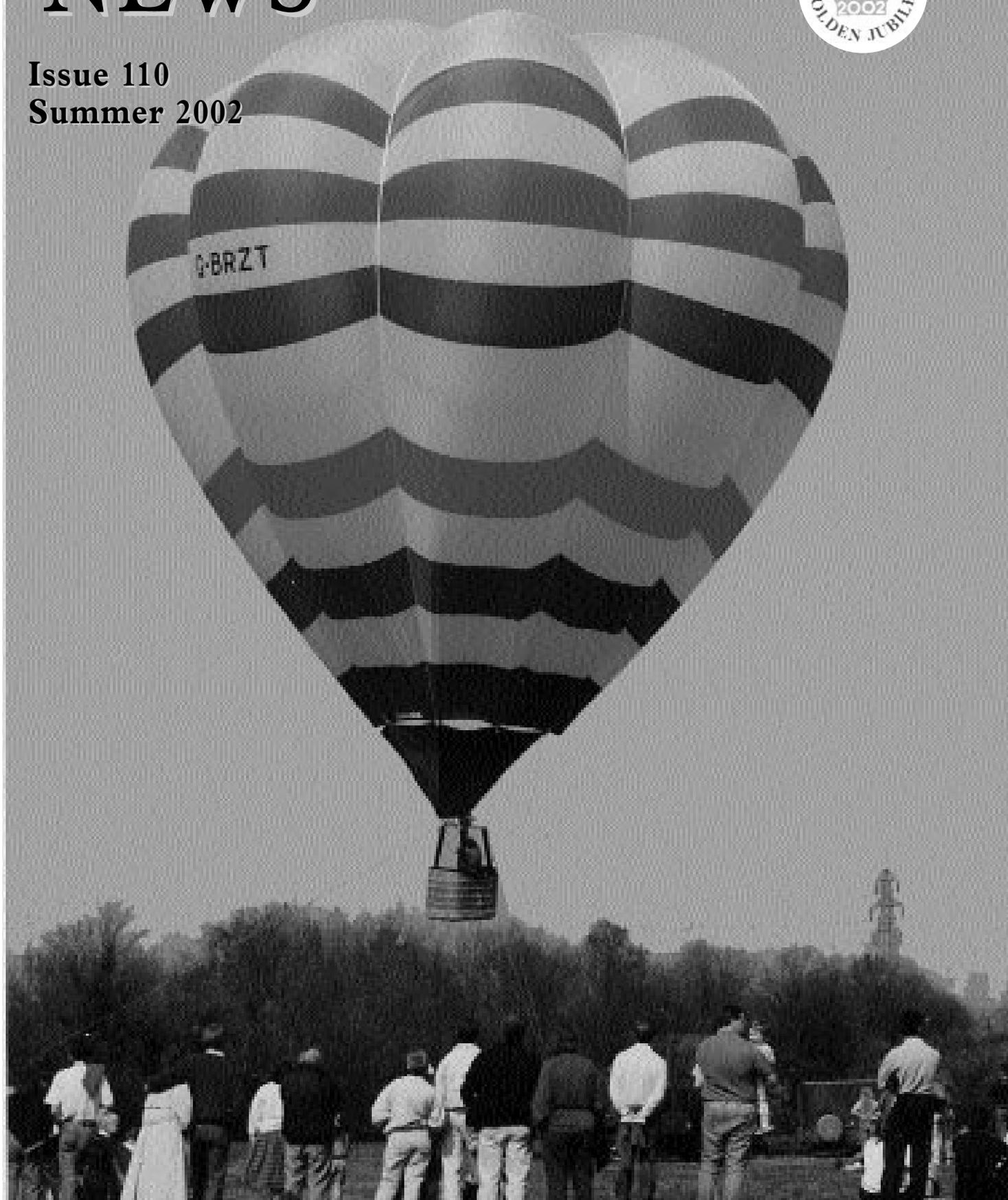


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## NEWS

### THE COMPUTERS ARE HERE!

AS REPORTED in the Spring News, the new public access computers are here in Pembury. On 1st May, the team from the Arts & Libraries Service launched them officially. Visitors were shown the free Internet access, scanner, printer and availability of an excellent selection of standard packages for word processing, spreadsheets, etc.

Access and use is completely FREE. The only charge is for printed-off sheets. Of course, Pembury's own website, now in its fourth year, was one of the stars of the show!

As part of the New Opportunities Fund (National Lottery) initiative, computers are being installed in libraries across the country to form the 'People's Network' to give free public access to the Internet and other facilities.

Pembury Library is organising 'taster sessions' for anybody who is interested in taking up the IT challenge. Pembury residents who have not yet tried computing are particularly welcome – just contact the librarians to find out more (tel. 822278).

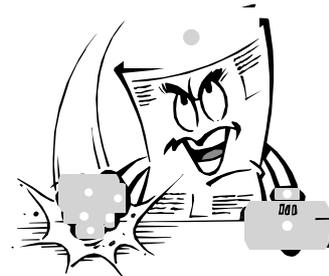


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## 2002 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

**Y**OU MAY have heard that our new Borough Councillors are Bruce Ballantine, Paul Barrington-King and David Mills. Congratulations to them and commiserations to the gallant losers.

The full results are as follows:

BALLANTINE, Archibald B.	Liberal Democrat	926
BARRINGTON-KING, Paul V.	Conservative	911
BIRKETT, Toby	Green Party	142
HARDING, Richard W.	Conservative	789
MILLS, David	Liberal Democrat	898
OSBORN, Sally A.	Labour	182
PAVELY, Gillian E.	Conservative	818
POORUN, Storm	Green Party	50
RICHARDSON, Barney	Green Party	65
WRATTEN, Sonya H. J.	Liberal Democrat	687

Bruce Ballantine, Paul Barrington-King and David Mills are elected Councillors of the Ward and their years of retirement shall be 2006, 2004 and 2003 respectively.

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## PEMBURY QUIZ NIGHT

**A**N EXCELLENT quiz night took place on 15th March at the Village Hall. It was well-organised by the Scouts and Guides, entertaining, and above all, great fun. Over 30 teams from many different village groups and organisations took part and the rivalry was strong, but very friendly. Chris Woodward was again the questionmaster, maintaining order in a friendly but firm manner.

The winning team was presented with the Parish Council Cup by Richard Nisbet, Chairman of the Scout and Guide Management Committee. They will receive a cheque for £200 to donate to the charity of their choice, in this case, Pembury Hospice in the Weald Appeal. Many thanks must go to the Scouts who ran the bar and the Guides who organised the evening and the raffle.



*Hilary Smith and the winning team*

The winning teams were: 1st 'The Big A's' (from The Black Horse) lead by Hilary Smith with 168 points; 2nd with 163 points were 'FootPath' (The Footpath Walkers); 3rd with 157 points 'High Society' (The Pembury Society); joint 4th with 152 points 'Little B's' and 'Dipstix'; joint 6th with 150 points 'The Bofs' and 'The Shutter Bugs'; joint 8th with 142 points were 'The Pembury Spiders' (from the Pembury Village News web site) and 'Not To Be'; and finally 10th with 141 points were 'Muts' (St Peter's Mothers' Union).

