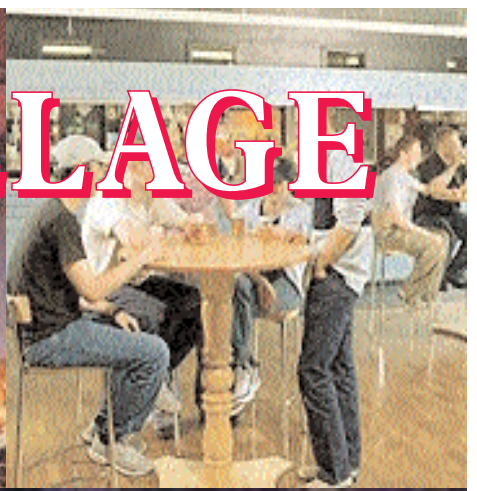
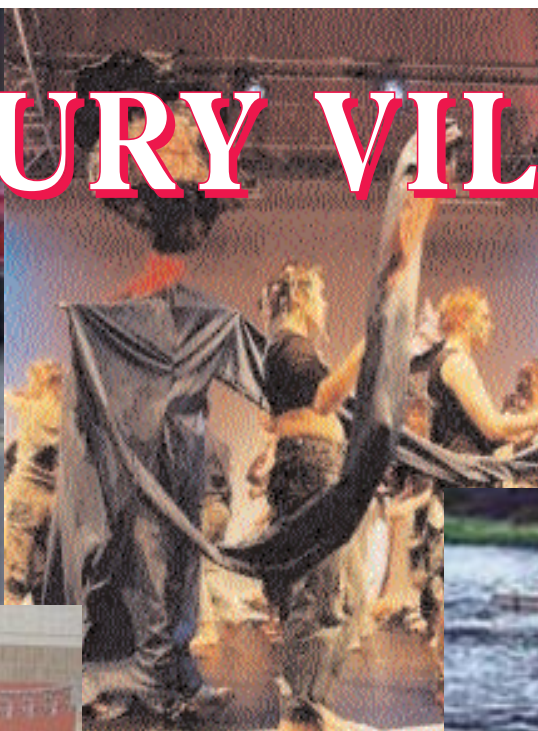


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YOUTH CLUB RE-OPENS

ON TUESDAY 29 April the Youth Club re-opened on the Woodside playing fields at the end of the footpath off Henwoods Mount (the YMCA building). This will continue to open between 7pm-9pm on Tuesdays for young people of secondary school age 11-19 until the end of July when it is hoped something more permanent can be arranged.

A programme of activities will be organised including trips and visits; a committee of young people will work with the staff to organise this programme. Subscriptions will be 50p a week.

For further information contact Steve Hanks c/o Mascalls Youth and Community Centre

07752 884547,
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Update!

Dave Evans, KCC Area Youth and Community Officer for Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells, gave a presentation at the Pembury Parish Council meeting on Monday 12 May about an interim proposal to enable the Youth Club to keep running until 2004.

The Parish Council decided later that evening

to provide, with KCC, sufficient funding to keep the youth club running until April 2004. In the meantime, a proper funding bid would be made to enable the club to continue after next April on a more stable financial basis.

We understand that a group has been formed called "Friends of Pembury Youth Club" which had its first meeting on Wednesday 4 June 2003. The aim is to bring people together to support the on-going provision of a youth club programme for young people in Pembury. More information from Steve Hanks, contact details above.

COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

Any news items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to the Editor before

10 August 2003.

If you use a computer to type your article, it would be extremely helpful if you could send it in on disk or by e-mail. If you do not have a disk, we can supply you with one.



HELPING ‘YOOF’ IN THE VILLAGE

“**Y**EAH, IT’S ALL very well adults saying these things, but what are they doing to help their kids?” I hear. More than you think . . .

Firstly, Pembury Parish Council, in conjunction with Pembury sports clubs, especially the football ones, is well ahead with its plans for a brand new (and bigger!) sports pavilion in the Lower Green Recreation Ground. This will be accessible to all sports groups. Apart from changing rooms, loos, etc, there will be a kitchen area and inside hall.

