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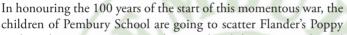
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CHAIR'S REPORT - SUMMER 2014

Remembrance 1914

As we enter this time of reflection with the Anniversary of the Great War, it makes one aware of the frailty of peace and the sacrifice given for us by the men of villages across the country, villages such as ours; men who gave their lives for King and Country. As a result of Richard Snow's valuable research on the roll of honour of Pembury men, we know more about these brave souls whose names are honoured every year at the Annual Service of Remembrance.



seeds in the Lower Green Burial Ground and the Scouts and Guides are doing the same at the War Memorial. In August there will be a visible sign of Remembrance and a really lovely vista to honour.

In this edition of the Pembury Village News to mark this very special occasion, we have a poem - personal to Pembury - written especially for us by our very local poetess Celia Law.

Those who have known Celia and her family for many years will know what a genuinely talented lady she is with six books of poetry already published. Celia writes from the heart and always encapsulates her thoughts into beautiful prose. Celia has such a gift of word and thought and I am so proud to know her and am delighted that she has written this poem for us.

The Pride in Pembury Competition is looming so please all you keen and talented gardeners enter the competition and make Pembury colourful; it's always a joy to see all the different styles and colours. See entry form on page 16.

You will all be aware that despite most of the Joint Transportation Board voting for a more intensive consultation, and the transport strategy being completed, the KCC Member vetoed any suggestion of waiting and wants Cornford Lane closed. This is despite any protestations given by the Parish Council, Elected Members of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and very worthy residents of our village. Now with the news of the A21 improvements we are entering difficult times, but we will keep updating you as much as we can.

Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst Chair, Pembury Parish Council

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1st August 2014

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HELPING BEES

Bees are so small and seemingly insignificant it is easy to forget, or simply not realise their importance. We all know bees pollinate our flowers, but what does that mean in the big picture?

Pollination happens when pollen is carried from one flower to another flower of the same species. Many insects perform this task, but the highest pollination rate award goes to the bees. Once pollination happens, the fertilized flower can produce its seeds or fruit. If flowers are not pollinated, they cannot reproduce and no fruit will grow.

If bees disappear, and if little or no pollination occurs, all the plants that rely on them will also disappear. Plants support a vast amount of food chains; losing them will eventually mean losing all the creatures that rely on them, perhaps even us!

The bees we think of most are honeybees, but in our garden we are most likely to see bumblebees and maybe some solitary bees.

Bumblebees have an interesting life cycle. In spring the queen wakes up after hibernating all winter underground. She seeks out nectar rich flowers to fuel up before searching for a suitable nest site. Bumblebees nest in holes, bird boxes or similar spaces in the countryside or in gardens. The queen makes a store of pollen and wax for her future larvae to eat and a store of nectar for herself. She is then ready to lay her first eggs; when they hatch, after incubation, the larvae will eat their fill before spinning a cocoon and developing into adult bees.



The first of the offspring are always female worker bees. These bees work guarding and cleaning the nest and searching for nectar and pollen. Most of the pollen is taken back to the nest to feed the colony and new offspring. The queen does not leave the nest and instead gives orders to the other bees, and lays more and more eggs. In the late summer new queens and male bees are produced. The new queens leave the nest, mate and fill up on nectar and pollen ready to hibernate and start the cycle again. The males also leave; they concentrate on feeding themselves and mating.

As you have no doubt heard on the news, our bees are in decline. If you wish to help, the easiest option is to grow flowers but it is now possible to buy a bee nest for your garden with bees ready to get the nest up and running.

To plant for bees you need to look for plants that produce lots of nectar and/or pollen. Like me you can follow the bees around the garden centre or just look for the 'perfect for pollinators' logos. Try to get a nice mix of species and make sure you choose plants with different flowering seasons so you end up with something flowering all year round (some bees are active in winter such as the Buff-tailed bumblebee).

Bees use a lot of energy flying so plant in clumps and consider flower shape too - petals that make small tubes may mean a bee can't get in and flowers that are tightly packed can be a problem.

Information and advice about bees and gardening for them can be found on the Bumblebee Conservation Trust website: http://bumblebeeconservation.org

For a quick and easy way to create a bee buffet, at least for the summer, choose a few wildflower seed mixes that include a mix of annuals, biennials and perennials.

Sarah Pomfrett



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Thanks to Kent College students, teachers and minibus driver who made this possible.

The next course begins on Thursday 25th September with elevenses at Pembury Baptist Church. If you would like to join this free course, please contact Jennifer on 825590.



NEW LOOK PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

LOCAL RESIDENT COLIN HARVEY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THE PARISH COUNCIL SO TAKE A LOOK AT www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk FOR INFORMATION ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE. PHOTOS FROM VILLAGE EVENTS WILL FOLLOW.

