not stop you from using the AED, as the Ambulance Service can give you instructions over the

phone. Further details of the training will be announced in a future edition of PVN.

The Parish Council would like to thank Peter Tapp (Pembury Electrical) for installing the cabinet, free of charge and Ida of Paydens Pharmacy for her unstinting support in allowing this life saving device to be installed in the village.

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## PEMBURY GARDENERS

The Pembury Gardeners' Society will be holding three flower shows this year at the Village Hall and each will open from 2pm to 4.30pm. The Spring Show will be on March 29th with classes for Daffodils, Tulips and Flower-arrangements. The Summer show is on June 28th with classes for Sweet Peas, Roses and Vegetables; there are also classes for children. We are asking the 8 to 11 year olds to design a poster to celebrate our 70th annual Autumn show and we hope to be able to use the best poster to advertise this Show which will take place on Saturday 13th September with classes for Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Vegetables. As it is our 70th show we are using some 1940 recipes in Cookery, and Floral Art has a 70th theme. Again there are also classes for the children.

This year we are hosting an Inter-village competition. This will be between five villages - Tonbridge, Paddock Wood, Capel, Yalding and Pembury.

The Floral Art Group meets on the first Monday of the month at the Baptist Church, Romford Road. For further details please contact Ann Purton on 824223.

Our annual Plant Sale on the Village Green (by kind permission of the Parish Council) will be held on Saturday May 24th from 9am to 12 noon. Spare plants would be most welcome. Schedule for the above shows are now available from the show secretary on 824877.

We look forward to seeing you at the shows.

Many Thanks

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## PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

Now the days are drawing out, the members of Pembury are looking forward to the start of the new outdoor bowling season in April and, with all the rain we have had over the winter the grass has had a good soak and is looking good. In November and January, Pembury played their annual matches against the Royals Indoors Bowling Club at Hawkenbury and once again Pembury came in second! A great social event and we enjoyed a meal there afterwards. Early in December we held our Christmas Supper at the Clubhouse and the ladies of the club once again excelled themselves with the vast array of dishes, Santa also made an appearance.



We hope to see some of you joining us or just sitting around the green watching.

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## START OF A NEW CRICKETING YEAR AT PEMBURY CC

As the rain relents (fingers crossed at the time of writing!), spring beckons in the start of a new season for Pembury Cricket Club. The lawnmowers have been serviced, our bats oiled and the bar readied for another exciting year for the club.

We strive to offer something for everyone: 2 competitive adult league teams on a Saturday in the Kent Regional league; 3 junior teams U11/13/15; a Sunday side playing both local teams and clubs from further afield who are attracted to Pembury for our wonderful facilities. Added to that we run a Summer tour, a six a-side tournament and host lots of social events and opportunities to get together throughout the season and enjoy good company in the relaxed environment of our clubhouse.

Based in the heart of the village on Chalket Lane we would be delighted to welcome new members, (players or purely social) to get in contact and to join us at the club this summer. Families are especially welcome.

Why not take a look at our web-site or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<http://pembury.play-cricket.com/>

**Andrew Dawes**

Chairman - Pembury CC



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## 7TH JUNE 2014 – PEMBURY FUN DAY, 2 – 5PM

HOPE Pembury Churches Together is organising the biannual Pembury FUN Day, which will be held on Pembury Recreation Ground by kind permission of Pembury Parish Council.



In 2012 there were 50 stalls plus bouncy castle, small rides, police car and fire engine as well as jewellery, handbags, cakes, clothes, flowers, cards, homemade refreshments and much more!



2014 FUN Day will be for the whole village; for the whole family; young and old - all welcome. Entrance will be free.

Pitches for all Pembury charitable organisations or individuals will be £12. They can be used to promote or raise funds for your organisation. If you would like details or would like to book a pitch please contact Helen on 825590 or [helen@pemburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:helen@pemburybaptistchurch.org)

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## REACHING OUT – FINDING NEW WAYS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

At Hospice in the Weald we are proud of the holistic and supportive services we provide for patients, families and carers and are always looking at ways we can reach out to help more people.

