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CHAIR'S REPORT

June 2016, what a memorable time it will be for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday celebrations. Her steady hand has stood her in great stead for our country's success. The Queen's commitment has to be admired by us all and we can hope, as we all try with our best efforts, to make a difference in our communities as she has done for the country. I really hope all the events planned will be a huge triumph.

In our Village the smaller children's playground has been extended and is now complete. The feedback has been so positive. It's great for the little ones to interact with others, promote play and invention and importantly to make friends so that when they go to the Infants' school they are confident with others.



The tennis court has new nets and has been relined so it is ready for all you prospective Wimbledon hopes! The Multi Use Games Area has also had its lines repainted for cricket, basketball, football and netball.

Trees in the Village have cost the Parish Council a considerable amount as the high winds and rain we have experienced have caused several to need

urgent attention by tree surgeons; you cannot put a price on safety for our residents.

A group of invited guests came to the unveiling of the Kevin Lynes' memorial bench situated on the Village Green at the end of April. Kevin spent many hours at the Camden Arms holding surgeries during which he met a lot of Pembury people and listened to their issues and concerns. He did an enormous amount of work for Pembury and this bench is a poignant reminder of a great councillor who did so much for us all. Rest in peace Kevin.

Thank you to all of you who have inquired about my health problems after such a massive operation at Papworth. Well – the news is really good, the Hammersmith and Papworth Hospitals have performed an amazing operation and I now just have to build up my strength so fingers crossed it will soon be all systems go. I have been given my life back thanks to three good men; my G.P Dr. Peter Lutch, the Consultant at the Hammersmith and the brilliant surgeon David Jenkins at Papworth. Life is just so precious and to see the spring flowers again is wonderful but it's you in the Village and my colleagues on the Parish Council who have kept me going with prayers and friendship. A very special thank you to Barbara our Clerk who had the tough job of organising and taking me to appointments (not easy with me!) She has been exceptional with her time and a wonderful friend.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you at events around the Village and Picnic on the Green (9th July) so we can catch up.

Kind Regards

June

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UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL BENCH TO THE LATE KEVIN LYNES

'Harry Stebbing Workshop' is a small Norfolk based family firm and Harry Stebbing used to be a wood and metal work teacher, including 'A' level furniture design for over 24 years. He now leads his happy band of artisans who are all competent furniture makers in their own right - one also makes beautiful rocking horses and hobby ponies for children and not so little children!

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All the wood is English oak which is grown and harvested at Ickworth House - a National Trust property in Suffolk. As part of its commitment towards a sustainable environment, the National Trust undertake to plant an oak tree for every order received. In that way they can rest assured that they will benefit our environment & yet still produce timber for the next generation. We are very proud of the fact that we have already had planted well over a 3500 trees since the scheme started & now feel we have been able to "put something back".

Pam Stebbing

DEDICATION OF THE 'KEVIN LYNES MEMORIAL BENCH'

With a generous donation from James and Carol Cunningham, licensees of the Camden Arms, the Parish Council commissioned the hand carving of a memorial bench to The Late Kevin Lynes who represented the parish as a Kent County Councillor until his sad death in 2012.

Mr Paul Carter, the Leader of Kent County Council, unveiled the bench which is sited on the Village Green on 22 April with representatives from many groups of the village in attendance. He spoke of Kevin's devotion to the village and of the many matters in which he had been involved. He was a much admired man both within the village and at County Hall.

After the unveiling, Mr and Mrs Cunningham kindly hosted a reception in the Camden Arms cleverly arranging the food to spell out Kevin's name.

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Barbara Russell





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I have decided it would be nice to revive this series of articles which ran from Spring 2001 until Autumn 2011, and featured some 30 people in the Village.

GORDON LAVY

At the beginning of March I spent a lovely couple of hours over a cup of tea talking to Gordon Lavy. We chatted about his interesting life and career, which I now have the pleasure of sharing with you. Gordon and his lovely wife Pat have lived in the Village since 2002. They have seven children and twenty-three grandchildren, not to mention Boris their miniature Schnauzer!



Gordon was born in 1924 in Nablus, a Palestinian City some twenty miles north of Jerusalem. Gordon's father had been ordained at Cambridge before going out to the Middle East. However, he decided medicine would be a more suited career for himself. Having qualified as a doctor in Dublin he then returned to India, where he sadly lost his first wife and new-born son. After some years he married again in Sudan. Gordon's parents were members of the Church Missionary Society and they moved to Palestine.

Gordon attended Emmanuel College, Cambridge having decided he would also like to follow in his father's footsteps by pursuing a medical career. Around the time he was due to start his two years National Service, he answered an advert appealing for doctors in the New Zealand Navy. His fellow medical students had all been called up in batches and joined the army. So, instead of serving two years in the army, Gordon sailed to New Zealand with another student from Glasgow. They spent six months in various hospitals in New Zealand.