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DR CAMERON

'When are we going to get there?' the children had been asking for the last few hours. 'Soon' I replied repetitively and rather unconvincingly. That was our typical conversation when going on our summer holidays as Sue and I drove to our favourite campsite in Spain. We have been to the same site at least 10 times; when someone asked whether that meant we liked it I said probably.

I remember one year in particular, I had driven through the night from Kent and wanted to get past Paris before sunrise. We navigated Boulevard Périphérique without delay and when I was feeling sleepy around Chalon-Sur-Saone, Sue took over the driving. I slept for an hour or so. When I woke it was lovely to be refreshed, see the road stretching out ahead of us and feel the heat of the sun warming the back of my left shoulder! Yes, we were driving north and had been for at least an hour. There had been road works and Sue had taken the wrong turn and had started driving back to Paris.

Was I irritated? Did I grumble? Of course not, I am a man and things like that don't worry me at all; an extra two hours on an already long journey was neither here nor there to me. (Why is my nose growing?) But we did arrive safely and that was indeed the worst thing that happened during the holiday so we all had a wonderful time.

Then someone invented the 'TomTom' and our travel adventures have never looked back. Now when the children ask 'when we will arrive?' I can tell them to the minute. When they ask 'where are we?', I do not just mention a page on the map with a grid reference but show them the little blue arrow on the screen exclaiming that it is us! I can even tell them how far we have travelled and how many miles to go. I can see our speed exactly; useful for all the speed cameras that the Gendarmerie hide on the Auto-routes.



It made me think how it would be to have a little TomTom navigation device in our own lives. I do see many people who wonder why they are here and where they are going. Life is definitely a journey with a beginning and an end and we occasionally plan a route which we hope to follow. Just like the auto-routes with their road-works, accidents and traffic jams, life often throws in the unexpected that makes us change our plans. We have to find a new direction or just sit and wait it out.

Would life be easier if we had a little TomTom in it? I know of people who like to live each day as it comes and not to plan but to expect the unexpected. There are others who like to plan their life very carefully but get stuck when the path disappears ahead of them. Where can those of us turn who need to find a new direction? I rely on those people I admire and respect from the past and present who have spoken wise words. Whether it is Gandhi or Mandela, Martin Luther or Solomon, Benedict or Barth, all give wise counsel. I make time to listen to them and learn from them.

So next time my children ask me 'when, where and why' I want to answer wisely and be the little TomTom for their journey in life.

Dr. Andrew Cameron

LEST WE FORGET

A hundred years have passed since we fought the Great War When thousands of young men left our homeland shore Towns, Cities and Villages around the land Bid farewell to loved ones, with prayers and a wave of the hand They were Husbands, Sons, Fathers and Brothers And at home awaiting news were Wives, Children and Mothers Local men joined various regiments, they had to go where they were sent But one thing they had in common was Pembury Village, in Kent

Those left at home had to rely on them, to fight and defend They fulfilled their promise and fought to the bitter end Sometimes several members of one family perished and died Their names lost forever, their lineage denied Who knows in which battle these local men's fate was sealed Was it Passchendale, The Somme or Flanders Field I will never forget my visit to Ypres and the Menin Gate Fallen Soldiers names were read out, while crowds await

We must remember those who died and those who came home as well Because what they went through must have been pure hell As we honour these men, The Children from Pembury School Will release Flanders poppies, to be whisked away on a Heavenly squall We must never forget THE PEMBURY MEN who went to war And the price they paid protecting our folk and our shore We have a monument in Pembury for those who never came home Where their names will proudly, be forever set in stone





CENTENARY WW1

This year the Parish of Pembury is marking the centenary of the commencement of World War 1. During May children from Pembury Primary School scattered poppy seeds in the Lower Green Burial Ground. (Seeds were kindly donated by Sutton Seeds and Thompson & Morgan via Notcutts).

Other events this year are:

4 August (11pm – midnight): Candlelight Vigil in St. Peter's Upper Church

26 September (7.30pm): Talk, entitled The Spirit of

Invicta, by Bob Ogley in St. Peter's Upper Church (organised by St. Peter's and The Pembury Society)

9 November (10.45am): Remembrance Service in St. Peter's Upper Church and at the War Memorial.

9 November (10.50am): Kent College Remembrance Service in St. Peter's Old Church.

12 November (7.00pm): Commemoration in word and song of the start of WW1 in Kent College.

Rev'd. Douglas Robertson

BROWNIE ADVENTURE

1st Pembury Brownies had a wonderful time on their recent Brownie Adventure Holiday at PGL. 25 Brownies and 5 leaders spent 3 days trying a range of activities – from archery and fencing to zip-wire. A head for heights was needed on the Jacobs Ladder, and there was lots of laughter in the spider web on the challenge course. The best activity? Zip wire definitely. Even Brown Owl went down twice! Anyone interested in helping in Guiding can contact me at:

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Moira Allan, 1st Pembury Brownies.