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2002

**T**HE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for Pembury was held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th March 2002. County Councillor Kevin Lynes and Borough Councillors Bruce Ballantine and David Mills along with Parish Councillors and 65 parishioners were welcomed by Cllr Mrs Sarah Clarke, Chairman of the Parish Council.

Last year's minutes were read and the Financial Report (which had been circulated with the Chairman's Report in the Spring 2002 Pembury Village News and was available also at the meeting) was approved after correction of minor printing errors. Councillor Clarke gave a review of events in Pembury over the past year. She drew particular attention to the splendid Village Hall where the meeting was taking place and praised the efforts of Arthur Storey (Treasurer) and Denis Dawes (Manager) in the rebuilding project. Both were now retiring and would be missed.

Turning to the Draft Local Plan being updated at Borough level, the Chairman emphasised the effort that the Parish Council would be making to ensure that Pembury and its environment were not degraded. This was despite central government proposals for revising the planning process which sought to take minor authorities like the Parish Councils out of the planning consultation loop.

County Councillor Kevin Lynes thanked the Chairman and Parish Councillors for their friendly and helpful support which had helped him to learn about Pembury during his early period as the village's County Councillor. He reported on the A21 dualling project, the Colts Hill by-pass, the Camden Arms car park and the Green Paper on Planning. He had supported the Parish's planning views on shops in Henwood Green Road, the Berkeley Close problems and Kent College development. He would object to proposals to revoke the current permission for a community building at Woodsgate and had objected to consideration of a Woodsgate Park & Ride site in both the Local Plan and the Transport Strategy. The local Government Act of 2000 sought to impose a draconian Code of Conduct on all lower authorities and Councillor Lynes feared the cost consequences for Parish Councils saying that he and his county colleagues were opposed to the attempt to draw control back to central Government.

Borough Cllr David Mills reported firstly that Boundary Commission had resolved the issues surrounding Pembury without affecting the Parish boundary and that the Borough Council would be operating a Cabinet system of governing from this May. He also mentioned the strict standards structure being introduced for councillors at all levels, the draft Local Plan, the Camden Car Park and the support the Borough is giving to the current application for the new hospital on the Pembury site.

The formal meeting was followed by a presentation by Chris Turner, the Private Finance Initiative Project Director describing the process leading up to and procuring a new hospital and its management over 30 years. He described how the new 595 bed hospital would have certain specialities sited in Pembury, with other specialities being centred at Maidstone. Costs under one scheme to build and



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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING *continued*

run the hospital had to be compared with those under any other - this was an essential part of the project at this stage. It is hoped that planning approval will be given in July 2002 with building commencing in autumn 2003 and completion by September 2007.

The public could support the project by input into design and operation ideas, by raising transport and access issues and promoting a healing environment. Once completed the local community will be asked to support the new hospital by adopting a courtyard, providing patient guides, trolley services, performing arts and car drivers for the Patients Transport Service.

A lively question and answer session followed, discussing various points raised by members of the public. Mr Turner and his colleague, the Director of Nursing, advised that the Kent and Sussex site would be returned to the Secretary of State and perhaps used for mixed retail, flats or offices. The hospital was designed for 10 years in advance; the proposed mental health unit would cater for various ages. Although a planning proposal was being put forward for a site at Knights Park, if the applications were called in by the Secretary of State, this could delay the project by up to 18 months. The Pembury site plans had received involvement from doctors, nurses and patients. If residents wished to support the Pembury bid, the best way was to lobby local councillors. Nurse education would be supported by lecture theatres, a post graduate centre, 150 residential units and key worker accommodation would also be provided. To address traffic congestion, public transport and cycling will be encouraged, as would car share schemes for staff. There would be a multi-faith chapel and provision would be made for a social club and accommodation for both Compaid and Headway. On being asked if the top part of the site would be demolished, Mr Turner replied that all of the buildings would go. If the hospital were to be built elsewhere, it would be very difficult to defend the site not being re-developed in some form. The present team will stay to completion of the project in order to ensure continuity of management to oversee the building of the hospital.

Councillor Mrs Clarke thanked everybody for coming to the meeting which closed at 9.35pm and was followed by tea, biscuits and village networking.

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## ST GEORGE'S DAY MARCH BY DISTRICT SCOUTS

TIM GATES sent us this photograph showing the Pembury flag-bearers at St George's Day parade.



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- Have resided in the Parish of Pembury or within three miles of it for 12 months before the date on which you are nominated;
- Or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein;

- Or had your principal or only place of work there;
- Be over 21;
- Be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic;
- Be of good character;
- Be able to attend regular monthly meetings of the full Council plus take part in working groups, usually monthly or quarterly;

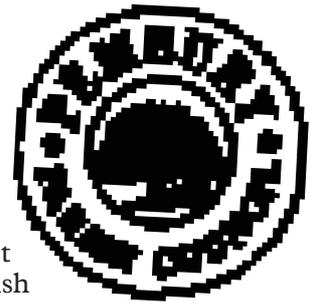
You will need to sign up to the Local Government Code of Conduct - available from the Parish Clerk

Interested?

Contact the Pembury Parish Clerk, Barbara Russell, on 823193 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday for an application form and further information. You can also contact the office at any time by email on [pemburypc@hotmail.com](mailto:pemburypc@hotmail.com) or write c/o 6 The Grove, Pembury TN2 4BU.

Formal notice of a vacancy was posted on village notice boards on Tuesday 7 May 2002.

Closing date will be 21st June 2002 and interviews or a poll will be held shortly after that date.



## NOTCUTTS JUBILEE PRESENTATION

ON 20TH MARCH staff from Nottcutts Garden Centre presented the Parish of Pembury with a splendid seat to commemorate the Golden Jubilee. It has an impressive carved panel showing a crown, date and royal cipher EIIR. Made of plantation grown teak that was at least 60 years old when cut, it is of very high density wood from the centre of the tree which makes the life expectancy of the seat at least 50 years and probably longer. With the nature of the wood the seat requires no maintenance at all but will weather down to a silver grey.

*From left to right: Jean Smith, Nottcutts manager, Councillor Gill Matthews, Councillor Rosemary Latter, Councillor Alison Morton*



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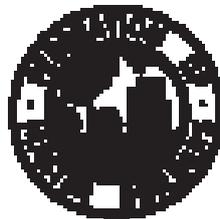
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## RUBBISH MATTERS

**H**URRAH! THE 'tip lorry' (sorry, *civic amenity vehicle*) is still with us!

The Sunday tip lorry service remains unaltered for the coming year. Times are:

12:00 - 12:55     Henwoods Crescent  
13:00 - 13:55     Herons Way  
14:00 - 15:00     Woodhill Park

The change of heart is the result of comments from those who use the service, particularly in Pembury. It shows what can be done if everyone works together!

### **New weekly domestic collection arrangements for Pembury**

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is going through an extensive review of how best to dispose of the different kinds of rubbish we all generate. They are looking at how to balance costs with the need to recycle and how to give residents the best service within their budget.

From June, the Borough Council will be collecting different types of rubbish on alternate weeks. General domestic rubbish should continue to be put in the standard green wheelie bins that we all already have. These will be collected every other week.

The new brown bins which the Borough Council is now introducing should be used for garden waste, dead flowers, etc. These will be collected on the same week as the paper & cardboard green boxes.