There is a lot to do, planning such a large project: raising the money through a mixture of local taxation, grants, loans, gifts, etc; consultation with potential users, local residents; satisfying all the regulations, planning rules; drawing up the paperwork, including full plans for the Borough Council, etc., let alone actually deciding what we want inside the building itself! Well, negotiations with the Borough planning authorities have got to the stage where Pembury Parish Council can now commission full drawings for the project. These will be displayed in various places around the village; the Village Hall, the Library, the Scout and Guide Headquarters, etc., for consultation with village residents.

Roll on!

Next, a skate park (similar to but not exactly the same as the one in Hilbert Rec in Tunbridge Wells) is proceeding to the planning stage. It will include fairly low gradient ramps negotiable by all ages. The idea was brought to the Parish Council by a group of younger Pembury people who gave us a presentation and provided drawings of what they would like. Although it all takes time to get these things going (see pavilion story above), the Parish Council is exerting pressure on all concerned to get it up and running.

Pembury Parish Council continues to give support to the Scouts and Guides in the village, not just in money, but in subsidies, publicity, permissions, etc. Of course, it is for the parents to give the main help here; it is their children who are benefiting from the unswerving (and unpaid) efforts of the unit leaders. It really is a skills learning experience here; team building, project work, interpersonal skills, practical skills that will serve these children all their lives. Pretty cheap training, eh?

The YMCA at Woodside – we have a separate article on this – see page 3.

So that riders can have a challenging as well as properly built facility, Pembury Parish Council is planning a Mountain Bike Track in Forest Woods, behind the Scout & Guide Headquarters. Parish Councillors have made extensive investigation of other tracks for comparison and have been trying to get the Borough Council to release the land. Once we have this, we can get on with the project.

Watch this space!

YOOF (*apologies to Janet Street-Porter . . .*)

YOU MAY HAVE noticed that our front cover features younger people. Some images show Pembury residents, some are general. However, everything on the cover can be found in the Pembury/Tunbridge Wells area. Nothing to do? Oh, please!

'Pembury People' in the Spring (March) edition of this magazine featured a question and answer session with local young people. One question that sprang instantly out of it was "Why don't you get up off your xxxs and do something yourselves about it?" Do you really need everything handed to you on a plate?

Find out (and I mean really investigate it, not give up at first attempt) about what you'd like to do. Ask your mates. If they say "Dunno" then they're not really interested in doing anything about it.

Once you have your idea, let's say a disco, think where you could hold it. There are the Village Hall, YMCA Woodside, Catholic Hall, Baptist Church Hall, School Hall, St Peter's. Next you have to find out if you can have your disco there. They do get booked up, so you need to plan a bit. The other thing is that you will need, like it or lump it, an adult to sign booking forms, get insurance, etc. for you. It's tough, but that's the real world.

You need to get someone to do the music, sell tickets, act as 'bouncers'. Somebody needs to organise selling drinks (soft ones; not a prayer of alcoholic ones in the halls for under 18s), crisps, etc. The good news is that there are plenty of adults in the village who have organised things and can give you advice: most of the churches, a lot of the village organisations, the Parish Office, the Pembury School Association, the football clubs, the Scouts and Guides, the Pembury Players – just ask them. They won't do it for you – why



should they? But they could be a valuable source of help – numbers on the inside back cover of this mag.

Sounds bad, all this organising, doesn't it? Well, here's the stunning revelation – things only happen when YOU make them happen.

Editor

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PEMBURY ALL SET TO BLOOM AGAIN!

THE SUN IS shining and it's that time of the year again, time to start planning for this year's Pembury in Bloom competition. This week Gillian Pavely, Pembury Parish Councillor, went along to Pembury Primary School with Jon Kemp, Notcutts Garden Centre manager, to meet the 'Green Gang' and to launch the competition, which is sponsored by Notcutts garden centre and run in partnership with Pembury Parish Council. So dig out your spades, shovel into action and share your floral feats with the rest of the community for a chance to win some super prizes.