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if you could ensure that any trees and hedges that are bordering the Highway are maintained and cut back to your boundary which would greatly benefit all Highway users. This will help us all keep the highway safe and prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation.

So that you are aware of our requirements, please refer to the text below.

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- If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres / 1'6" feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage for at least 20 metres.

Also, I would ask that you pay special attention to your trees, hedges and vegetation if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the time taken to read this article and wish you a pleasant summer. I am looking forward to working with yourselves and your parish to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible.

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PEMBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Youth Football Club is approaching the end of another season - its 31st - interrupted by wet weather causing waterlogging of pitches at both the Recreation Ground and Woodside Playing Fields. Despite the numerous postponed fixtures most age groups were able to complete all scheduled fixtures.

We currently have almost 250 players split across a range of age groups from Under 5s (School Reception Year) through to two Under 16 squads (in their GCSE School Year!) Next season we anticipate that at least one of the Under 16 squads will continue with us to form an Under 18 squad. The provision of football to the children is dependent upon the army of volunteers who give up their time freely each week for the benefit of all club members. If you are a club parent who has not put up or dismantled goals in the past few months, or not taken your turn helping cook the bacon butties in the pavilion kitchen, please put yourself at the head of the queue next season.

The club coaches who turn up each week, regardless of the weather, are the real club heroes. As well as weekend training and matches many age groups also benefit from floodlit midweek all-weather training run by the coaches on the excellent 3G facility at Mascalls School. Most age groups have reported the happy situation of more games being won than lost, with some awaiting the publication of final League tables to see if they have won some 'silverware'. Our 2 Under 11 squads have had a particularly successful season with one winning the Maidstone League and the other winning its division in the Crowborough League. Not all teams can be winners - just ask David Moyes! We will celebrate all age groups at our end-of-season awards evening in late June.

Our ethos continues to be to provide first class facilities and equipment at the lowest possible price, and we are grateful to those individuals and businesses who have sponsored us over the past year. Fundraising remains an important activity as we strive to keep costs to parents the lowest of any local club. At the time of writing, planning is well underway for our annual tournament, being held this year on Sunday 18th May, when we will welcome 880 players and possibly twice that number of spectators. This event continues to be our most important fundraising event of the year - thanks to all those who have helped in the planning and the army of volunteers who will ensure we run an event to be proud of.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the coaches and age group administrators. However, a special thank you to Amanda Poulsom who has kept food supplies at the pavilion fully stocked, to Andrew Perrett who is handing over the Treasurer role after many years of valued service, and to Club Secretary George Brand who keeps us organised. Thanks also to Ryan and Darrell for their efforts maintaining pitches at both the Recreation Ground and Woodside.

Ongoing thanks to Clare Chappel and Gillian Mayrick who oversee the pavilion, that has become a valued community building used most days of the week. With the Recreation Ground literally outside of the patio doors the pavilion is a superb option for parties and other family events. If you would like to host your event for up to 50 people in the pavilion, please contact Gillian Mayrick on gillianmayrick@aol.com / Tel: 824852.

Planning is already underway for next season; we look forward to welcoming back existing players as well as new players in September for our 32nd season.

Colin Forward



Under 11s Maidstone League Winners



Under 16s Squad – Division Runners Up



Under 11s Division Winners

PEMBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL

Having been promoted to the U13 A Division at the end of last season, our objective this season was to stay in the Division and remain competitive in all matches. This became a tall order when we lost a series of key players at different periods – teenage boys seem more prone to bone fractures! In one week we lost three Centre Backs to broken bones – none from football related incidents!

In September we had a mixed start, but from October through to December we lost five in a row. Whilst an occasional win had kept us out of the relegation zone, the fixtures after Xmas now became very important. Of those six games we won 4, drew 2 and lost one. Given this coincided with most injuries this was fantastic. Key to our success this year was home form – we garnered twice as many points at home as we did away. This is the first time in seven years that home advantage has paid off so well.

We finished 5th in a league of ten, with eight wins, two draws and eight losses. Given our injuries this is a major achievement. What was unexpected was a cup run to the semi final. As some of our cup wins occurred during a poor run in the league, they were crucial in maintaining good morale.

The division is very, very tight – apart from the runaway leaders any team can beat another. We continue to play a short passing game when we can – the muddy pitches this season haven't helped! Many teams have one or two outstanding players, but we have a good squad of players who support each other at all times and whose strength is their unity and professional approach to each game. Their determination has seen them through some tough game situations, but their attitude has always showed class.