The end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014 marks the start of an exciting period of development in our Hospice Day Service – originally called our Day Therapy Centre. We have thought a lot about this name change and believe that it better reflects our ability to meet the diverse, changing and very individual needs of our patients.

The service was originally established to support the needs of terminally ill cancer patients who were well enough not to need in-patient care but who might benefit from other Hospice services in a social and supportive setting. Since then things have changed a lot and we now support a growing number of other palliative patients – many with longer term progressive or degenerative conditions such as motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, advanced heart failure and complex respiratory disorders. This means that our future focus needs to be much more on enabling these patients to continue leading active and independent lives in the community for as long as possible.

At the moment our Hospice Day Service supports around 20 patients a day but we would like to increase this to 30 over the next three years. We aim to make sure that the very broad ranging programme of therapeutic activities that we are able to offer is accessible to as many people as possible. Our individual and group activities are all about supporting patients in essential areas of daily living - such as self-care, managing symptoms and health, planning for future needs, developing new skills and interests and, of course, meeting up with others in a warm, friendly and secure environment! They include the following:

- Symptom management sessions
- Creative expression and memory projects
- Advance care planning activities
- Art and craft activities
- Reminiscence
- Quizzes and games
- One to one appointments with specialist staff (e.g. nurses, counsellors, doctors, chaplain or other specialist therapists)
- Ad-hoc outings to local places of interest
- Visiting speakers, crafts people, entertainers and school groups

As part of these on-going plans we are thrilled to announce the start of our Hospice Day Service Drop-in Sessions. Initially we are offering two sessions each week, on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. The timings are: Tuesdays 11am to 12.30pm and Thursdays 2pm to 3.30pm. These sessions are aimed at existing patients (as an extra support session), new and potential patients (who meet our referral criteria), and carers. We are offering these as an opportunity for more people in our community to experience our Day Hospice support and access many of the activities mentioned above. They are also a great opportunity for a cup of tea and a chat! Unfortunately we are unable at this time to provide transport to and from the Hospice for these new Drop In sessions.

**For more information please contact our Hospice Day Service on 01892 820509 – we'd love to see you!**



## IDEAS FOR A WILDLIFE GARDEN

My last article was about how I have been changing our garden into a wildlife garden and how even small changes can make a difference. I hope I managed to inspire some of you to get gardening this year and I thought I might provide a few ideas on what else you can do to help wildlife where you are.

If you wish to make a meadow area like I have I would recommend doing a little reading first. 'Making garden meadows' by Jenny Steel (ISBN 978-1-908241-22-1) is easy to follow and will give you a good idea of what to expect and what wildflowers might be suitable.

Make a log pile; untreated wood is an ideal home for many insects, you can even drill a few holes to help get them started. Alternatively, you can buy insect hotels and solitary bee nesters from garden centres and the RSPB. If you are looking to help bees, place your bee home where it will get the sun, out of the wind and preferably with some good flowers nearby. It may seem odd but I've taken to following the bees at garden centres and letting them make my plant choices! Bees are in trouble and without them to pollinate we'll be in trouble too; it's not just our garden flowers that need them but all of our crops.

One of the easiest ways to introduce some wildlife is to feed the birds. Since I started feeding them regularly



I've seen some bird species I'd never seen in the garden before. Nyjer seed has attracted Goldfinches and I have seen a Nuthatch and a Great Spotted Woodpecker. My record so far is 11 species all seen within 20 minutes! Meal worms are always a big hit and you can buy these dried so you don't have to deal with live ones! Starlings especially like them and they need the help as their numbers are in decline. Watching their social interaction is very interesting; it's "wildlife on one" outside your window!