"We would particularly like to see more entries from children this year," says Gill. "We have a category for the best container planted and maintained by a child or group of children. This means that not only can a child enter a container on their own but a class at school, a group of Brownies or a group of friends can enter the competition."

This year's categories are:

- The Notcutts Best Front Garden – Prizes: £100, £50, £25 to spend at Notcutts
 - The Best Hanging Basket/Container – Prizes: £70, £30, £15 to spend at Notcutts
 - The Notcutts Prize for the Best Container Planted and Maintained by a Child – Prizes: £20 and £10 in Notcutts vouchers
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- Plus the new category:
- The Master Class for previous First Place Category Winners – £50 to spend at Notcutts.



Gillian Pavely, Pembury Parish Councillor and Chairman of Pembury in Bloom and Jon Kemp, Notcutts Garden Centre Manager, with the Green Gang (Gardening Club of Pembury Primary School) – Emily Melville (11), Sarah Foord (11), Kathleen Beeney (11), Georgina Sommers (11), Sarah Mazzey (10) Jaymie Spreadbury (11) – nearest to the camera.

The closing date for all entries is Monday, 14 July, 2003. Judging takes place shortly afterwards and the winners' names will be announced at a special presentation tea to be held on Thursday, 28 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 this year.

Entry forms are included with this edition of Pembury Village News and are also available from Pembury Parish Council office at 6 The Grove (Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm, telephone 823193) and Notcutts Garden Centre, Tonbridge Road, Pembury.

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PEMBURY QUIZ NIGHT

ALIVELY QUIZ NIGHT was enjoyed by all those present at the Village Hall on 28 February. As before, it was very well organised by Pembury Scouts and Guides units. Twenty-seven teams from a wide range of village groups and organisations took part and the rivalry was strong, but very friendly. Richard Nesbit bravely took over as quizmaster this year, maintaining order in a friendly but firm manner.

The winning team was presented with the Parish Council Cup and received 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.



The winning team: left to right Alan Gaukroger, Brian King, Phyllis King and Stuart Johnson.

PEMBURY SCHOOL PUPIL A WINNER

APUPIL IN Year 6, Richard Gaona, won a competition by designing a badge to be worn by staff at the opening of the new B & Q Warehouse at North Farm, Tunbridge Wells. Richard joined the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells at the opening ceremony on 15 May and helped cut the red tape.



Richard's design featured an oak tree and was chosen as it was said to reflect B & Q's environmental values. One hundred badges will be sold to raise money for Hospice in the Weald.

Richard's prizes included cinema tickets and lunch for himself and his classmates as well as two garden benches for the school to place in 'quiet' places in the school grounds.

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PEMBURY PLAYERS SUMMER SHOW

AS THIS MAGAZINE drops onto your doormat, Pembury Players will be days away from staging two one-act comedies with a ploughman's supper served in the interval. The plays are *Last Tango* by David Tristram and *The Hitman* by JCW Brook. *The Hitman* is about a couple of elderly spinster cousins who decide they would be better off without each other and *Last Tango* is about the demise of a village amateur dramatic group!! Our recruitment drive in March paid off, welcoming in some new blood and one of the talents will be joining us other old-timers in the plays.

You can come to see us on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 26 to 28 June at the village hall. Tickets can be bought at Ditchett's chemist for the bargain price of £6.50 which includes the meal and there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Do come and support us. All profits will be given to The Hospice in the Weald.

Plans are already afoot for next year's pantomime, which is extra good news because 2003 got off to a rather shaky start when last year's pantomime was cancelled. This was due to a whole combination of circumstances but nevertheless, a very successful dance was held to earn some money (no income from the panto, but all the costs of preparing for it, of course) There was a live musician, a disco and even a spot of karaoke – and was so successful that we have thought of making it a regular event.

We are always keen to gain new blood, either behind or in front of the curtains. Rehearsal nights are on Thursdays from 8pm until 10pm and afterwards at the pub.

John Hawker

HOSPICE NEWS

AS PART OF a national campaign to raise awareness for hospices, Friday 20 June has been declared 'Hospices Tea at Three Day'. The idea is that tea parties are held in private houses, schools, offices, retirement homes – in fact anywhere that tea can be served – at 3 o'clock on that day, with donations to local hospices.