Basically, general rubbish one week and recyclable waste alternate weeks. As more and more people are recycling bulky items such as cardboard boxes, packaging, paper and glass, the normal green wheelie bins shouldn't get so full. By the time you read this, you should have had a notice from the Borough explaining all this in detail.

On a personal note, my family and I fully support recycling initiatives and have composted vegetable waste and have taken glass and papers to the special bins for many years. Many people already recycle supermarket bags as bin liners, boot bags, etc. as well as taking them back to re-use in the shops. I would like to urge the Borough Council to consider recycling plastic. The amount of fizzy drink and water bottles we get through just in my house is legendary!

*At the public meetings held at very short notice on 9th and 10th May, residents expressed their deep unhappiness at the new scheme. The main objections were the withdrawal of a weekly general refuse collection, the imposition of a new system without considering practicalities for more vulnerable groups, the speed with which the scheme has been introduced, the lack of consultation with Pembury residents and by-passing of local representative democratic channels.*

*Firmly based upon grass roots reaction by parishioners, Parish and Borough Councillors are making urgent and very strong representations to the Borough on these points. We will report in the next News, but please see Community News in the Courier and Kent Messenger for developments in the meantime.*

*If you wish to support the Councillors' efforts to have this scheme re-examined, then please send your letters to any of the Borough Councillors (David Mills, Bruce Ballantine, Paul Barrington-King) at their addresses on page 37.*

**Editor**



## **SINGERS! MUSICIANS!** **Your village needs you!**

**On Saturday 15 June at 6.30 pm, there will be the**  
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**Children's competition for best dressed King or Queen**  
**from British history – Judging at 7 pm – Prizes**  
**Winners will be special guests opening Village Fete on 20 July**

### **AN AMENDMENT . . .**

***T**HE FINANCIAL report was published in March this year as part of the Annual Report to the Parish – see coloured centre section of the Spring edition, No. 109, of the Pembury Village News. Unfortunately, a few mistakes crept in. We publish below the correct version.*

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2001**

It is my duty to submit the following particulars in respect of the Parish Finances for the year ending 31st March 2001:

Precept demanded from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for 2000/2001	£115,300.00
Income from other sources	£22,732.56
Balance brought forward 1st April 2000	£132,818.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£270,850.56</b>
Expenditure	£162,715.12
Balance Carried Forward on 31st March 2001	£108,135.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£270,850.56</b>
The precept for the year 2001/2002 was	£118,800.00
The precept for the year 2002/2003 will be	£124,500.00

I would, with respect, request that the Chairman of the Parish Council submits this Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2001 for adoption.

Barbara Russell, Clerk to the Council

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## UNDER 12'S 6-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT AT ARSENAL

*ON SUNDAY 7TH April 20 teams of enthusiastic young footballers, including Pembury Athletic Under 9's, converged on Arsenal from all over the South of England to take part in a strenuous and very competitive tournament organised by the Premiership football club. The standard of play was remarkably high, as Derek Flint reports.*

“First off, I would like to thank the Arsenal for organising this event – an absolutely brilliant day and an event that we have already penned in our diary for next year.

Our main man, Dave Williamson, being a season ticket holder had seen the tournament advertised in the match programme. As a reward for both our mini soccer teams' effort and hard work throughout this past season, we entered. To say our lads were excited is an understatement, indeed both teams suffered a rare defeat the day before. Pre-match nerves 24 hours before the event!

Minibus hired, everyone was on time. Some of the parents looked the worst for wear, not from a night out, but from being woken at some ungodly hour that morning. We're off and just short of the Blackwall Tunnel a breakfast stop at McDonalds. Arriving at Highbury for 9.30a.m. we have our first problem. One of the lads gets his fingers crushed in the door. The only good thing was it was not one of our goalkeepers. Upstairs to the changing area the tension begins to heighten still further as the draw is up on the wall and team managers and captains have the rules explained to them in the sports hall.

Looking at the size of some of our opponents we again emphasise the fact that we are here to enjoy and to learn. Maybe winning it this year is too much to ask! For my team, the Pembury Cougars, we seem to have been drawn in a group where all the opposition must have been on growth hormones.

Our first match against Eltham, the biggest team at the tournament, does not quite go according to plan. For the first three minutes miraculously the score stays at 0–0. That's thanks to the goalkeeper, the woodwork and a huge slice of good luck! Disaster, we give away a penalty and for the next four minutes it is like the Alamo. Shots were raining in from everywhere and at the final whistle we have lost 5–0.

The Pembury Panthers, our sister team, draw their first two games 1–1 – a fantastic effort against older teams. We, meanwhile, play our next match against the Pumas and are under siege from the first to the last whistle. At the end we have lost 7–0 despite the spirited efforts of our defence. Pembury Panthers take a mauling in their next match against, as it turns out, the eventual finalists. Some of the team are reduced to tears but credit to them all, they went out in their final game and lost narrowly 1–0. The final game for the Pembury Cougars is against the best footballing side in our group, Winchmore Hill Youth. They tear straight into us from the start and, as valiantly as our back three perform, we are soon trailing. A thunderous drive from one of the opposing strikers hits our keeper full in the face and he goes down pole-axed. Referee, coaching staff and players rush to his aid. ‘Careful, he wears glasses!’

The referee looks and says, ‘I can't see any glasses!’

Carefully, we move the goalie thinking he may be lying on them, but they are not there. As he gets to his feet wiping the tears from his face the missing glasses are spotted. They are caught in the netting, undamaged, peering out at us.

The siege resumes and again we go down, 7–0. A defeat, yes, but we earned a lot about the character of our team. For some of our players this tournament was definitely a step too far but for others this could well be the making of them. The semi-finals and final are played with all the

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## UNDER 12'S *continued*

teams staying to watch. The quality of some of the football was outstanding and we can see now the level we need to attain if we wish to compete on this sort of stage.

Both our teams enjoyed the day and hopefully learnt a lot. As one of the coaches I certainly did, not only from the footballing side of things but also about the players in my squad. Although we did not win a match, the teams' efforts both on and off the pitch were recognised by the Arsenal Staff and we were awarded the Ken Banham Fair Play Award. For Pembury to win the 'Fair Play Trophy' filled all of the coaching staff there and the lads themselves with pride. They were all a credit to themselves, the club and the village of Pembury! Thanks again to the Arsenal and we look forward to seeing them again next year."

**Derek Flint** – Coach, Pembury Youth Cougars Under 9's

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## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

OUR SPRING MEETING was a success, with a good number present who heard Peter Goddard of The National Trust present an illustrated talk on the houses and gardens which the N.T. own and manage in this part of the country. Whenever we organise a speaker for one of our meetings we ask them not only to give a dynamic and interesting presentation of their particular subject, but to include things which have turned out to be unexpectedly humorous or disastrous or just plain quirky. Quite often, during our discussions before the event, it has been evident that it might be difficult for the person who will be giving the talk to relax enough to find themselves able to recount the funny, the sad and the unusual aspects of their work or of their special topic. But we succeed and it does seem that our members appreciate the results of our cajoling.