As I write this the RSPB's Big Garden Bird watch has just finished, but you could be ready for next year if you don't

already take part. This is a huge wildlife survey which helps the RSPB gain a picture of garden bird populations which they can use to work out what is going on with our birds and how to help them. When you take part, it only takes an hour and all you need to do is count how many birds of each species visit your garden. It's easy to do and makes a good family project. [www.rspb.co.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.co.uk/birdwatch)

Reducing the amount of chemicals you use in your garden will also help. If you use pesticides, you could instead use natural predators to your advantage. Ladybirds eat Aphids, so to reduce the amount of Aphids you have, just attract more Ladybirds. To do this you can plant things they like or you can buy Ladybird food/attractant.

Leaving an area of your garden to be 'wild' will provide homes for creature and means a bit less work for you. Think about animal movement when you work on your space, for example leaving little gaps so they can move between gardens (in agreement with your neighbours), this will be good for things like hedgehogs (which is good for you as they can eat slugs).

I hope you see some fascinating wildlife this year, have fun!

**Sarah Pomfrett**





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## PERSONAL MEMORIES OF TIMES PAST

I was born in 1947 and raised in Pembury. My Grandfather was William Hills who had the High Street Butchers & Graziers. We had land behind the shop to graze cattle before they were slaughtered. It included a large strawberry patch and that is my very first memory, as a toddler, running through it, eating strawberries on the way to go and see the cows.

Frank Standen was my uncle (worked for Betts in Henwood Green/Romford Road).

I lived in Maidstone Road and I can confirm that the shop in Church Road was Withers from at least 1954 to 1964.

Mother worked for Frank Holden(?) for a while; he owned the Woodsgate swimming pool and I enjoyed many, many days there. The Night Club which was still going in 1964/5 and probably later encompassed all of the area under the sun terrace! I seem to remember that after the Square Deal Transport Café closed, (best fry up in Kent!), that Woodsgate Pool opened their Cafeteria to attract this trade and extended their car park. Could this have been the time that they opened the Night Club as that was definitely open all year and it would have made sense to have the café open for transport all year?

The Post Office and Grocers at the junction of Church Road and Maidstone Road was owned by the Reads from 1966 who bought it from the Beeching family. I used to earn a few pennies there tidying the store shed to the left of the shop. Woe betide me if I burnt boxes on a Monday as Mrs Beeching had an old copper in the back garden to do the washing and nothing must smut her laundry! You could also return Tizer, Corona and lemonade bottles for a penny.

Circa 1954 - 58 does anyone remember the Fencing wood yard behind the Royal Oak, Lower Green Road that would sell young lads' barrow loads of offcuts, on a Saturday, for 6d to 1/3d (depending on cart size)? I did a great trade in Maidstone Road and Stonecourt Lane but heaven help me if I strayed into Church Road as there were 3 or 4 other lads doing the same.

R Clarke and Son were definitely in business from before 1958 till at least 1966. I was their 'Butchers boy' from 1958 to 1964 and many will have fond memories of me riding round the village on a double basket bike with a small front wheel.

There were three butchers in Pembury then, all with boys, but now I understand that there are none.....what price progress?

I was a choirboy at The Old Church from 1954 - 1958 under choirmaster Capt. Fricker from Maidstone Road and the vicar 'Wizbang' Whiswell with Rev'd. Edwards occasionally filling in. In the latter part of my choir career I used to ring the 4 bells... Oh such pride. Once in a while we would sing for services at 'The Tin Tabernacle' opposite the Royal Oak. A horrible small green corrugated roof church. I stopped my choir career when I hit the gravel outside the waterworks at the bottom of Rowley Hill whilst biking to church and needed 24 stitches and a trip to the iniquitous Pembury Hospital Huts. What on earth has happened to Rowley Hill? The bottom of Church Road now just seems to end in an earth bank!

It was a small world as Capt. Fricker was also my woodwork teacher, helped run the CCF and was organist at Judd School, Tonbridge where I ended my schooling.