We would be pleased to see you at the hospice for a traditional strawberry tea, musical entertainment, various stalls, raffle and that most English of games – croquet on the lawn. Entry is £2.50 (to include tea), payable on the door. So, organise your own 'Tea at Three', or come to ours!

Once again this year we are looking for fun runners, walkers, crawlers etc., to take part in the Flora 5K Light Challenge for Women in Hyde Park on Sunday September 14. Last year we had around 40 joining the 20,000 runners and we would welcome applications from 'runners' in the village. Apply now to Richard Snow on 01892 820534 for an entry form and sponsor forms.

Finally, just a reminder to come and have a look at our shop in the reception area. As well as a comprehensive stock of cards there is a good selection of new items, including beautiful English made scented candles (ideal for gifts), and garden decorations for the barbeque season ahead. The Coffee Bar and shop are open to everyone and you are most welcome to come and see what is on offer.

YOOF – TRANSPORT ISSUES

IT'S A FACT: transport is a real pain if you are not old enough to use a road vehicle. But, with a bit of planning, it can be sorted out. Obviously, co-operative parents are quite a good source of transport – convenient, cheap and comfortable – but not always available and quite often accompanied by irritating questions . . .

The alternatives include cycling; cheap once you have bought, or been given, a bike and strong lock, very flexible and a keep-fit machine. You do need to invest in anti-rain gear in this country, though.

However, the most obvious alternative is the bus. Before you start, we are lucky to have several services that go through Pembury – you should see some of the other places (once a week, or when there's a blue moon, etc.).

OK for the day, but what about evenings and the weekends?

A year ago, one of our readers contacted us, singing the praises of the Kent County subsidised evening and Sunday services and was amazed that so few people knew about these services. We contacted David Hall, Kent County Council Public Transport Manager and found out that Kent County was spending around £200,000 per annum on bus service information out of a total support budget of around £5 million. The money is used for a telephone enquiry line (Highways Helpline 0845 303 2500), area timetable booklets, bus stop information and the development of a comprehensive website (www.kentpublictransport.info). However, David was actively seeking other ways of getting information to town and parish level. Whilst we do not have the space to print all the timetable details here, we have tried to give readers an indication of what is available from Pembury and how to find out more.

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No. 278 Pembury, Knights Park, Sherwood, Tunbridge Wells
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Evening every 40 mins
Sunday hourly (not evening)
Operator Stagecoach East Kent/Southlands Travel

No. 297 Tenterden/Pembury to Tunbridge Wells
Daytime twice hourly
Evenings 1 journey
Sunday 3 journeys
Operator Arriva Kent & Sussex/ Nu-Venture

No. 297 Maidstone/Pembury to Tunbridge Wells
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Evenings 3 journeys
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Nu-Venture – 01622 882288
Stagecoach East Kent – 08702 433711
Southlands Travel – 01322 660661
Kent County Passenger Services – 01622 605935

Hope this helps!

Editor

RECYCLING RUBBISH – AN UPDATE

HAVING LEARNT a great deal from the introduction in Pembury of the brown bins, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has considerably sharpened up its act! Several ‘full and frank’ discussions at meetings over the past year or so have, in fact, led to some very positive outcomes.

There are no two ways about it – we **HAVE** to cut down on the rubbish we throw out. In Kent alone, we are producing 6% more rubbish each year which means, taking 2000 as the Year One, we will have doubled the amount by 2012.

Recycling is one way to minimise the amount of ‘stuff’ that goes into the landfills. Personal consumer action is another – more of that later.

Despite its clumsy attitude during the introduction, the Borough has pulled out a number of important stops including road shows, leaflets, a more responsive Town Hall team, more details on the TWBC website, a booklet for community leaders, etc. to get its residents involved and so willing to do their part. Pembury Parish Councillors have been taking an active part in advising the Borough on various ‘do’s and don’ts’ in consulting and informing other Borough residents. One spin-off from the ruckus in Pembury has been a heightened awareness locally of recycling in general and far more willingness to take cans and bottles to the recycling points (*Of course, door-step collection of these would be wonderful, but let’s go one step at a time . . .*).