This is an apposite moment to mention that we have a very special speaker booked for our meeting on Monday 21st October 2002. For some weeks we have been negotiating with Lord Stirling's office, which is part of the Home Office and which has been responsible for the arrangements nationwide for The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations, to provide a speaker for that event. This has now been agreed and a senior member of their team will visit us on that evening, so we have much to look forward to. Maybe we will hear stories that have escaped the eyes and ears of the media; we can but hope, especially if we employ a modicum of subtle cajoling between now and then!

As Chairman of the Society my wife and I were invited to the recent AGM of the Pembury Footpath Walkers and it was most pleasant to be in the company of those who find the exercise and the companionship of belonging to this group to be so rewarding. All their members seemed so fit! – walking the large network of public footpaths throughout this area of the Garden of England would appear to be much more fun and much more sociable than spending time on a machine in a gymnasium!

At the moment of writing we have just returned from the celebrations arranged to herald the launch of the New Opportunities Fund public computers at Pembury library. This new facility was introduced by Ruth Thompson and was officially opened by Kevin Lynes our County Councillor and represents a great step forward so that anyone and everyone in Pembury can access the internet, send e-mails and word-process without charge. It was sad to hear that Jean Regalis, who is so well known and liked for being the librarian in our village for many years has decided to retire; she will be missed and on behalf of The Pembury Society we wish her well for the future.

**Derek Johnson**

## PEMBURY IN BLOOM COMPETITION

**S**SIX YEAR OLD Emma Robinson of Knights Ridge, Pembury visited Notcutts Garden Centre to help Parish Councillor Gill Matthews and Notcutts' Andrew Greene launch this year's Pembury in Bloom Competition. To celebrate the Queen's 50th anniversary of her coronation the competition, sponsored by Notcutts Garden Centre and run in partnership with Pembury Parish Council, has an exciting new gardening category for The Best Golden Jubilee Interpretation as shown by planting in a front garden. This new category encourages entrants to use their imagination and creativity to express through gardening what the Jubilee means to them, for their chance to win £50 in Notcutts vouchers. It can be anything floral from exhibits in the front garden to arrangement of flowers in hanging baskets and containers

In addition to the new category there are five other categories, these are as follows:

- (a) The Best Front Garden
- (b) The Best Hanging Basket
- (c) The Best Container Planted and Maintained by a Child
- (d) The Notcutts Rose Bowl for the Most attractive Commercial Frontage
- (e) The Notcutts Shield for the Best Allotment

All entries (allotments category excluded) must be visible from the street.

This is an excellent opportunity to brighten up our village and we are hoping for as many entries as possible.

The closing date for all entries is Monday, 15th July 2002. Judging takes place shortly afterwards and the winners' names will be announced at a special presentation tea to be held in August at Notcutts garden centre. So that the competition remains fair first prize winners in the residential categories will be entered into a new champions category with effect from 2003.

An entry form is enclosed with this edition of the News; they are also available from Pembury Parish Council office (823193) and Notcutts Garden Centre, Tonbridge Road, Pembury.

As in previous years, Pembury has entered the South East in Bloom competition which considers civic floral displays and environmental initiatives as well as residents' and commercial premises; this will also be judged in July.

*Launching the competition, left to right; Jean Smith, Notcutts manager; Andrew Greene, Notcutts; Emma Robinson from Pembury; Councillor Gill Matthews, Pembury Parish Council*



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## PEMBURY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

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**T**HE ENVIRONMENTAL Group, although still in its infancy, has had a remarkable start to the year, even with relatively small numbers. Having cleared a large part of the pond on Dislingbury Lane (*see News, last edition Spring 2002*), we will re-visit in the Autumn to continue our work. We have planted approximately 200 new hedge whips in Redwings Lane and again we will continue the replanting in the latter part of this year.

Our latest project, the clearing of Rowley Hill, is now entering the final stages. Sadly, this lane which used to be walked by many prior to the by-pass cutting across it has been subject to total neglect by the Borough Council, constant use as a dog loo, a dumping ground for household waste, garden waste, car oil and vandalism to the lamp posts. When we have finished clearing the lane the lamp posts will be restored to working order making it safer to walk at night and a very tight watch, even CCTV, will be kept to catch fly tippers.



*Rowley Hill – before*

I would like to thank the people who have given up their time so far in restoring these areas for people to enjoy and wildlife to flourish. If anybody else can give up even an hour every now and again, then it makes all the difference. Please contact me on 823068 if you are interested because we will be commencing other projects later. We are hoping to hold a group meeting soon to officially announce our group and form a constitution. We will keep you informed via notices in shops and village noticeboards.

Don't forget to set aside (even a small) part of your garden for the benefit of butterflies. Please do also support your local farms who offer such a wide range of fresh fruit from early



*Rowley Hill – after*

summer onwards: strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, blackberries, gooseberries, apples, pears, plums cherries. What more do we want? . . . and they are just down the road.

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**Hugh Boorman**

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## PEMBURY PEOPLE

### Derek Johnson

**T**HE STRENGTH and values of a community are perhaps measured by the commitment of its citizens to its well-being. We are fortunate to have The Pembury Society with their mission statement of *'Planning for the future – enhancing the present'*. The present Chairman of the Society is, of course, Derek Johnson who on election to his post in 1996 stated *"I very much enjoy the work we do for the village and this satisfaction is made even more pleasurable by working with such a capable and happy team of fellow committee members"*.



Derek came to Pembury in 1978 with his wife Christine and three children Mark, Lisa and Emma. At this time Derek was the South East Regional Manager for a GEC communications company. His career was in the main associated with telecommunications, television and radio and subsequently involved him with such projects as the Bermuda-USA submarine cable link for the British Post Office.

The last decade has seen Derek involved with many aspects of village life such as the Pembury 2000 team under the stewardship of the present Parish Council Chairman Sarah Clarke. This activity resulted in the production of a publication that detailed a survey of the expectations and needs of the villagers as they approached the new millennium. Amongst his many involvements Derek is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing in addition to being a past Director of the Institute of Management Foundation.

Those of us whom have had the pleasure of Derek's company would agree with his personal appraisal that he is a 'gregarious person who has an open sense of humour and one who enjoys good company'. His favourite dish is a well-prepared steak and kidney pudding with the caveat that if you wish to share this culinary delight *"You can do or say anything you like providing you have good table manners!"*

His leisure activities include writing, painting and sculpting and perhaps many of us would agree with his reflection when he states *"Now that the youngsters have left home and my wife and I are enjoying retirement it would seem that there should be bags of time to apply oneself to such things but it doesn't work like that!"* If that sounds familiar try Derek's experience of being a grandparent – *"For some reason I never wanted to face being a grandfather, probably because this would be an admission of advancing years. As the issue was put out of my hands and now that I am – it's just great!"*

In Derek's estimation, The Pembury Society could vastly increase its membership to perhaps one in three of all Pembury households. *"However, this would be a double-edged sword because we don't have enough volunteers to act as distributors and/or collectors to service such a number and if even half of the membership decided to attend one of our meetings we would have to hire the Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall to house them instead of the new village hall!"*

To conclude, Derek would like to see more involvement from members of our community with particular reference to the administrative bodies that, in the main, rely on a hardcore of hardworking individuals. He feels that Pembury is a community in its own right and the threat of housing development on the hospital site would only lead to our village becoming yet another suburb of Tunbridge Wells. This might tally well with the philosophy of Leopold Aldo [1886-1948] when he stated *"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."*

**Paul Barrington-King**

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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

### Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation Festivities

AS THE PAPERS today are full of arrangements being made to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Coronation of our present Queen, I thought I would look into the archives of the local paper to try and find out what Pembury and the other surrounding communities were doing to celebrate the day of the actual Coronation. It was reported that “. . . on Coronation Day, Elizabeth and Philip – Elizabeth Jenner and Philip Foreman – helped Mr Arthur Penn, the then Chairman of the Pembury Parish Council, to plant a tree in the Pembury Recreation Ground as a permanent commemoration of the event. The ceremony followed a fancy dress parade through the Village which was in turn followed in the afternoon by a display by the children of the village of country and folk-dancing, and in the evening there was dancing on the Recreation Ground. The judges of the fancy dress competition were so impressed by the number and quality of the entries that they awarded extra consolation prizes out of their own pockets!”