Ah but Pembury School, such fond memories. Mr Ivor Beynon and his wife taught alongside Deputy Head Mr Armstrong, Mrs Doig and Mrs Thresh(er). For a short time there was a Mr Sanders(on) who taught us how to make fabulous paper airplanes to a design I still use with the grandchildren today! As for Mrs Beynon's cane basket weaving .... wow we were good!

She even allowed four of us to perform our Skiffle Group in class time. I can remember one of the teachers taking me to the infamous cold water sinks and made me wash my mouth out with soapy water after saying a bad word! The Beynon's son Richard went to Judd with me and last contact I had, he was a London solicitor.

## PERSONAL MEMORIES OF TIMES PAST

*continued*

I joined the Cubs in 1954 and then the Scouts and as Dad was Scoutmaster from 1955 - 1960 went on a few Scout Camps with the 'big boys' including the 1956 World Jamboree in Sutton Coldfield. Both Cubs and Scouts used to meet in the Village Institute and the scouts also had a summer meet and storage in a building at Rev'd. Whiswells' vicarage off Hastings Road.

When one starts looking back, fond memories flood back but perhaps this is enough and I hope it jogs some other memories.

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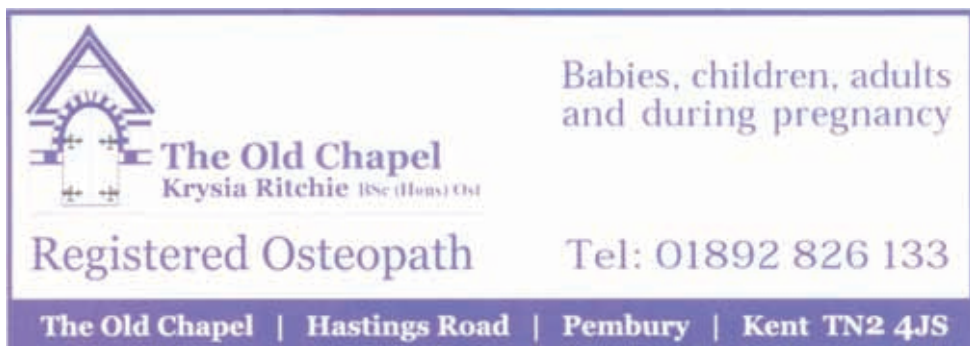
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## RECIPES

### Saucy Chicken and Spring Vegetables ~ Serves 2

2 Chicken Breasts (skin on)  
200g/8oz baby new potatoes (thinly sliced)  
500ml/18fl.oz chicken stock  
200g mixed veg – peas, broad beans, courgettes, broccoli  
small amount fresh parsley (chopped)

1 tbsp olive oil  
2tbsp crème fraiche

1. Fry chicken in the oil for about 5 minutes each side, add the potatoes and stir to coat;
2. Pour over the chicken stock, cover and simmer for approximately 10 minutes until the potatoes are nearly cooked;
3. Remove lid and boil to reduce the stock;
4. Scatter vegetables into pan, cover and cook;
5. Stir in crème fraiche and season, add chopped parsley
6. Serve straight from the pan



### Flap Jack Crumble ~ Serves 6

1kg/2.2lb eating apples (cox or braeburn)  
Juice of one orange

3-4 tbsp apricot jam

#### Crumble

140g/5oz porridge oats  
1tspn ground cinnamon  
100g/4oz light muscovado sugar

100g/4oz plain flour  
100g/4oz butter  
1tbsp golden syrup

1. Heat oven to 190°C; fan 170°; gas mark 5
2. Peel, core and thinly slice apples; mix with the jam and orange juice; Spread over the base of a 1.5 litre ovenproof dish
3. Mix oats, flour and cinnamon together; add butter in small chunks and rub in; stir in sugar, drizzle over the syrup and mix with a knife so it forms small lumps;
4. Sprinkle evenly over the fruit and bake for 30-35 minutes;
5. Cool for 10 minutes, then serve with custard or ice-cream

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**Saturday 17 May 2014,  
starts 8pm prompt**

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**Entry Forms from  
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## CODA RECITALS

Robert Max (cello) and Zoe Solomon (piano) play works by Schubert, Bach, Paganini and Grieg. Saturday 29 March 2014.