One of our main challenges is a preponderance of attacking midfielders and paucity of defenders. We have met the challenge with changes in formation and a first class attitude by our squad. So a big thanks to boys who have played out of favoured position at the back – our first ever 0-0 draw against Sevenoaks is my salute to you!

It's been a good season where we have established ourselves in the top division for our age group.

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PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

We have had a busy few months as a Scout Group – in February we had a group sleepover at the Scout HQ. Sixtyfive beavers, cubs and scouts had a massive sleepover at the scout HQ, very manic and not much sleeping done! We had a sponsored circuit of the woods and raised nearly £500 for Age UK (Tunbridge Wells) – well done all of you. A bouncy castle, inflatable assault course and gladiator challenge were the other activities as well as the obligatory camp fire singsong!

The whole group also attended a St. George's Day service at St. Peter's Church. We assembled on the Green in front of the church and paraded in with our unit flags. The Reverend Douglas Robertson led a child friendly service and celebration of St. George; Beavers and Cubs received their bronze and silver awards – the highest available award – well done for all their hard work.

Finally we attended the Tunbridge Wells District St. George's Day celebration last weekend with over 500 other Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the Tunbridge Wells area. The day commenced with a journey on the Spa Valley railway to Adamswell campsite where an afternoon of zip wires, a variety of inflatables, camp cooking and reptile encounters awaited.





Michelle Usherwood Group Scout Leader

SCARECROW COMPETITION

After careful planning and construction, the Brownies decided that their scarecrows were finally ready for the Parish Council Competition. Brown Owl and Emma agreed to transport them to the Church in the back of their cars and put them on display. There was great excitement when the Brownies learnt that they had won 1st and 3rd places. We had great fun making the scarecrows, and really hope the Parish Council run the competition again next year.

Anyone interested in helping in Guiding can contact me at pemburybrownies@hotmail.co.uk.



Moira Allan, 1st Pembury Brownies.



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This event was well supported with several scarecrows being delivered to the lawn at the front of St. Peter's Church on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 May. What a selection turned up!! They were all brilliant and every entrant was given a medal and a certificate.

Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally came to judge the scarecrows at 2pm on Saturday.

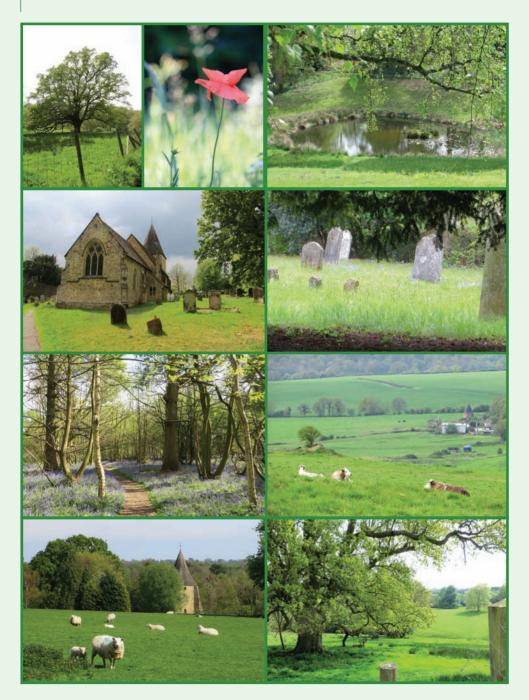


Thanks to everyone who took part.

The Parish Council hopes to run the competition again next year - look out for posters in early 2015.

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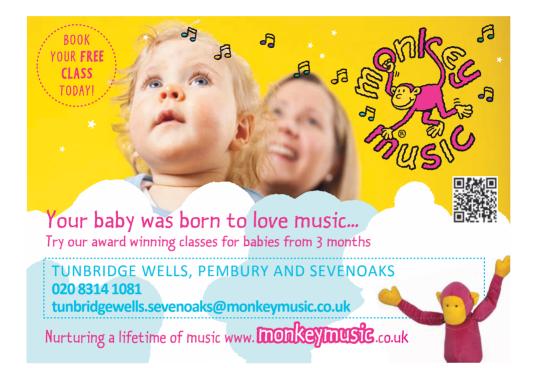
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While everyone is passionate about having the best possible service, we do need to be realistic - it is not

good to see a doctor who hasn't slept for 24 hours because we are all demanding attention! In the next 10 years the NHS is going to have to change if it is going to continue to be affordable.

So part of the PPG's job is to make certain that the changes made are for the benefit of patients, even as we do things differently. That's why the PPG will work in partnership with the Waterfield House practice to help us to stay healthy, and to see the right people at the right time when we are ill.