Some of the younger winners were named as C. Jeffery, D. Jeffery, R. Granger, I. P. Walter, D. Goodsell, I. Collins, M. Reader, A. Collins and D. Corbett. Do you recognise any of these names? Earlier in the day, there had been a united Church Service at the Recreation Ground when a congregation of about 200 sang to the music of a Goudhurst band, those officiating being the Rev. L. J. Howels, the newly inducted Free Church Minister and Rev D. M. Wiswell. Later on worshippers at the Upper Church joined in the Westminster Abbey service relayed to them by radio.

Television was in its infancy at this time, those people who had this luxury arranged television parties for their neighbours. Indeed, it was quoted in the paper's columns that two TV sets which were hired by Brenchley Coronation Committee for use in the village hall “*perfectly functional throughout the day, but that a third set was not connected up at the last moment because of technical difficulties.*” It makes you wonder what technical difficulties were around at that time doesn't it!!

*Festivities in Tunbridge Wells on Coronation Day were confined to the evening “. . . when a great crowd assembled on the Common for a fancy dress parade, to see a fireworks display and a bonfire being lit and to take part in community singing. The broadcast of the Queen's speech was the signal for a movement towards the loud speaker van and in silence they heard Her Majesty speak to them over the radio.”* As a footnote to these reported festivities, I also saw an article which included a past account of Queen Victoria's Coronation celebrations in Tunbridge Wells in 1838 which read “*Dinner was given at Tunbridge Wells to the poor. About 1,000 dined on roast beef and plum pudding; each man had one quart of ale and each woman one pint. After that, rural sports, football, jumping in sacks, climbing the pole, a jingling match (what's that?) and a donkey race, all of which went off well. Trades people carved four to each table and there were four tables 80 feet long forming a radius.*”

On a lighter note, whilst researching this article I noticed an advertisement of a Tunbridge Wells establishment proclaiming “*A Coronation Dinner Dance on Saturday Night to the Norman Griffiths Band – 12/6d (twelve shillings and six pence – about 63p!); also, Daily Luncheons 5/- (five shillings – about 25p) and a four course dinner 7/6d (seven shillings and six pence – about 38p!).*” Ah, well!

Looking back on the past still amazes me and surely gives us all an insight as to how times have changed and how they have changed so quickly. To those readers who lived through our Queen's Coronation celebrations, I hope that this article brings back happy memories for you. I know it has done so for me!

**Henry Plant**

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## Football

A LOT OF READERS have had fun sorting out footballers from the 1940s. With the kind assistance of Melvyn Cole, we have moved along a few years. The picture below shows the Pembury 1st XI in the 1977/78 season. We believe that the line up is as follows:

Back row, left to right: ??, ??, ??, ? Akehurst, ??, Mick Waterman, Ray Hollands, David Hares, Ron Foord.

Front row, left to right: John Williams, ??, Hugh Boorman, Denis Cole, Melvyn Cole, ??



Can you help us fill in the gaps? Please write to the Editor (address on page 2). Answers will be published in the next edition.

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## STAN MOXON'S SEAT

ON 13TH APRIL, a new seat was formally presented to the village by those who wished to remember Stan Moxon and his contribution to Pembury life. Friends and family gathered on the Village Green on a slightly chilly morning and Councillor Rosemary Latter accepted the seat on behalf of the Parish Council. Credit must go to Howard Moore whose sterling efforts to collect donations to fund the seat made it all possible.

*Back row, left to right: Councillor Alison Morton, Stan's daughter Eileen Cole, son Alan Moxon, Councillor Rosemary Latter, Councillor Paul Barrington-King, Howard Moore. Sitting, left to right: widow Joan Moxon and sister Mabel Jenner.*



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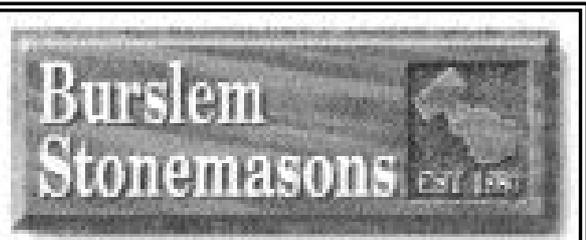
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## BROAD BAND INTERNET FOR PEMBURY

**A**S A PEMBURY resident and Internet user I have been disappointed by the lack of fast 'Broadband' Internet services available in the area but there are some things we can do to try and encourage their availability.

Broadband Internet services are many times faster than a normal modem and are 'always on' so you can:

- Access the Internet any time of day or night without having to wait for your modem to connect.
- Down load web pages and files many times faster than over a 56k modem.
- Share the Internet between several computers, ideal for homes with more than one PC.
- Listen to radio stations from around the world via the Internet.
- Use a web cam to monitor your house from any where in the world you can access the Internet.
- Access your work computers and work from home.
- Play online games.

There are several ways that broadband Internet can be provided:

- Via a cable TV. I am not aware of any part of Pembury wired for cable TV and with the cable companies making huge losses at the moment it would appear unlikely that any will, so this method can be discounted for the moment.
- Via a short-range radio. This uses high frequency radio signals to connect a base station to an antenna on your roof. The base stations are expensive so these services are only installed where a demand can be shown to exist and the obvious desire of local residents to minimise the number of radio masts may cause planning problems.
- Over your normal telephone. Using a method called Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line or ADSL for short. Unlike a normal modem, with ADSL you can access the Internet and use your phone for calls at the same time so you don't need a second phone line. ADSL requires the local telephone exchange to be upgraded. BT are short of money and will only upgrade exchanges where a demand is present.

Of the three, the last is probably the most likely to happen in Pembury but unless we as residents express demand it may not be for some years if ever! The main Tunbridge Wells telephone exchange is upgraded so how can we get what our neighbours just over the A21 have already got?

### **Generate demand! Campaign now!**

If you use the Internet at home or work, even if you don't think you would use broadband at the moment, register your interest in broadband at [www.broadband4pembury.org.uk](http://www.broadband4pembury.org.uk) and we can show BT there is demand in Pembury for ADSL. If then, in the future, you do decide you want ADSL Pembury exchange could already be enabled.

**Mark.Leman@broadband4pembury.org.uk, website [www.broadband4pembury.org.uk](http://www.broadband4pembury.org.uk)**

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## PEMBURY BROWNIES – PACK HOLIDAY 2002

**O**NCE AGAIN Buckmore Park, Chatham, was the venue for the Brownie Pack Holiday. Twenty-two Brownies, one Guide, two Young Leaders and four Guiders stayed at the Scout Activity Centre from 29th March to 2nd April.