The Korean War (1950-53) started whilst he was in New Zealand and they were one of the first nations to respond with support. Gordon spent a year with a New Zealand unit on a naval frigate as a Medical Officer. His unit was based in Japan at the naval base of Sasebo.

After serving a further few months with the New Zealand Navy, Gordon returned home having spent three years in New Zealand. His ambition was to be a house surgeon or registrar. He spent time in various local practices as a locum before taking his exams which resulted in him qualifying as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (F.R.C.S.).

Gordon then met Pat, who was at the time nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Barts). Unbeknown to Gordon they had both been at Barts before he went to New Zealand. Gordon and Pat were married in Hastings in 1955.

As Christians they felt they would like to devote their time to something useful and decided to go abroad. Gordon applied to go to East Africa with the Colonial Service. A vacancy came up with a Ugandan Mission Hospital called Mengo in Kampala. The Hospital was opened in 1897 as the first Mission Hospital in East Africa. Gordon and Pat ended up spending six years in Uganda. They decided to return to the United Kingdom to enable their six children to continue their education. Gordon accepted a position as Senior Registrar at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

In 1967 Gordon was appointed as a Surgeon at Pembury Hospital and they lived in Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells. Gordon was also Honorary Consultant to Burrswood Hospital in Groombridge. In 1987 after living for twenty years in Tunbridge Wells, Gordon, Pat and their family decided to move to Pembury to the old Vicarage, which they renamed "Copsley". In 2002 after Gordon retired and most of the family had flown the

PEMBURY PEOPLE

nest, they decided to move to their present house in Lower Green Road, with lovely views over the village green.

Gordon and Pat still attend St. Peter's Church in Tunbridge Wells, where Gordon continued as a lay reader, a role he had enjoyed in Uganda. The family are their main interest now, with 4 sons, 3 daughters and all those grandchildren. One daughter, Harriet, lives in the village and the rest of the family are scattered around the country. Three of their sons are surgeons and two daughters are nurses, following in their parents footsteps.



Both Gordon and Pat enjoy visiting their cottage near Wroxham, Norfolk, which they acquired after enjoying caravan holidays. They have been going there over a twenty year period. Gordon says how important it is to keep active. He enjoys walking to the Community Coffee Shop on a Monday, the Village Market on a Tuesday and the Church Coffee Mornings on a Wednesday. They also enjoy taking an active interest as members of the Pembury Society. Gordon tells me he would like to go and watch the cricket in the summer, but never seems to get around to it. He watches the Bowls occasionally and used to go bowling himself.

Gordon and Pat celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with their family at the Spa Hotel in September 2015. They like to be involved in village life and enjoy Pembury. They are living proof of the old adage: "Do a little good in the world and it will do you the world of good."

Richard Snow

KENT POLICE

A greater number of victims of domestic abuse are now reporting offences to police than before. High profile media stories have seen an increase in the reporting of historic sexual offences, which has helped drive public awareness and confidence to report other incidents to police, including domestic abuse cases. Our officers are bringing more offenders to justice and we are continuing to encourage more people to report any incidents of domestic violence. As confidence continues to increase in reporting offences these figures are expected to carry on rising.



**Kent
Police**

Violence in public places in the Tunbridge Wells district, including Pembury, has generally been decreasing as have the number of reported burglaries, incidents of criminal damage and reports of antisocial behaviour. As a district Tunbridge Wells has the lowest levels of reported crime in the county and officers will continue to work relentlessly to ensure it remains this way.

It is important to also note that a more vigorous approach to recording crime, which has been recognised and acknowledged by HMIC, has seen a real focus on recording all offences reported during an incident as separate crimes. This has had a sizeable impact on all violence and sexual offences.

Kent Police is now recording 96 per cent of crimes accurately and HMIC stated in a November report last year about Crime Data Integrity, that the people of Kent can have confidence in the force's crime figures.

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INTRODUCING LOUISE MILLS



I was born in Pembury hospital and brought up in Tunbridge Wells, moving around the borough from the newly dubbed 'village' area, Southborough and Hawkenbury. I attended Bennett Memorial - back in the day it was all girls – the highlight of which was being cast as Peter Pan in the 6th form pantomime. Sadly the heady lights of showbiz didn't come calling so I finally settled on a career in PR & marketing. I did a 10 year stint living and working in London before moving back to my home town in 2002 when my son was born. Finally, after many years of working for other people, I bit the bullet and set up my own marketing agency in 2014.

I moved to Pembury 18 months ago and, although I've lived in the borough most of my life, I didn't realise how much Pembury had managed to retain its 'village' identity. It has not been subsumed by Tunbridge Wells, as many other villages have been, but retained its own independent sense of community. The A21 obviously helps as a barrier – but having sat on the Parish Council for a few months now, I know just how hard councillors fight to keep it that way. I instantly felt a sense of community when I first moved here and wanted to play a part in that, which is why I became a councillor.