The PPG will meet regularly throughout the year, and on 16th October at 7.30 pm we will have a meeting when everyone can come and hear what we have done so far and what we have planned. You can also decide whether you want to join the PPG, or support someone else to join.

Our first action was to ask you to respond to a survey. We have also encouraged the surgery to have an on-line appointment booking system and prescription requests, and this is now live. We hope that for many people it will make life easier once you have signed up to use the system. You can find more details of these services by visiting the practice website www.waterfieldhousepractice.nhs.uk or by asking the surgery receptionists for information.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Justin Cumberlege, Chair of the PPG, by writing to Waterfield House or speak to the practice manager, Caroline Dyer, at the surgery.

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PEMBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Pembury School Association (or PSA) is a group of parents and staff who co-ordinate fundraising events throughout the year to generate funds for much needed items for the school. For example, we recently held a school disco for the children and a quiz night and auction for the parents, together raising nearly £2,000!

The school has decided that the outdoor spaces around it need some development and improvement, therefore this is our current fundraising focus. Most of our events are open to the whole community, such as our

Fairs, Quizzes and Barn Dances, so do keep a look out for them in the Pembury Diary of Events and we hope to welcome you to the school in the future!

Upcoming Event:

Pembury School Summer Fair 21 June, 11am-2pm Entry free

Come along and enjoy the BBQ, cakes and Pimms tent as well as the games and stalls which will be there, including Coconut Shy, Obstacle Course, Tombolas, Lucky Dip and Hook a Duck. There will also be a raffle, tickets available to buy on the day.

Hope to see you there!

Alex Devlin **PSA Secretary**

GARDENERS' SOCIETY - SPRING SHOW

The Pembury Gardeners Society held its Spring show on Saturday 29th March at the Village Hall. After problems with the weather over the last few months the quality of the blooms was better than expected.

The prizes were presented by our chairman Mrs A Purton.

Listed below are the winners of certificates and awards.

Daffodils.

The Hexable Award for most points in classes 1 to 27 - Mr D Parks The Daffodil Society Medal for Best Exhibit - Mr D Parks Daffodil Society Certificate for Best in Show - Mr D Parks

Flowers and Plants

Kent Federation Certificate for Best Exhibit classes 29 to 43 - Miss M Pettitt Floral Art

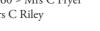
Doris Down Award for most points in classes 45 to 49 - Mrs A Purton Certificate for Best Exhibit classes 45 to 49 - Mrs A Manser

Cookery

Society Award for most points in classes 51 to 60 - Mrs C Fryer Kent Federation certificate for runner up - Mrs C Riley

Handicraft

Michael Pavely Memorial award for best exhibit - Miss M Pettitt. The Summer Show is on Saturday 28th June. We hope to see you there. Our thanks go to all our helpers and exhibitors.



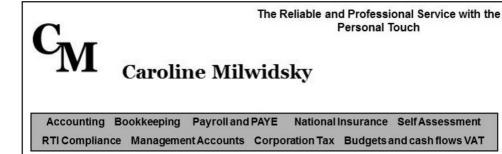












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SWIMATHON

You may recall or you may have been part of some of the events related to this year's Sport Relief activities. Two pupils from Pembury School took part in the Swimathon at St. Johns Pool on Saturday 22nd March on a sponsored swim and at the time of the event both girls were still only nine years old. I am not certain of the amount they raised but they both completed seventy six lengths, which I think is quite incredible. The two girls, Chloe Horseman, my grand-daughter is on the left and her good friend Connie Knight is on the right. The amazing thing is that they took less than an hour to complete the swim.

Both girls are part of the Pembury School Swimming team who have regular training sessions down at Kent College to whom they are extremely grateful. Many thanks must go to their trainers Mark Le Mann and Sarah Knight.



Chloe's mum, my daughter Emma, also completed two hundred lengths of the pool in aid of the Sport Relief Fund so well done

all of you and the Pembury School Swimming team after their fantastic galas at St. Johns and Tonbridge School pools.

Hugh Boorman

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD EVENTS



Moonlight Catwalk – 13th June, from 10pm at the Nevill Cricket Ground, Tunbridge Wells

Organised by Hospice in the Weald, this 8 mile sponsored walk around Tunbridge Wells aims to get family and friends together to raise money for your local Hospice while having fun and remembering loved ones. Who will you be walking for? £15 to register or £100 for a team of 8.

T: 01892 820527 www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Classic Car Rally – 13th July, 8.30am from Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury

This annual event is a great day out for all car lovers and car enthusiasts with a scenic route around Kent and East Sussex with stops at Coolings Garden Centre and Chiddingstone Castle. Although primarily for classic cars owners, anyone is welcome to join the cavalcade! £75 for a car, plus driver and navigator.