Syrinx Duo. Holly Cook (flute) and Tamara Young (harp). Includes works by Sir Hamilton Harty and William Alwyn. Saturday 31 May 2014.

Joseph Houston (piano) plays works by Beethoven, Brahms and Debussy, kindly supported by Making Music's Philip & Dorothy Green Award for Young Concert Artists scheme. Saturday 28 June 2014.

Organ Room. Kent College, Old Church Road, Old Pembury, TN2 4AX. 7:15pm.

Tickets £16 or less. Advance booking required - see [www.codatw.co.uk](http://www.codatw.co.uk).

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## THE LOST SHOPS & PUBS OF PEMBURY

Who remembers Hills the Butcher, Waghorne the Fishmonger, Beeching's General Store, The Bo-Peep Store or the Midland Bank? Do you know anyone who had a drink in the Waterloo Inn, The Forrester's Arms or the Five Bells? Pembury has had a lot of shops, businesses and pubs over the years, most of them gone and forgotten. The new Pembury History website has now got a few pages dedicated to preserving as many facts about the age, location and proprietors of these businesses as can be found. If you, or your family, or your friends can remember any extra details we would like to hear them. Any new data will be placed on the relevant pages to supplement the collective memory, and all contributions will be acknowledged.

Please visit the web site at [www.pembury.org/history](http://www.pembury.org/history) or contact Tony Nicholls at [history@pembury.org](mailto:history@pembury.org)

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## CRIME REPORT

Here we are again. Happy New Year to everyone and let's see if we can keep it that way as far as crime in Pembury is concerned after the disastrous figures from the last quarter. Fortunately, as fast as they increased they have fallen back to a more respectable level, although still too high. The previous quarter saw crime figures zoom up to seventy but have now fallen back to forty seven for the months of October, November and December. Violent crime fell by twenty five per cent from sixteen to twelve; criminal damage, which is just wanton damage carried out by the yobs among us, fell from thirteen to five and theft offences, excluding vehicles, fell from twenty nine to fourteen.



I have always said that politics should be kept out of Parish Council business and affairs but what is alarming is the fact that there is a proposal for the Kent police numbers to be reduced again. At the Pembury Society Annual Meeting in October the guest speaker was the new Kent Police Commissioner, Ann Barnes. I personally do not envy her task, especially after the unfortunate start to her career, but we must support her and her fellow officers otherwise we play straight into the hands of the criminals amongst us.

There will always be someone who lets the side down, whether it be in the Church, Police, Education or Medical professions and it is up to the Judicial system to administer the appropriate punishment but I did ask Ann if the Police figures were ever doctored or de-classified to make the figures look more acceptable. With the utmost respect to Mrs Barnes, I did not expect her to say yes, and yet in the last few weeks there has been an admission from someone in High Authority that figures are distorted and that when an investigation is carried out it is highly possible that we will see results that will set the alarm bells ringing.

Let us hope this is a false alarm but if figures are being distorted with the knowledge of the powers that be then I hope that Justice will fall on them from a great height.

Keep your eyes peeled, support the Police and let us make Pembury the place from hell for criminals. Be careful out there.

**Hugh Boorman**



# CRIME FIGURES



Corporate Development  
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## 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	Vehicle Interference	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
October 13	5	0	2	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	14
November 13	3	1	3	2	1	1	0	5	0	1	17
December 13	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	6	1	1	16
October - December 2013	12	3	6	2	1	1	5	14	1	2	47

Crime type by road name	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Interference	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
AMBERLEAZE DRIVE	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BELLFIELD ROAD	0			0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
CANTERBURY ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
HENWOODS CRESCENT	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	1			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
KINGS TOLL ROAD	0			0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
KNIGHTS CLOSE	0			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OLD CHURCH ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
PETERSFIELD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RIDGEWAY	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROMFORD ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
SNIPES CLOSE	1			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
STONECOURT LANE	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THE MEADOW	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	6	1	1	10
WOODSGATE WAY	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)	12	3	6	2	1	1	5	14	1	2	47