I'm still finding my feet, there's more to it than meets the eye, but I hope to be able to use my marketing skills in any way I can to assist the Parish Council.

PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH - MAYORESS DINES AT TUESDAY CLUB



Tuesday Club members were delighted when Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst became Mayoress and were honoured when the Mayor Cllr David Elliot and Mayoress Cllr Mrs June Crowhurst came to dine at Tuesday Club on 22nd March. The Mayoress presented a prize to the winner of the Easter Bonnet competition, Pat Crouch, and talked to us about why she is supporting the charity ellenor.org. A very worthwhile cause.

Tuesday Club is open to anyone who would like a 2 course home-cooked meal on a Tuesday for £5. The cost includes quiz, refreshments, half-hour armchair exercises, talk and lunch. The Club goes on at least two outings a year; this year we are going to Pevensey Beach in May and to Teapot Island in July.

If you are interested in joining us, call me, Helen at the Baptist Church on 825590.

HAPPY 90TH MA'AM

Given the amount of recent media coverage I'm sure you can't have missed the fact that this year is the Queen's 90th birthday!

Born on the 21st April, 1926 she was the eldest child of The Duke and Duchess of York. In 1936, when her grandfather, King George V died, her uncle came to the throne as King Edward VIII. Before the end of the year, King Edward VIII abdicated and Princess Elizabeth's father acceded to the throne as King George VI. On the death of her father George VI in 1952, Princess Elizabeth became Queen at the age of 25.

She is now the longest and the oldest UK reigning monarch in British history – her closest rival being Queen Victoria. She can also lay claim to being the longest reigning female monarch in world history!

As well as her actual birthday, the Queen is lucky enough to have an official birthday. This year it falls on Saturday 11th June and Pembury is doing its best to mark the occasion. 'Hope' Churches Together has organised a Fun Day in the Recreation Ground on Saturday 11 June at 2.00pm and St Peter's Church is holding a vintage tea party on the green in front of the church on Sunday 12th June at 2.30pm - 5.30pm. All Pembury residents are welcome.

Pembury's Royal Claims to Fame

Given that this is a celebratory year for the Queen, we've done a bit of digging to see if Pembury has any queenly or royal connections and this is what we found:

- Sophie, Countess of Wessex, was raised in in Brenchley and according to Wikipedia she attended Kent College, Pembury, before training as a secretary at West Kent College, Tonbridge.
- One of our councillors was 'reliably' informed by the Manor House gardener back in 1983, that Queen Victoria once stopped off for a loo break at the Camden Arms on her way to Hastings! We've found no corroborating evidence to support this – so if anyone has anything more to add on the subject we would be very interested to hear from them.
- Kathryn Franklin from the Pembury Society has been researching local history for over 30 years, and although she's found nothing queenly, she does know that in 1297 Edward 1 went on a perambulation (as royalty did in those days) taking three weeks to travel from Westminster to Udimore - and on the way spent one night in Pembury, at Bayhall, as the guest of the Culpepper family.

Finally, a Pembury resident with a bona fide, first-hand connection to the Queen – or Princess Elizabeth as she was then.

Richard Hinder met Princess Elizabeth in 1951. He presented her with a book at an international cookery competition at Grosvenor House Hotel in front of 1,500 people. He said "I was 11 years old at the time and spent the previous week practising my bowing in front of my mother." He was rewarded with a big smile from the Princess – no doubt down to his bowing expertise!

And Mr Hinder will never forget exactly what date it was – 10th July 1951. The day Randy Turpin beat Sugar Ray Robinson in the boxing ring – so all in all it was a pretty good day for an 11 year old boy.





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FALL OF A GIANT



I suspect that, like myself, there are many people in this Parish who love trees and feel a degree of sadness when a huge tree comes down either as a result of storm conditions or it has to be felled because it has become dangerous. Unfortunately this was the case with what was probably one of the tallest oak trees in the Parish, which was situated at the rear of the Old Church on the border with Kent College.

I don't know how many of you had seen this tree but it was very tall - over one hundred feet - and was not bushy like many Oaks but consisted of two massive spurs which branched out about five feet above ground level. We try and keep an eye on any tree which is close to public areas, footpaths, play areas etc. Following the high winds at Easter visible damage to the tree could be seen but thankfully the eagle eye of the tree surgeon picked out the crack which had developed right in the centre of the spur. Within a week that split had developed further and the Parish Council had no other option than to order its felling.