Turning to the ‘personal consumer action’ mentioned earlier, have you ever taken your own bags to the supermarket to re-use? Why not? All the chains now provide strong re-useable bags at princely sums of between 10p and 15p. These bags last ages and have the added benefit of having much more comfortable handles. The only thing **YOU** have to do is to keep them and bring them back to the supermarket to re-use. Not difficult, is it?

When you next go to the village butcher, greengrocer, etc. take one of your own bags, recycle a plastic one. When you go to town, you don’t need a new bag from each shop. Protect yourself by getting a receipt, of course, but put items from several shops in one bag. If everybody did this, what a massive reduction in plastic bags (which all have to go to the landfill) there would be!

If you want to go a step further, write to the big manufacturers (copying your letter to the MP) pointing out that you don’t want layers of fancy plastic packing; paper with an imaginative design will do. The Body Shop has made it distinctly cool to have a positive environmentally friendly company policy. Let’s get others to do the same.

Some practical information . . .

Apart from our doorstep collections of green compostable waste, paper and cardboard and remaining domestic waste, other recyclable items can be disposed of at the following points:

Glass, cans, textiles Camden Arms Car Park; Tesco’s

Glass Jarvis Hotel

Glass, cans Larkfield Hall;
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Please note: The Parish Council is actively striving to get further recycling points at the Maidstone Road end of the village. Watch this space!



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PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

THE CRICKET CLUB is running two Saturday League Sides, a Sunday team, a Tuesday Evening League team plus a flourishing Colts Section. At the AGM in March Denis Cole took over from David Kemp, who was thanked for his efforts over the years. Richard Dawes was appointed 1st Team Captain, Paul Kelly 2nd Team Captain and Duncan McClintock Sunday Captain.

News on the Club will be featured from time to time in the Community News of the Courier. Contacts for the Club are:

Hon Secretary
Andy Weaver, tel
824362; Colts
Section Keith
Hemstall, tel
824492.

We are a strong, progressive and very social club and are always looking for new players. Why not join us?

Peter Massie



PACK HOLIDAY – 1ST PEMBURY BROWNIES

BROADSTONE WARREN, on the edge of the Ashdown Forest, was the venue for the 1st Pembury Brownies Pack Holiday from 22 to 24 April this year.

We stayed in a huge house with lots of bedrooms – easy to lose a few Brownies – but all



22 came home again. The weather was great, and the Brownies enjoyed games outside as well as archery and grass sledging. The adults enjoyed the grass sledging too!

Both the Brownies and the adults came home tired, but happy, at the end of a busy few days.

Moira Allan

1st Pembury Brownies

20 YEARS OLD AND STILL KICKING

PEMBURY ATHLETIC (Youth) Football Club held their 20th Anniversary dinner on Friday 16th May at the Ramada Hotel, Pembury. Current officers and team managers, with their guests, invited past officials of the Club and representatives from Pembury Parish Council to help them celebrate. David Gow, Chairman, spoke briefly about the current strength of the Club, and Laurie Frowde, President, gave a brief insight into some of the characters over the 20 years who had helped make the Club as strong as it is today.



September 1982 saw the first beginnings of the Club we have today. A team at Under 12, sponsored by Pembury's Whiteleggs Garden Centre, was entered in the now defunct Tunbridge Wells Youth League, which played on Saturday afternoons. Some of the boys from this original season's set up currently play for the Senior Village Club including Tim Marshall, Steve Macmillan and Kevin Waterman.

The team was very well received within the Village and after the following season became affiliated to Pembury Saturday FC under the Chairmanship of Robin Turner for a period of 11 years. During this time Laurie Frowde was Secretary and the numbers of teams grew steadily year on year from Under 11 to sometimes Under 18 always being entered in the Crowborough & District League. The Club were active members of the Association of Pembury Football Clubs and were instrumental in the planning and fund-raising for the Jim Smith Pavilion at Woodside Playing Fields.