The supervised activities again included archery, wall climbing and swimming; but added to these was roller-skating. The Guiders were unsure whether to participate in this, but those who did came out completely unscathed – despite the rumours. By adding some extra challenges,

such as Camp Fire Entertainment, everyone completed a total of nine activities and therefore gained the Buckmore Park Scout Centre Activity Award, with badge and certificate.

As always the Brownies had to help prepare meals, wash up, clean the Holiday house and keep their rooms tidy. Some of these tasks were easier than others! We all enjoyed the Holiday, and hope to repeat it in the not too distant future.

**Moira Allan and Wendy Plane**, 1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies



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## GILL'S GARDEN

WITH THE FROSTS over it is time to finish planting out the annuals and herbaceous plants and trim back winter flowering ericas and early flowering shrubs such as ribes and forsythia. It is also the time to plant out container grown shrubs keeping them well watered.

Geraniums, begonias, lobelias and busy lizzies are some of the plants needed for hanging baskets, troughs or tubs. If using terracota pots these should be left to soak in water overnight before planting as they absorb the water from the potting compost.

It is also time now to plant bulbs for flowering in late summer such as gladioli as well as sowing hardy annuals in open ground such as wallflowers and polyanthus for next spring.

Lawns need special care at this time with regular mowing required. If the weather is dry the lawn should be watered thoroughly occasionally rather than given a little water often. We have to be vigilant at this time of year as plants are prone to pests and diseases and slugs can eat most plants in a short space of time. Aphids can be a particular problem but if *Limonanthes* is planted these attract hover flies which eat the aphids.

Beds and borders need to be hoed and weeded and hedges should be clipped otherwise they will soon get out of control.

This is a lovely time of year so try to sit in the garden and enjoy its beauty.

*This is my last "Gill's Garden" as this summer my husband, youngest son and I are moving to Devon. We have a newly-built house on a side of a hill and creating the garden there will bring both challenges and opportunities! We will be returning to Pembury regularly as our older children will continue living here for the time being. My best wishes to you all and happy gardening!*

**Gill Matthews**

Editor asks: Any volunteers to tend and nurture this column? Please contact me – details on inside front cover.

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## MY PLOT

I'M GROWING outdoor cucumbers for the first time this summer. Last year my neighbouring 'plotter' Tony, grew a variety called Marketmore and they were amazing. They didn't have any of the drawbacks that usually go with cucumbers. They didn't need the male flowers picking out to prevent pollination, they didn't stop setting new fruit if you didn't pick them often enough and they didn't need training up any support. All this and they didn't need a greenhouse either. Fantastic! I'm growing 'Paska' and I hope they're good because the seeds cost £1 each.

I always try to find some novelty fruit or vegetable to grow each year. This year it is Asparagus Peas, which are neither asparagus nor pea. I liked the idea of growing Kiwano, an orange-skinned cucumber with a sweet green jelly-like pulp that tastes like banana and lime, but unfortunately(!) the seed was unavailable.

Another new development for me is planting some rose bushes that a friend was chucking out. I am using them as a source of cut flowers for home

because I never want to cut the flowers in my garden.

All my other tried and tested crops are there too, including several types of beans. There is a climbing French bean that has purple pods, which look really pretty. They cook green just like normal but it's much easier to see them for picking. I recommend them. People say the same about yellow courgettes but somehow they don't look so appealing to me. Neither do yellow raspberries or tomatoes, but I'm probably being narrow-minded. If anyone gave them to me for free I'd definitely give them a try.

Speaking of free – another friend dumped a pile of chippings for me to use. They are turning out to be very handy as mulch around the raspberries and blackberries, as a paving material and as the base layer in a cold frame to even out the bottom and warm it up as the chips slowly compost. In fact they can get so hot, I could try pineapples and melons like the Victorians used to!

**Caroline Mazzezy**





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**I**T DOESN'T seem long since the last Fete when we were able to provide £16,500 towards the Drager Ventilator to help new-born babies breathe more easily.

This year, our attention moves to the Ophthalmology Department as the project chosen for fund raising is a Humphrey Fields Analyser which provides sophisticated diagnosis for conditions such as glaucoma and cataracts. This will be of use to the vast majority of patients and covers all ages. The cost is about £13,000 so once again we need your help.

Do come along and enjoy yourself by supporting the fete on Saturday 24th August.

**Ken Marsh**

## **PEMBURY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE – 6th July 2002, 2pm**

**T**HE SAUSAGES will be sizzling, the bouncy castle ready and the sun shining (hopefully!). The Pembury scouts, cubs, guides and brownies have kindly agreed to open the fete. They will march from the green at 1.30pm with the Pembury Phoenix Twirlers, so come and cheer them on.

At the fete there will be a chance for the children to dress up as a famous person from the last 50 years in the fancy dress competition. There will be a display by Dancewise and the Twirlers to music from the 50s and 60s. Potential stars of future World Cups, from Pembury AFC, will be displaying their footballing skills.

There will be a huge range of stalls to entertain including bottle tombola, mega assault course, craft stall, cakes, teas, white elephant and many more! So make a date in your diary.

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**Contact Linda Bowen on 825536 for further details**

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## SNIPPETS

### **A REMINDER**

As mentioned in the Spring News, Archie Norman MP is having an open meeting with the residents of Pembury on 13 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have any particular questions, it would be helpful to let the Parish Clerk know (see page 37).

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### **ALAN SKINNER, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Readers may remember Alan Skinner, the then Kent County Life Vice President, RBL, who formally opened our new Village Hall in September 2000 (featured in the Winter 2000 News and 'Millennium Year'). We learned at the end of March that he had died after a long illness. His friendly, but gentle manner hid a great ability as well as experience of helping many ex-service personnel over a considerable number of years.

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### **CARS!**

Several people have mentioned to me that drivers increasingly seem to be parking opposite each other in residential streets, thus completely blocking the way for emergency and amenity vehicles. It is the second 'parker' who is being inconsiderate. Now, most people could move the car up the street a little or even put their cars on their drive . . . !

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### **MARY STANDEN**

On learning about the death of Mary Standen Tony Pomfrett contacted us by email from Palmerston North in New Zealand. He tells us that he used to work with her father Jack who was the Yard Foreman at Penn's the Builders when he was an apprentice. He still has an original typed copy of Jack's 'History of Pembury' and two individual histories written by Mary. He ends by saying that Mary will be greatly missed.

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### **PEMBURY SCHOOL**

The Pembury School website has recently gone on line. Go to [www.pembury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.pembury.kent.sch.uk) to see what's happening.

### **THE MILLENNIUM YEAR IN PEMBURY SOUVENIR BOOK – AMENDMENT**

It has been pointed out that we mistakenly called Mrs Christina Lundberg 'Deputy Headteacher' when she was in fact 'Acting Headteacher' at that time. We would therefore ask you to amend the 'Mugs and wishes . . .' article on page 7 accordingly.