Had the tree split it would have demolished the Old Church and possibly caused the death or injury of anyone inside the Church or within the grounds. The other half would have fallen into the grounds of Kent College causing unknown damage. The tree has been left as a monolith for historic and wildlife reasons. Please see the photos by my good friends Melvyn Cole and Barbara Russell showing the tree, the Church and the crack which would have split the tree in two. It is estimated that the tree was at least 200 years old. Just think of what has happened in the world during its lifetime.

Hugh Boorman



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PEMBURY IS CLEANER

HOPE Pembury Churches Together would like to thank everyone who took part in the Litter Pick on Sunday 17th April. On a sunny afternoon 30 volunteers filled a commercial bin with rubbish. "It was very satisfying to tidy up and the children enjoyed it too," said Father Ed from St. Anselms. The ministers and volunteers enjoyed refreshments and cake afterwards. "We will be doing it again," said Rev'd. Dave Baxter of the Baptist Church.

PEMBURY'S RIGHT ROYAL FUN DAY

This biannual event is on Saturday 11th June from 2- 5pm. All village organisations and businesses are

invited to have a pitch and EVERYONE is invited to come and sample the fun. HOPE Pembury Churches Together are planning to have a food area, a children's play area with trampolines and bouncy castle, a dog show, an arena for dance and gymnastics and a stage for live music with picnic area. There will be stalls selling jewellery, bags, gifts and plants alongside the prayer tent plus the infamous Guiding tombola and a Fire Engine.

Don't miss the fun - join us for a great afternoon!

All enquiries to office@pemburybaptistchurch.org or 01892825590

Helen Nevison



THE QUEEN'S 90TH DRAWING COMPETITION - THE WINNERS ARE!

In the previous issue of the Pembury Village News we invited young artists from Pembury to design a front cover for the magazine to help celebrate the Queen's 90th.

We had a fantastic response with some beautiful entries – but there can only be one overall winner.

Well done Jasmin Mennie, for her colourful and detailed drawing, which we are very proud to have as our front cover. The Parish Council felt that Jasmin had managed to incorporate all of the elements the Queen needs to have a great birthday including a corgi, balloons, a cake and of course the Queen herself. Well done Jasmin.

Close runners up were **Abigail Mae Baldock**, and **Sawani Korde**, who both displayed exceptional artistic skill and talent in their designs.

Each of the three winners will receive a "What on Earth?" Wallbook Timeline of British History



By Sawani Korde



By Abigail Mae Baldock

personally dedicated and signed by the author, Christopher Lloyd.

We'd like to thank everyone who entered – the standard was extremely high and it was difficult whittling it down to three winners. All the competition entries will be displayed at the prize-giving, which will take place on 12th June at the Queen's 90th Vintage Tea Party, St Peter's Upper Church commencing at 14:30.

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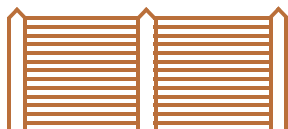
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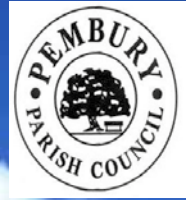
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PEMBURY GARDENERS' SPRING SHOW

The Pembury Gardeners' Society held its Spring Show on Saturday March 26th at the Village Hall. Considering the wet and cold conditions over the last few months, we were lucky we had a good show of both daffodils and other flowers; the quality was much better than in previous years. It was a pity that both the Floral Art and Cookery entries were down.

Listed below are the award winners

Daffodils

Hextable Award for most points in classes 1 to 27 - Derek Parks;
Daffodil Society Medal for Best Exhibit in classes 1 to 27 - John Carter;
Certificate for Best Bloom in Classes 1 to 27 - Derek Parks;

Other flowers

Kent Federation Certificate for best exhibit in classes 29 to 42 - Mrs A Purton;

Floral Art

Doris Down Award for most points in classes 46 to 49 - Mrs A Purton;
Certificate for Best Exhibit in classes 46 to 49 - Mrs A Purton;

Cookery

Society Award for most points in classes 53 to 59 - Mrs J Aust;
Kent Federation Certificate for runner up in classes 53 to 59 - Mrs H Wood;

Handicraft

Michael Pavely Memorial Award for Best Exhibit in classes 62 to 65 - Mrs J Aust.

The Society would like to thank all exhibitors and those who attended and look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Show on June 25th at the Village Hall.

John Wood
Show Secretary



U3A

In the Spring Pembury Village News, Roger Gardener explained what we do in Pembury and covered the many activities and talks that we have. I thought it might be interesting to know that we are also part of a much larger organisation with U3As all over the world with some 365,000 members. There are 30 U3As in Kent alone and new ones are cropping up all the time so we must be doing something right! Our 'new term' starts in September and if you think we might have something to offer you or are just interested in finding out more, we have a special 'Signing Up' day on 6th September at 2pm in the Village Hall when our Interest Group Leaders will be there to answer your questions and help you decide if you wish to join any of our many groups. Maybe you think you have something to offer us! It's the way all our groups start, with someone with a little bit of knowledge and feeling they would like to get a group of like-minded people together and have fun learning something new or participating in some activity. We are open to new ideas and there's always scope for even more groups, so if you are retired and fancy something new, come along on the 6th and see what life has to offer! You will be sure of a friendly welcome.