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 15th January 2014 at 10:00 hrs, and is therefore subject to change

# EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

## St. Peter's Church

### Palm Sunday, 13th April

- 8.00am Holy Communion with distribution of Palm Crosses: Upper Church
- 9.30am Procession from Village Hall to Upper Church with distribution of Palm Crosses
- 9.45am Reading of Passion Narrative and Holy Communion: Upper Church
- 11.30am Matins: Old Church

### Holy Monday, 14th April

- 9.15am Morning Prayer (BCP): Old Church
- 8.00pm Holy Communion (BCP): Old Church

### Holy Tuesday, 15th April

- 9.15am Morning Prayer: Upper Church
- 7.30pm Reflection, followed by Compline: Upper Church

### Holy Wednesday, 16th April

- 9.15am Morning Prayer: Upper Church
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Upper Church
- 8.00pm Compline: Upper Church

### Maundy Thursday, 17th April

- 8.00am Morning Prayer: Upper Church
- 8.00pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday: Upper Church

### Good Friday, 18th April

- 10.00am Good Friday Service: Upper Church
- 11.15am Walk of Witness followed by Ecumenical Service on the Green
- 12.00noon Hour at the Cross: Old Church

### Holy Saturday, 19th April

- 9.15am Silent Vigil: Upper Church (to 10.00am)
- 4.00pm Creation of Easter Garden: Upper Church

### Easter Sunday, 20th April

- 8.00am Holy Communion: Upper Church
- 9.45am Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt: Upper Church
- 11.30am Holy Communion (BCP): Old Church

## St. Anselm's Catholic Church

### Palm Sunday, 13th April

- 9.15am Blessing of Palms, Procession and mass
- 11.00am Said mass

### Tuesday of Holy Week, 15th April

- 8.00pm Mass and address

### Wednesday of Holy Week, 16th April

- 8.00pm Tenebrae service

### Maundy Thursday, 17th April

- 8.00pm MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER, foot washing and watch till midnight

### Good Friday, 18th April

- 10am Children's Stations of the Cross
- 11.15am Walk of Witness – Pembury Churches together
- 1.30pm Stations of the Cross
- 3.00pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- 6.30pm Maria Desolata

### Holy Saturday, 19th April

- 10.00am Children's Easter Workshop
- 8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

### Easter Day, 20th April

- 9.15am Solemn Mass, blessing of garden and Maria Consolata
- 11.00am Said Mass
- 6.30pm Stations of the Resurrection

## Pembury Baptist Church

### Good Friday, 18th April

- 10am Service followed by the Walk of Witness to the Village Green
- 11.15am HOPE Pembury Churches Together Easter Service on the Green

### Saturday 19th April

- 11am – 1pm Messy Easter - for food, craft and Easter stories for all the family

### Easter Sunday, 20th April

- 10am Easter Day service

## FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up-to-date information on events, see the online diary at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org).

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

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

CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

For more up-to-date information on events, see the online diary at [www.pembury.org](http://www.pembury.org)

### MAR 2014

3rd	Pembury Gardeners	8.00pm	Flower Workshop - Baptist Church
4th	U3A	2.00pm	Red Cross/St.John Amb – Village Hall
5th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
7th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Royal Visits to Kent – Village Hall
10th	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm	Parish Office - Recreation Ground
13th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Homeopathy/Naturopathy – Village Hall
29th	Pembury Gardeners'	2.00pm	Spring Show – Village Hall
29th	CODA Recital	7.15pm	Organ Room, Kent College