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LAWN BOWLS IN PEMBURY – The New Season at Pembury Bowls Club

The advent of Spring is always a vibrant time of year and that is certainly true at Pembury Bowls Club. As the Spring season develops, renovation of the green begins. Moss and weeds are treated and fertiliser is applied, then the green is scarified to remove dead material and encourage new growth. As growth is stimulated, mowing becomes a twice or thrice weekly job to provide a well manicured playing surface that allows our bowls to run freely.

With the green in good condition the next highlight this year was the start of friendly matches with other local clubs. Starting on the 26th and 27th April and on virtually every weekend through to 20th



September, we play against other local clubs, fielding a team of 12 members on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, some on our green and some on the opponents' green. Although it's nice to win, these are not fiercely competitive, members of all abilities are encouraged to play and halfway through each game we stop for a cup of tea, a sandwich and if the waistline allows, a piece of cake.

For the more competitively minded, mid May also saw the start of league matches with other clubs in the Tunbridge Wells area. Our internal competitions also started at this time, culminating in a finals weekend on 6th and 7th September.

But members can play each other, on an informal basis, by simply turning up to see if a rink is available, (our green has six playing rinks), or by reserving a rink in the club diary.

The essence of our club is the friendly and social contact between members and we hold several social events each year. At our clubhouse and grounds we hold two quiz nights, we have a barbecue evening in August and we normally have two evening dinners, one to celebrate our competition prize winners and the other a pre-Christmas celebration.

We welcome new members, whether you are an experienced bowler or have never tried the game. Neither youth nor longevity is a bar to participating. Indeed, if you don't wish to bowl but would like to sit in the sun and watch us play and perhaps join in our social events, you will be welcome.

For more information please contact me on 01892 823915.

Norman Brown

PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

SUMMER FETE





Come and meet Peppa Pig and see the animals from Ark Animal Encounters on Saturday 28th June 12-2pm at Pembury School House Nursery.

WOODLAND WALKS



I wish to encourage everyone to use the footpath network throughout our woodland. As I write this the bluebells are out and the woods are awash with colour.

If you visit several times you will see something different every time; the woods are constantly changing. The most noticeable changes occur with the seasons, I've enjoyed seeing them throughout the years - from snow covered boughs in

winter to bright and green in the summer, buzzing with insects and dotted with wildflowers. Grab a Pembury footpath map (£1.00) from the library or Parish Office and go walkabout!



The Woodland Trust has a guide on visiting woods and activities you can do: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/

Join the Pembury Footpath walkers or volunteer your time to help keep the paths clear.

Sarah Pomfrett



CANTERBURY MANOR AND MARGARET POLLEY

Several years ago I was given a small book written by Helena M Wadman regarding the life of Margery, or Margaret Marten as she was christened. She later became Margery Polley after she married Dick Polley, whose family had come from Paddock Wood to farm at Black Boys Farm which was part of the Culpepers Estate. The author of the book does state at the end that the details of Margery's life may or may not have been as maintained in the book but it certainly makes interesting reading.

Evidently Margery was deeply religious and was a regular worshipper at Pembury's Old Church. She also had a mentor to whom she paid regular visits by the name of Miss Augusta Ridley who evidently lived in a very beautiful house with large flower gardens known as Canterbury Manor at Henwood Green. I have tried to find traces of the Manor but all I can trace is a mention of a Manor being burnt down approximately where 67 Hastings Road is today.

How true this is I don't know but is the name of Canterbury Road anything to do with Canterbury Manor?

If anyone has any further information regarding this please get in touch with me.

Hugh Boorman



POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

My name is Nicholas Brown and I'm your local police community support officer. We have had lots of good work taking place across Tunbridge Wells recently so here's a brief update on what we have been up to.

In Pembury, a man was arrested and charged for theft from a motor vehicle and a public order offence, which resulted in the man being remanded in prison, as he had recently been released.

In April, a theft took place along the High Street and after a thorough investigation by officers, the man was identified and arrested. Also in April, a



woman was identified by officers after being suspected of being involved in a shoplifting incident and she has been arrested and charged.

The Kent police off-road motorbike team have been in the area, due to reports of nuisance motorbikes and officers have stopped and spoken to numerous vehicle owners. I would encourage you to continue to report any instances where motorcycles are causing a nuisance as it helps us build a picture and direct officers to target the most appropriate places.

By taking simple security measures you can help protect yourself and your property:

Keep property windows closed when you are out.

Remove tools from your vehicle.

Keep your glove box and boot empty in your vehicle.

Always secure and lock your property and vehicle.