Sally Sturcke, Chairman



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD OPEN GARDENS 2016

Enjoy another summer with the Hospice in the Weald Open Gardens scheme which gives you a rare chance to take a look around some of the finest gardens in our area. Grateful thanks go to all the owners for their hard work and kindness in opening up the secrets of their private gardens.

This year's brochure introduces some fascinating new gardens for you to enjoy. Cottage gardens, formal showpieces, wildlife havens, village walkabouts..... there's something here for everyone; from creative gardeners looking for fresh and exciting inspiration to visitors seeking somewhere lovely to wander with a cup of tea and cake at the end. The Open Gardens scheme begins on Sunday 1st May at Lyewood House, Hartfield and runs through to September.

Open Gardens raised over £30,000 last year which goes towards the £7million needed annually for Hospice in the Weald to maintain its vital services to our community – and we promise that 90p of every £ raised goes directly to patient care.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to last year's success. With the exciting new destinations in the new brochure we hope that many more of you will be encouraged to come along with your family and friends to help us reach more and more patients in our community.

The programme can be viewed at: www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/fundraise/open-gardens-and-travel-club/open-gardens

To order a brochure or for more details about Hospice in the Weald Open Gardens please contact:

Pam Coleman on 01892 820502

Pam.coleman@hospiceintheweald.org.uk - www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk

PEMBURY EVENING WI

Our Annual Jumble sale in February was again very well attended and we were able to make a very healthy profit. Although a lot of hard work goes into this event, our Members really seem to enjoy it.

On 3rd June our speaker will tell us all about Ellenor Lion Hospices, and on 1st July a talk on Natural Cosmetics and Creams by Evelyns of Sussex. September and October will include Good Care Group: Dementia Friends, and a demonstration of Zumba. All our meetings include tea or coffee, and a slice of delicious home made cake!

We always welcome new members, and if you would like to "try us out" please come along as a visitor, there is no charge for the first three months, other than 30p for tea and cake.

We start at 7.45pm in the village hall, and if you would like further information about our WI please do not hesitate to contact either our President, Angela, on 01892 822307, or our Secretary, Gillian, on 01892 822577.

You would be most welcome.
Cynthia Johnson

BROWNIE MINION MAYHEM

20 Brownies and their Brownie leaders enjoyed two days of Minion Mayhem at Downe Scout Activity Centre, near Biggin Hill. They created Minions in all shapes and sizes, using a variety of craft materials.

Between the thunder, lightning and hail stones they were very lucky and managed archery, crate stacking challenge, go-karts and wall climbing without getting wet.

Lots of fun and very little sleep was enjoyed by everyone – and we are already planning the holiday for 2017.....

Moira Allan

1st Pembury Brownies



PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS THE ANNUAL PRIDE IN PEMBURY COMPETITION ~ 2016



Categories:

Best front garden/ best hanging basket/container/ best allotment/ best commercial frontage - large/small/ best visual effect.

Send in the form below to the Parish Office, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4DZ

Judging will take place early August

Closing date for entries - Friday 29 July

Prizes and certificates to be awarded at the Winners' Tea

Category of Entry (please tick)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best front garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Allotment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Hanging Basket/Container | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Visual Effect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Commercial Frontage (large) | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Commercial Frontage (small) |

Please complete using Block Capitals

Name of Entrant

Name of Person nominating entry (if different).....

Full Address of Entrant.....

.....
The Small Print: The competition is not open to Parish Councillors or Parish Council employees or their close families. Garden entries must be within the boundaries of the civic parish. Judges will not be permitted to discuss entries and the date of judging will not be published in advance. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The names of the winners will be published in Pembury Village News and the winner of each category must be willing to participate in a publicity photograph. Entry to the competition is deemed acceptance of these rules.



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Pembury Players



2016 NEWS AND CALL-UP from Pembury Players Amateur Dramatic Society



This is a follow-up to our plea in the magazine last year for new members to join us, and to take part in all the various different activities involved in the production of dramatic entertainment.

You may remember that apart from our usual early January pantomime, we also mentioned that we planned this year to put on the classic Alan Ayckbourn comedy 'Living Together'. Sadly 'Living Together' was not to be. Having cast the play, including some new members who had joined us as a result of last year's plea, we discovered in January this year that we could not have a licence to perform it. This was because a professional company was to put on a production in the near future. A bombshell!