### APRIL 2014

1st	U3A	2.00pm	Glen Miller Lives On – Village Hall
2nd	Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
4th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Pins & Needles/Pin Cushion Competition – Village Hall
5th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
5th	Dad & Me Toddler Group	10am	Baptist Church
7th	Pembury Gardeners'	8.00pm	Flower Workshop – Baptist Church
10th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	93rd Birthday Party – Village Hall
14th	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm	Parish Office – Recreation Ground
19th	'Messy Church'	11am	Baptist Church
28th	Footpath Walkers	8.00pm	AGM – Village Hall
27th	Scouts Service	11am	St. Peter's Church – To commemorate St. George's Day

### MAY 2014

1st	Pembury Gardeners'	8.00pm	AGM – Baptist Church
2nd	Evening WI	7.45pm	Annual Meeting Resolutions and Quiz
3rd	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Bo-Peep Corner
6th	U3A	2.00pm	Tsars & Commissioners – Village Hall
7th	Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
8th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Resolutions and Annual Meeting
10th	Dad & Me Toddler Group	10am	Baptist Church
10th	Scarecrow Competition	10-11am	Lawn at St. Anselm's Church
12th	Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office - Recreation Ground
12th	Pembury Gardeners'	8.00pm	Flower Workshop – Baptist Church
16th	Arts & Craft Show	7-8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
17th/18th	Arts & Craft Show	11-4.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
17th	Village Quiz	8.00pm	Village Hall
24th	Gardeners' Plant Sale	9am-noon	Village Green

### JUNE 2014

2nd	Pembury Gardeners'	8.00pm	Flower Workshop – Baptist Church
4th	Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Surviving the Titanic
7th	Pembury Fun Day	2pm	Recreation Ground
9th	Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office - Recreation Ground
14th	Dad & Me Toddler Group	10am	Baptist Church
21st	'Messy Church'	11am	Baptist Church
28th	Pembury Gardeners'	2.00pm	Summer Show – Village Hall

OFGEM has announced that “finding a better deal on your energy is getting easier.” What does that mean for my energy bills?

A ban on complex tariffs is now in force, to help consumers get the best deals claims the energy regulator. In the biggest shake up to the market since competition was introduced in the late nineties, the reforms aim to make the energy market simpler, clearer and fairer. Households who have never switched could save more than £200 per year.



### **The reforms**

Suppliers can now only offer customers a maximum of four tariffs for gas and four for electricity, this means that some existing tariffs will be withdrawn. These changes make it far easier for consumers to compare and find the best deals. Complex deals like charging high rates for energy which then fall as more is used will no longer be allowed.

Energy firms must structure their tariffs in two tiers, as a single unit rate and a standing charge. The unit rate is the cost for each unit of electricity or gas, the standing charge is a fixed amount and is a way to recover the costs of getting the gas and electricity to your home. Suppliers will be allowed to set their standing charge at zero. Lower standing charges can benefit people who do not use a lot of gas or electricity, higher standing charges benefit people who use more. We expect that suppliers will offer different combinations, so shop around to make sure you get the best deal for you.

Customers on fixed term deals will remain on that tariff until it finishes - increasing those prices during the contract period is now banned and automatically rolling householders on to another fixed-term offer will no longer be allowed. At this end point, suppliers should automatically put you on the cheapest standard tariff available and it's worth shopping around to check this is the best deal.

If you have a standard tariff, which is a continuing deal that doesn't have a fixed end date, you will be contacted by your supplier if the terms and conditions are changing. If the tariff is withdrawn you will be moved to their cheapest equivalent by the summer. This is also the case for special tariffs, for example deals for pensioners, though your supplier may choose to retain this as one of their four tariffs.

April will see further reforms to give consumers clearer, more personalised information on energy. Suppliers will for the first time have to write to customers regularly informing them which of their tariffs is cheapest.

The Citizens Advice consumer service can provide general advice about what the reforms mean. If you have a question about what will be happening to your gas and electricity tariffs and when, contact your supplier. You can find out more about tariffs and how to compare prices for gas and electricity from Adviceguide, the self-help website of Citizens Advice.

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