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### **NEW POLICE RURAL TASK TEAM**

Andy Sturtivant, based at Paddock Wood Police Station, writes to tell us about a new police initiative: "Over the last five weeks the West Kent Special Constabulary has set up a new Rural Task Team consisting of six Special Constables giving their own time to help in the fight against anti-social behaviour in the rural parts of West Kent. The team operates on Friday and Saturday evenings and so far has had some fantastic results. We are looking to make members of the public aware of our presence, not only by patrolling the rural areas but also by communicating to them through their local newsletters/magazines.

"The team have spent the last three weekends in the Pembury area concentrating on under-age drinking, drug abuse and other criminal activities such as criminal damage and graffiti. These weeks have been a huge success and it is our aim to continue working in Pembury for the foreseeable future. We would like to let the residents in Pembury know what we are up to and how we are getting on."

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**ALF PIMBLETT**, who featured in 'Pembury People' in the Winter 2001 News, died suddenly but peacefully, a few weeks ago. He was a familiar figure walking his dogs, especially Meg, around the village. He had won the Military Medal in Burma and proudly displayed it with the other 1939-45 campaign medals at the annual village Remembrance Sunday ceremony. He always had a friendly word for everyone he met and will be much missed.

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## HOSPICE NEWS

**WE WERE DELIGHTED** to welcome the Earl and Countess of Wessex to the hospice on 18 April. The royal couple were able to talk with patients, families, staff, benefactors and volunteers during their one and a quarter hour visit, which was at our request.

Our new website is now up and running, with all the latest news and information about our services and fundraising events. Visit the site at [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk).

Forthcoming events at the hospice include “Posh Junk”, a large jumble sale type event on June 29. Details of this event and all others in aid of hospice are available from the hospice.

In addition the latest flower dedication leaflet, ‘The Lily’ is now available from reception and the hospice shop. A lily bulb may be purchased in memory of a special friend or loved one. The bulbs will be planted in the autumn to provide a splash of colour in years to come. Donors will receive a memorial card and your loved one’s name will be recorded in a special Dedication Book which will be on display in the hospice.

Ladies are invited to join our team of runners taking part in this year’s Flora Women’s 5K Fun Run in Hyde Park London on Sunday September 1st. Last year 40 runners were sponsored for hospice amongst 20,000 ladies. Contact Richard Snow on 820534 for details.

*HRH Countess of Wessex,  
Richard Snow,  
Fundraising Director,  
HRH Earl of Wessex, John  
Ashelford, Chief Executive*



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## WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?

**T**HIS IS the question asked at our regular monthly meetings. After six years of fundraising our local Hospice Link Group is in need of new life. With tremendous support from the community we have raised over £65,000, but like all hospitals the running costs never stop.

What we need most is new ideas and new members – fresh blood and enthusiasm can wake up the most jaded minds.

If you feel that you would like to be involved, just call up – we promise a warm welcome, hard work, and fun – but don’t worry if you

have limited time – none of the group can help all the time – and you won’t be pressured to do the impossible only the occasional miracle!

We do have a car treasure hunt lined up for September – to be followed by a Bar-B-Q at the Cricket Club – watch out for news, and we are also hoping to hold a fashion and therapies night – any thoughts? As usual we will have stalls at most of the local fetes – so hope to see you soon.

**Contact Sue Boreham 824385 for more information**

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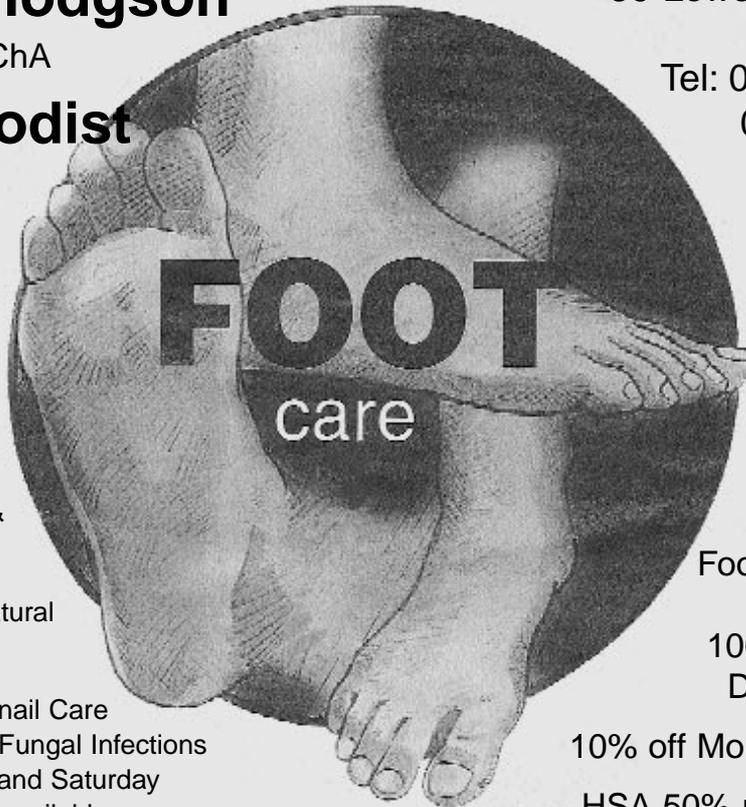
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## PEMBURY PHOENIX TWIRLERS

**T**HE PHOENIX TWIRLERS have risen from the ashes! What a difference one year has made . . . having been at the point of closure back in March 2001, Phoenix Twirlers – Pembury’s Majorette Troupe is now thriving. Membership was down to six girls and the costs of hall hire couldn’t be covered. However, the remaining six did not want to give up and their perseverance has paid off. There is now a regular attendance of approximately 20 girls with ages spread between five and 14 years.

They participated in both Tonbridge and Paddock Wood carnivals last summer, and took part in local competitions in October. Two girls won trophies and the group routine earned a high mark though did not win a trophy.

In November, several girls entered their grade examinations. Jessica, Jade, Sarah, Ali and Nicola passed their bronze award and Becci Cawfield gained her Supreme One, which is above the gold award.

Then there were more competitions in February followed by the national championships at Camber Sands at Easter and back into the Carnival season again. It’s all go!!

Anyone wishing to join us should ring Dave or Chris on 824233 or just turn up at the YMCA building on the Pembury Football Club grounds at 10.00am on Saturday mornings. Hope to see you there.

*Becci Cawfield performing her ribbon solo which won her a 1st trophy in the 2001 Autumn competitions*



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Like us all, the volunteers are getting older, get ill and go on holiday and reserves are

always needed – again on a regular or odd occasion – if you feel that this might be the chance to meet new people we would love to see you. The monies raised each week go to support the Village Hall upkeep and to various local charities and good causes, so it really is a community event.

We do hope you will give us a visit, even just for a cuppa or meeting place. We’ll do the work – all you have to do is come along.

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## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**T**HE RECORDED crime figures for Pembury for the period January to March 2002 show an amazing change for the good from 56 in the previous quarter down to 40 in the first quarter this year. The only thing that could distort this figure is if people do not report the crime and, more essentially, do not get an incident number. Be persistent!

I was talking to a parishioner two weeks ago who had a mirror broken on his new car and left dangling by a piece of wire when it was parked outside his house. It may seem quite insignificant but car mirrors, especially heated ones, can sometimes cost a hundred pounds or more. Another parishioner reports that both mirrors on her new car were forced off and the doors damaged in the process. She faces a total bill of over £800, paying a compulsory £100 excess and losing a no claims bonus 'life!'