As a result we had to find another play and to cast it, which inevitably shortened the rehearsal period available for the time we had our booking at the village hall. Nevertheless we pressed ahead, selected Mark Camoletti's hilarious comedy 'Happy Birthday', and cast it. This new cast, now including four new members, worked extremely hard and we hope that any of you who may have seen the play during May had an evening of fun and laughter. To give those of you who couldn't see the play a flavour of the production, we show here a rehearsal photograph close to the performance date. We couldn't show you pictures from the actual performances, as this article had to be submitted before they took place.

Our next production will be the annual pantomime in early January, and this time it will probably be one written and directed by Pembury Player's member Maggie Weaver. It's entitled 'Jack Comes Back'. Yes, a new and local take on the traditional Jack and the Beanstalk story!

So we would really welcome still more new members to join us for that, as well as future productions, and indeed in any capacity from acting through scene building, lighting, property sourcing, and directing.

It's simple to join us - just phone, text or email your contact details to me on 07778 041544 or derek.hollweg@btinternet.com and we will confirm your membership. Annual membership is £10 but only payable from September, and once you have contacted us you will immediately be on our mailing list and receive all information about our meetings and productions.

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Cakes! Decadent Malteser crunch or classic lemon drizzle? The bakers aim to provide a variety of goodies to tempt you. Maureen and Ann look after refreshments and can serve you with delicious homemade cakes to enjoy with tea, coffee or squash. Sit and relax for as long as you like or join the crochet and knitting group who meet here every week.

If you would like to buy cakes or preserves to take home, call in at Karol and Celia's stall and have a flutter on the tombola which, along with books and jigsaws, raises funds for the Kent Air Ambulance.

Harry sells an ever changing assortment of items in support of Diabetes UK and Sue supports the Headway charity. On her stall you can buy a variety of goods and groceries and fresh produce. Unlike a supermarket if you only want a quarter of a cauliflower or a handful of mushrooms Sue will serve you with a smile.

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PEMBURY VILLAGE MARKET Cont...

Head for Suzanne's fragrant and colourful stall where she sells a wide variety of plants including ready-planted baskets and pots. She runs Pot-a-Plant at the Hop Farm – a fun and educational activity that can be set up anywhere for any event.

Many stallholders are gifted craft workers who can offer you a unique product and a personalised service at prices way below the High Street or on-line. Jean sells her intricate hand-made cards and offers an excellent selection for most occasions and can often personalise them on the spot or make special cards to order.

Lynne makes greetings cards that are very individual - she embellishes and hand colours them and her hand embroidered bookmarks are lovely gifts that fit perfectly in her cards. Lynne also makes earrings, necklaces and bracelets to make you sparkle!

Julie makes hand-woven scarves, jewellery, crochet and other textile pieces on her stall. She will make items to order in your preferred colours and styles and can also repair and re-model jewellery to give new life to a treasured piece.

Cushions, bags, aprons and fabric-covered notice boards are just a few of the items that Wendy makes. She uses interesting and fun fabrics so treat yourself to something different to carry home your shopping, liven up the sofa or perhaps give a child their own 'special' board where they can pin their homework schedule!

Did you know that when you buy Avon products you are helping to fund cancer research via the Avon Foundation for Women? Shauna is our 'Avon Lady' and also sells Phoenix wrapping paper and posters and her unique bobble hats with club logos, cartoon characters or regimental colours.

Love vintage? Looking for things to upcycle? Enjoy a rummage? Head for Kathy and Trish for an eclectic treasure trove of bric-a-brac, toys, handmade hats and scarves, blankets and mittens. Ian has a wealth of vintage watches and jewellery and Maureen sells 'good-as-new' girl's clothes and toys.

We are always interested in providing more variety for our customers so if you are interested in becoming a stallholder get in touch. We are pleased to welcome 'This'n'That' selling a variety of handmade items and 'There was a little girl' offering beautifully handmade hair clips. It can also be a great way to raise funds as a one-off for your chosen charity.

Parking? No problem! Courtesy of the Camden Arms we now offer free customer parking until 11.00 am at the latest.

For more information contact Suzanne on 07927713256 or Suzanne@leviton.co.uk or Jean on 01732357820. *Pembury USA Digital Photography Group*





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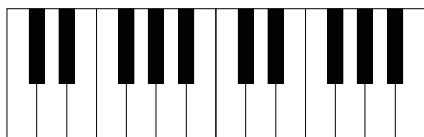
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PENSION SCAMS



Falling victim to a pension scam can be devastating. Following years of saving, consumers can be conned out of all their private retirement income. What could have been a comfortable retirement becomes twilight years of impoverishment.

Recent introduction of Government's pension freedoms – in which savers have more scope to invest or spend their pension pots how they like – means that over 55s are being particularly targeted by scammers. These tricksters offer a range of fake and fraudulent pension opportunities and plans.