Visit the Kent Police website www.kent.police.uk for more crime prevention information and details of your local police station.

For the latest news about policing in your district, sent straight to your inbox, sign up for our e-newsletters at www.kent.police.uk/enews and follow us on facebook or via the Tunbridge Wells twitter account @kentpolicetwell

There are more ways than ever for the public to contact and engage with Kent Police. Call 101, visit www.kent.police.uk, follow us on twitter @kent_police or facebook.

People who are deaf or speech impaired can still text 'police' and their message to 60066.

People should continue to call 999 in an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life, or when violence is being used or threatened.

People can also call anonymously with information about crime to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

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RECIPES HERBY HAMBURGERS

lb (450g) lean minced beef
 egg lightly beaten
 tsp basil & thyme (finely chopped)
 tsp parsley (finely chopped)
 Salt & black pepper for seasoning

- 1 tsp soy sauce 1 large minced onion 2 tbsp butter ¼ cup (50ml) breadcrumbs
- 1. Mix meat, egg, herbs, salt & pepper & soy sauce together in a large bowl
- 2. Sauté the onion and butter until golden and stir into the meat mix
- adding enough breadcrumbs to make the mix hold together
- Shape into flattened patties and grill or barbecue until cooked (about 5 mins each side)
- 4. Serve on a seeded bun with a side salad



MINT AND CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

1 cup (225ml) mint leaves (finely chopped) (spearmint is the best choice) 2 oz caster sugar 2 eggs (separated) ½ pint (275ml) double cream 3 oz (75g) plain chocolate

- 1. Mix the chopped mint and 1oz sugar together
- 2. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water, remove from heat and whisk in egg yolks until creamy
- 3. Whip cream into soft peaks then fold in chopped mint and sugar mix
- 4. Fold in the whipped mint mix into the cooled chocolate
- 5. Pour into plastic container and put into the freezer
- 6. When the mix becomes crisp at the edges, whisk for 2 mins and return to freezer
- 7. Repeat this process until the mix is just set
- 8. Whisk the egg whites into soft peaks and fold into the frozen ice cream mix (at this stage you can also add some grated chocolate)
- 9. Return mix to the freezer and leave to set

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT!

It is alarming to hear about the increasing number of scams in operation locally. The CSU Wardens recently visited a couple who were sadly scammed for over £50,000. The couple received a call purporting to be from the bank claiming their account was showing fraudulent activity and that they needed to transfer their money to another account to keep it safe. They complied with the bank official and transferred the money, only later discovering they had been victims of a scam. Unfortunately it is unlikely that the bank will reimburse their money.

Here are some top tips to protect yourself and your friends and family from scams:

If something seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Do not sign anything without reading the small print first.

Ask to see identification when someone calls at your door.

Never send money or make an expensive phone call in response to a claim that you have won a competition, lottery or to access 'money making' schemes.

Finally remember your bank or the police will NEVER ask you for your PIN or come and collect your card from you.

Nigel Freeman

CRIME REPORT

Here we are again, by the time you read this we will be nearly half way through the year. Sorry to be so depressing but please see the recorded crime figures for the months of January, February and March 2014. Unfortunately we just can't seem to break the trend of an increase through the winter months; the previous quarter's figure of reported crime being 47 and the last quarter being 52. I know it doesn't sound a lot but it is still just over ten per cent.

Unfortunately, violent crime showed an increase from 12 to 17 and I still have not been able to establish whether this is street or domestic-related crime. Theft-related crime, excluding vehicle theft increased from 14 to 18. Theft from motor vehicles increased from



two to four and as a recent report by the Tunbridge Wells Police in the local Courier revealed, people are still leaving items such as wallets with money and bank cards in their vehicles. Please don't make it easy for the wouldbe crooks and waste valuable Police time.

Criminal damage is down from five to three and hopefully with the lighter evenings this figure will come down even further. Theft of motor vehicles has risen from one to three and drug-related offences remain on one whilst burglary fell from six to two. I will repeat my normal message. Be careful, look after what is yours, report anything suspicious to the Police but please don't turn a blind eye if you see an offence being committed to someone else's property. Let's get these figures down to the thirties and make the would-be criminal realise that Pembury is not the place to carry on his trade.

One of the other problems that still plagues the lanes and woodlands around the villages is the activity of fly tippers who empty their rubbish, very often from building projects, household waste and clearance in farmers' gateways and on public footpaths. This is an offence and if you see it happening please make a note of the vehicle registration number and inform the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the Police. The rubbish shown in the picture was dumped in Romford Road at the entrance to footpath WT222 late March or early April. Do not get involved in a confrontation with the offenders if you are on your own. I've no doubt that sometimes the offender has been paid to get rid of the rubbish through the correct channels.