Why should anybody have to pay for this cowardly, mindless act, done late at night. It is certainly older children bored with nothing to do. They lack the 'bottle' to go out, earn some money and buy their own things, so they work out their inadequacies on hurting others.

The ramp in the Recreation Ground has been the subject of an arson attack. Why? We know that youngsters' expectations change with the times but the ramp was built for them all to enjoy and I have seen some getting a great deal of enjoyment from it rolling up and down on their skates. Another recent incident has been when the newly planted beds by the re-furbished tennis courts have been systematically robbed of all the new planting as soon as it was put in. Somebody has a lovely garden, courtesy of the parishioners of Pembury . . . so please report any persons to the police who you feel are in the Recreation Ground damaging or stealing any Parish property (which actually belongs to you, the parishioners)

One of our local police officers recently commented to me that the Parish Council did not appear to support the police. Nothing could be further from the truth. Past copies of the crime page will show our support, especially for those on the beat who deal with the public. However, we will always feel we have the right to comment on policies from higher up when we feel it necessary, especially when it adversely affects our community in Pembury.

Keep up the good work and let us try to bring the figures down to 35 or even lower!

**Hugh Boorman**

MONTH	ASB	ASB/C	SAFETY INVESTIG	SAFETY OTHER	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	THEFT AND RECEPTION	DRUGS	OTHER OFFENCES	THEFT AND RECEPTION	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	VEHICLE DAMAGE	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	OTHER OFFENCES	TOTAL
January 2002		1		2	3	2			1		1	1		11
February 2002			3		7				3	1	1	2		17
March 2002		2		2	1				1	2		3	1	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>ROAD</b>														
Beagles Wood Road					1									1
Bellfield Road				1										1
Church Road					1									1
Hastings Road									3			1		4
Herwood Green Road			1	1	2				1	2	1	1		9
High Street					1	2			1	1		2	1	8
Lower Green Road			2		2							1		5
Midstone Road				1										1
Tonbridge Road		3		1	4						1	1		10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>

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**REGULARS** – Village Market – Village Hall Thursdays 9.30am – 12noon

### JUNE

- 13 Archie Norman MP: Open meeting with residents of Pembury – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 15  Musical Picnic on the Village Green – 6.30pm
- 16 Pembury Garden Tour – afternoon for details phone 822030
- 21 Closing date for Parish Councillor vacancy applications
- 22 St. Peters – Strawberry Tea – Upper Church Green – 2.30pm
- 25 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 29 Pembury Gardeners: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 29/30 Flower Festival – Old Church – open late morning and afternoons

### JULY

- 3 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Outing to Rochester – contact Secretary for details 823123
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Cornish Cream – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Felt Making – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury School Summer Fete – School Grounds – 2pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 13 Pembury Players: Living Dangerously – 2 One Act Comedies – Village Hall – 8pm
- 15 Pembury in Bloom closing date
- 20  GOLDEN JUBILEE VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN – 2-5pm
- 23 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

### AUGUST

- 1 Pembury Afternoon WI: Members' meeting
- 2 Pembury Evening WI: Members' meeting
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Arms – 2.15pm
- 6 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 7 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Members' garden party – contact Secretary for details 823123
- 12 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 20 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 22 Upper Church – Get-together and Tea for Senior Citizens – 3pm. All welcome
- 24 League of Friends of Pembury Hospital Fete – Pembury Hospital – 1pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Where does all our overseas money go? – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: A Variable Feast of Paintings – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Tiller Girl – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Friends of Pembury Parish Church: Coffee morning and sale – Village Green – 10am
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 9 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Pembury Gardeners Society: Autumn Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 15 Pembury Link Group of Hospice in the Weald – Treasure Hunt – details TBA
- 17 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 22  Golden Jubilee Fun Run – 11am Contact 824472
- 23 St Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church – 8pm

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## ROSIE'S RECIPE CORNER

**I**N 1955 I EMMIGRATED to New Zealand with my family and one of my memories was when my mother was invited to tea with our new neighbours, it was customary to take a 'plate' which my mother did. Unfortunately, she didn't realise that she had to have something on it i.e. a cake, hence my recipe from the fifties which I still have written down in my mother's handwriting and treasure to this day.

### **Fatless Sponge Sandwich**

*Ingredients:*

3 Eggs

Pinch of salt

4 oz Sugar

1 oz Corn flour

2 oz Flour

1 tsp Baking Flour Powder

Beat eggs a little with a pinch of salt. Add sugar and beat until thick. (This could be done with an electric whisk.) Fold in flour, corn flour and baking powder. Pour into greased and floured sandwich tins (8 inch) and bake for 15-20 minutes at 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5

### **Mock Cream Filling for above**

1 1/2 tsp Corn flour

1/2 cup of milk

2 tbsp Icing Sugar

2 tbsp Butter (New Zealand, of course!!)

Mix corn flour and milk together into a smooth paste, then boil 3 or 4 minutes. Cream butter and sugar and add corn flour gradually when cold. Beat well. Flavouring may be added.

Another memory from that time was what I used to know as Chinese Gooseberries, but we call them Kiwi Fruit in this country. They were used a lot in decorating cakes and in Pavlova's. Give it try.

I thought I would carry on with the Jubilee theme and include the recipe of "Queen of Puddings" which was one of my favourites when I lived at home with my parents.

### **Queen of Puddings**

*Ingredients:* enough for 4 servings

2 eggs, separated

400ml (14 fl oz) milk

75g (3 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs

1 tbsp grated lemon rind

75g (3 oz) caster sugar

3-4 tbsp raspberry jam

Heat oven to 150°C (300°F Gas 2). Mix egg yolks, milk, bread-crumbs, lemon rind and 25g (1 oz) sugar together. Pour into a 900 ml (1 1/2 pt) round ovenproof dish. Bake in preheated oven for 50-60 minutes, until set. Whisk egg whites until stiff, then gradually whisk in half the sugar. Fold in the remaining sugar. Spread jam over custard and pipe or spoon meringue round edge of dish to look like a crown. Return to oven for 15-20 minutes, until meringue is set. (Tip: if the jam is quite thick, warm gently in a saucepan on the hob before spreading over the custard base.)

Lastly, I thought with the summer holidays coming along, I would include a recipe that the youngsters may enjoy.

### **Tuna Salad**

*You will need . . .*

1 tin tuna

3 or 4 Spring Onions, chopped

1 hard-boiled Egg, chopped

2 sticks Celery, chopped

2 heaped tablespoons Mayonnaise

1 red, dessert Apple, sliced

Drain tuna, put in large bowl and break up with a fork. Add all other ingredients, mayonnaise last and mix gently. Serve on lettuce or watercress (or fill a hamburger bun).

Enjoy the holidays and please send more of your recipes. My address is 81 Beagles Wood Road, Pembury, TN2 4HZ or you can ring me on 822059 or Email: [rosie@latter.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:rosie@latter.fsworld.co.uk). I look forward to hearing from you.

**Rosie Latter**

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Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

Why is the plural of goose-geese and not the plural of moose-meese?

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Monuments and Headstones

**Discretion assured at all times**