Citizens Advice has found that three distinct scams are emerging:

- High rate return investments: offering unrealistically high rates of return. Investors rarely see any of their money back
- Free pension reviews: where people are badgered into 'a free pension review'. A visiting salesperson then convinces the pension pot holder to sign documents which in effect give scammers full access to their funds
- Investments for pension cash: where people are advised to invest in such as overseas property or fine wines. These investments don't actually exist and savings are lost.

As consumers struggle to identify if a pension offer is genuine or a scam, it is increasingly important they know where to go for support. It is unwise to rely on informal sources of help such as a website or family and friends. These sources cannot necessarily be relied upon to spot a scam.

Beyond individual cases of hardship, there are also risks to the wider pension system and confidence in responsible financial advisers. More than a third of Citizens Advice staff think the threat of pension scams is reducing their clients' level of trust in the broader pensions system. Negative stories or experiences of pensions and broader financial services can affect consumers' attitudes to pensions for many years, with impacts on saving levels, investment choices and use of financial advice.

If you are unsure about the advice you have been offered, please ask Tunbridge Wells & District Citizens Advice for assistance or to arrange a Pensionwise appointment.

We can be contacted at The Gateway 10am-3pm Monday to Friday, email advice@twcab.cabnet.org, uk; skype: [cabtwells](https://www.skype.com/en/contacts/cabtwells) (10am-12pm Monday to Friday) or at Cranbrook Library 9.30am - 3.30pm, email advice@cranbrook.cabnet.org.uk; or leave a message on 01892 533880 or 01580 714936.



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS/EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Kent County Council	county.hall@kent.gov.uk	03000 414141
Town/Country Housing Manager	info@tchg.org.uk (Stephen Aspinall)	01892 501480
Pembury Surgery		01892 825488
NHS Medical Advice		111
Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury		01892 823535
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Police – Emergency		999
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Samaritans		116 123
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Pembury Baptist Church	Pastor Dave Baxter	01892 825590

Are you looking to lose weight, cut down on sugary snacks, do more exercise or want to find ways to manage stress?

Why not book yourself in for a free one to one session with Healthy Lifestyles Advisor, Kathryn, from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Health Improvement Team. Kathryn is based at Waterfield House Surgery on the second Friday morning of each month. Kathryn has a degree in Nutrition and Health as well as a level 4 certificate in exercise instruction for people who are overweight. She has also undertaken skills and training in mental health first aid, smoking cessation and alcohol advice. During your 30 minute appointment you will be offered advice and guidance to help you achieve your personal goals. Further support will be available over a series of appointments to track your progress. Kathryn also has a great deal of knowledge about the local area and can also offer information and signposting to other services. Topics that Kathryn can offer support with include:

- Weight loss and weight maintenance
- Healthy eating
- Being more active
- Stopping smoking
- Alcohol brief advice
- Diabetes and sugar control
- Lowering cholesterol
- Mindful eating
- Managing stress



Appointments available between 10am -12pm on the 2nd Friday of each month at Waterfield House surgery

RECIPES

BALSAMIC ROASTED SAUSAGES WITH RED VEGETABLES – SERVES 4

3 Red Onions cut into wedges	8 sausages
3 Red Peppers deseeded and cut into quarters	250g/9oz Cherry Tomatoes
2 tbsp Olive Oil	1 tbsp Clear Honey
	2 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar



1. Heat oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas mark 6. Put the onions and peppers in a roasting tin, drizzle with olive oil and vinegar and season. Roast for about 10 minutes.
2. Add the sausages, tomatoes to the vegetables and drizzle the honey over and cook for 25 minutes, turning the sausages halfway until cooked.
3. Serve with potatoes or crusty bread

CHOCOLATE PUDDLE PUDDING

4oz Self Raising Flour	6oz Caster Sugar
2 tbsp Cocoa Powder	4floz Milk
1 tspn Vanilla Essence	1oz Margarine – melted
4oz Soft Brown Sugar	1oz Cocoa Powder – sifted
¾ pint hot water	



1. Heat oven to 180°C/160°F/gas mark 4. Mix together the flour, caster sugar, a pinch of salt and 2 tbsp cocoa powder
2. Stir in the milk, vanilla essence and margarine and pour into a 2 ½ pint greased dish
3. Sprinkle the mixture with the sifted cocoa powder and brown sugar
4. Pour over the hot water
5. Bake for about 40-50 minutes.
6. Serve with cream or ice cream

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Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am – term time only

**Town and Country Housing Group Clinic
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CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

Community Coffee Shop – Pembury Pavilion, Recreation Ground – Mondays 9.30-12noon

**‘The Shed’ Youth Café - at Pembury Baptist Church
Fridays 6 – 8pm (school yrs 7-13) term time only.**

Dates are published on www.pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk under site pages.