Be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman

CRIME FIGURES



Corporate Development Business Information Unit

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 Vehide	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
January 14	4	1	1	1	2	2	7	1	0	19
February 14	10	0	1	2	1	1	5	0	3	23
March 14	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	10
January - March 2014	17	1	2	4	3	3	18	1	3	52

Crime type by road name	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	Total recorded crime
A21 A	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BELLFIELD ROAD	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CANTERBURY ROAD	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	1
CHALKET LANE	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	0	1	3
HENWOODS MOUNT	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HERONS WAY	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGHFIELD CLOSE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	4			0	0	0	8	0	0	12
LOWER GREEN ROAD	0			1	0	1	0	0	0	2
MAIDSTONE ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OLD CHURCH ROAD	0			1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	0			0	1	0	1	0	0	2
ROMFORD ROAD	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
SANDHURST AVENUE	0			0	0	1	0	1	0	2
SNIPE CLOSE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	5			1	0	1	7	0	2	16
WOODSIDE CLOSE	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WOODSIDE ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME										
(EXC BURGLARY	17	1	2	4	3	3	18	1	3	52
DWELLING & OTHER)										

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 9th April 2014 at 12:10 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

FOR YOUR DIARY

For more up-to-date information on events, see the online diary at www.pembury.org. Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am – term time only. Town and Country Housing Group Clinic – last Tuesday in the month. CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am.

For more up-to-date information on events, see the online diary at www.pembury.org

JUNE 2014

3rd	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Village Hall – Coffee Call to Cook
4th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Surviving the Titanic
7th	Pembury HOPE Fun Day	1.00pm	Recreation Ground – All organisations
9th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office Recreation Ground
12th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall Meeting Room – Pins & Needles
21st	Pembury School Summer Fair	11-2.00pm	Pembury School
21st	Pepenbury Mid-Summer Fun Day	7 1-4.00pm	Pepenbury, Cornford Lane
29th	St. Anselm's Summer BBQ	1.00pm	St. Anselm's Garden

JULY 2014

1st	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Village Hall – AGM and speaker
4th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Fingerprints and Murder
5th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stone Court Lane Bus Stop
7th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office Recreation Ground
10th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall Meeting Room – Not being a victim
12th	Pembury Parish Council	5.30 - 9.00pm	Musical Picnic - Village Green

AUGUST 2014

1	st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – 50th Birthday Party
2	nd	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet opposite the Camden Arms
4	th	Candlelight Vigil for WWI	11pm to midnight	St. Peter's Church
6	th	St. Peter's Mothers' Union	8.00pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
7	th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall - Sale of Work (Art & Craft)
1	4th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Outing to be arranged

SEPTEMBER 2014

2nd	Pembury U3A	2.00pm	Village Hall – Interest Groups
5th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – National Gallery
6th	Footpath Walkers	2.15pm	Meet at Stonecourt Lane Bus Stop
8th	Pembury Parish Council	8.00pm	Parish Office Recreation Ground
11th	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	Village Hall Meeting Room – Way to Chelsea
26th	St. Peter's Church	7.30pm	WW1 by Bob Ogley

TUNBRIDGE WELLS & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

Employment Support Allowance Assessments

Question:

I have heard in the news about going through assessments to obtain my ESA benefit. What are these and what should I expect?

Our advice:

No one knows when an accident or ill-health could have a dramatic impact on their life. Last year the Government added an extra step to the process for applying for sickness and disability support.



The Work Capability Assessment (WCA) process, which has come under fire for lengthy and unfair decisions since it was introduced in 2008, will now include an extra step before sick and disabled people can access financial support through Employment Support Allowance (ESA).

If your sickness or disability prevents you from working, then you could be entitled to ESA to help you manage your day-to-day living costs. In October last year, the Government introduced a new 'mandatory reconsideration' phase to ESA.

This extra step in the process takes place after you have received a decision on your initial application for support and you can't lodge an appeal until it is completed. It is supposed to take about two weeks to go through the reconsideration period but unfortunately some of our clients have said it can take much longer than this.

You won't be able to claim ESA during the reconsideration phase but you can apply for Jobseekers Allowance. We're concerned that some people will find this difficult and be left with no financial support – leading to people in already trying circumstances being subjected to even more anxiety.

If you're in this situation then you should go to your local Citizens Advice Bureau in Tunbridge Wells or Cranbrook, or the Advice Bus for help on how to manage your finances and make sure your application is dealt with fairly and promptly. Once the reconsideration process has taken place, you may well get a positive decision about your application. If you are unhappy with the decision, you can appeal.

Appealing against a decision can seem like a daunting prospect but advisers in your local Citizens Advice Bureau can help you to deal with this.

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