June

9th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4pm	Village Hall
11th	HOPE – A right Royal Fun Day	2-5pm	Recreation Ground
12th	Vintage Tea Party	2.30-5.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church
18th	Pembury School Association	2-6	Summer Spectacular – Pembury School
25th	Gardeners' Summer Show	2pm	Village Hall
26th	Patronal Evensong sung by Cantiaci Vocal Ensemble	6pm	St. Peter's Old Church

July

1st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall - Evelyns of Sussex – Natural Cosmetics/Creams
4th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office – Recreation Ground
4th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
5th	U3A	2pm	AGM – Village Hall
9th	Musical Picnic	4-8pm	Village Green
14th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4pm	Village Hall

Aug

1st	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
5th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Biddenden Vineyard Tour – at Biddenden
11th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4pm	Village Hall

Sept

2nd	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Good Care Group – Dementia Friends
5th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm	Parish Council Office – Recreation Ground
5th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	U3A	2pm	Signing Up Day – Village Hall

Richard Snow has taken over responsibility for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at www.pembury.org.

The diary serves two purposes. Firstly to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid clashes. Secondly to enable everyone to know what is happening in the village. It is important that information is sent to Richard at events@pembury.org with date, times, title of event, venue and contact details. Please note that to view the calendar you must be using a recent version of Firefox, Google Chrome or Internet Explorer (IE11 or later). Computers running Windows XP will only be able to view the calendar using Firefox or Google Chrome.

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PENN'S YARD, PEMBURY, KENT, TN2 4XY – As of May 2016

As you can see from the picture the scheme is in its final stages of completion and progress has been very efficient to date.

The final phase of works includes decorations and snagging and also the completion of groundworks and all externals including gardens, the play area and car parking spaces.

The development will feature a mixture of 11 flats and houses for shared ownership for people in the local area, with the remaining 16 for affordable rent, including one house which is fully wheelchair accessible.

The estimated handover date from Chartway Group to Town and Country Housing Group is currently July 2016 and will be known as 1 – 27 Chestnut Walk.

Chartway Group, our contractor, has working hours between 8.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings if required.

They continue to use their best endeavours to carry out all works with minimum disruption to neighbours of the site and would like to thank all local residents for their continued patience whilst the development is finished.

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CRIME FIGURES

Recorded crime in Pembury

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

Crime type by reported month	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Jan-16	4	1	2	0	1	6	1	0	15
Feb-16	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	11
Mar-16	7	0	0	1	4	2	0	1	15
January - March 2016	15	2	2	1	8	9	1	3	41

	Violent Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Criminal Damage Offences	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Drug Offences	Other Offences	Total recorded crime (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)
BEAGLES WOOD ROAD	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
BRICKFIELDS	2			0	0	0	0	0	2
CORNFORD PARK	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
ELMHURST AVENUE	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
HASTINGS ROAD	0			1	0	1	0	0	2
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	2			0	2	0	0	1	5
HENWOODS CRESCENT	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
HIGH STREET	1			0	1	0	0	1	3
LOWER GREEN ROAD	1			0	0	1	0	1	3
MAIDSTONE ROAD	0			0	0	1	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	1			0	0	1	0	0	2
PENNS YARD	2			0	2	1	0	0	5
ROMFORD ROAD	0			0	2	0	0	0	2
THE GLEBE	1			0	0	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	1			0	1	3	1	0	6
WOODLANDS	0			0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARY DWELLING & OTHER)	15			1	8	9	1	3	37

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 5th April 2016 at 08:53 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

CRIME REPORT

Here we are again, second quarter of the year already. Please accept my apologies for the lack of crime figures for the previous quarter but this was due to a technical hitch.

However I have been assured by the Police that Pembury is still a very safe place to live but where domestic violence has been part of the picture.

Let's now look at the figures for Jan, Feb and Mar 2016. What an encouraging change. The total reported crime figure for the quarter is 37 and I would have to go back a long way to find one as low as that and all I can say is let's do all we can to do it again. It is encouraging to see that burglary from dwellings was down to two and other types of burglary were also two; perhaps this is as a result of people taking more precautions with their property.

Violent crime has fallen to 15 which again is encouraging. Bearing in mind the previous

figure was 27. Please remember violent crime covers a wide range of crime and does not always result in injury.

The figure was made up as follows: Assault occasioning actual bodily harm 6, Common Assault (battery without injury) 6, Malicious Communications 1, Violent Disorder 1 and Sexual Assault 1. Please remember that often assaults do not result in injury and that nine of these assaults were domestic.

It is good news for Pembury at the moment so let's do all we can to keep it that way by giving the Police all the support we can to help prevent crime and let's prove to the would-be criminal that it really does not pay.

Be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman.

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