In 1994 Keith Mearing took over as Secretary to take the Club to new levels introducing younger age groups. In 1995 the then officers of the Club decided it might be favourable to be independent from Pembury FC and invited Laurie Frowde back as Chairman, a post held until 2000. In 1997 Ben Coombes took over the Secretaryship for three years. During this time the Club changed under the demanding rules and regulations of the Football Association covering Youth Football, and the introduction and phenomenal success of the introduction of Mini-Soccer. David Gow joined the club during this period and became Club Coach, the first time such a position had been held within the Club.

The year 2000 saw the latest regime running the Club with David Gow taking over as Chairman to the current day with Martin Coendoz, Arthur Fleming, Nicola Harris and Kevin Edser acting as Secretaries.

A couple of dates for your diary: 8 July the Club are organising a tournament with over 100 teams participating; 27 September a sponsored bike ride in France organised by the newly formed Supporters of Pembury (Youth) FC.

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A TRAIN OF THOUGHT . . .

Just for the record, the oldest railway station in London is London Bridge. As the London terminus of the London & Greenwich Railway, it was opened by the Lord Mayor of London on 14 December 1836. Euston (reckoned by many to be the oldest) was in fact the second London Station, opening on 4 July 1837 as the London terminus of the Grand Junction Railway, later the London & Birmingham Railway. Apologies to the compiler of the question for the Village Quiz that his mistake is being made public, but railway buffs are sticklers for accuracy . . . !

A SURVEY OF PEMBURY 2003

During the first week of May members of Pembury Baptist Church undertook a survey of around 12% of the households in the village. This was done with the support of the Parish Council who are very interested in seeing the results. The aim was to discover the needs and aspirations of a wide variety of people of all ages so that action can be taken to make Pembury an even better place to live. Early results of the survey will be on view at the Village Fete and a report will be available to everyone later in the summer.

Headline Event! VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN Saturday 12 July 2-5pm

Live music, strawberries, teas, cakes, games, a grand draw raffle, barbeque, ice cream van, children's rides, stalls, competitions and bargains galore! A great afternoon for all the family and a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours and catch up on village gossip! Profits to be donated to local charities Compaid and Headway.

It's all happening on the village green . . .

COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

The Friends of Pembury Parish Church are holding their Annual Coffee Morning and Sale on Saturday 6 September 2003

between 10am and noon on the Village Green or, if wet, in the Upper Church. There will be many attractive stalls including cakes, handicrafts, gifts, best selling paperbacks, posh junk, fruit, preserves, plants, FPPC items, a raffle and refreshments.

Do please put this date in your diaries, your support is needed to make this event successful.

Ann Toler 824071 and Bidy Willson 822029 are always ready to collect 'non perishables' during the year so give one of us a ring when you have your spring clean.

PEMBURY HOSPITAL FETE

Due to the hospital redevelopment project the League of Friends decided not to hold a fete this year at the hospital. It was anticipated that preparatory building work might have made the hospital grounds unsafe for the general public, as a precaution it was decided last year not to have a fete in 2003.

PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL CLUB

are currently compiling a history of the 20 years of the Club. We would like sight of any Certificates that parents or players might have that have been presented annually over this period. Please put them in an envelope with your name and address so they can be returned safely. If you could identify the names with the pictures I would be grateful. Laurie Frowde, 50 Herons Way, Pembury. Tel: 822826.

VILLAGE MARKET will have its last session before the summer break on 31 July and expects to re-open on Thursday 4 September – see the article on page 33 for further details.

LOWER GREEN POST OFFICE (Brady's)

AS SOME OF you may be aware, Lower Green Post Office changed hands late last year and is now occupied and run by the Southgates – Mark, Emma and family. Mark and Emma decided to ‘reinvent’ their lifestyle from the rat race of both being full time working parents. “We needed a 5-bedroom home as the four children (Alex, Oliver, Rebecca and Zoë) were getting older and we saw the house and shop as an opportunity to spend more time with the children whilst still earning.”

As Mark, the new Post Master, says “The reinvention was a storm, Christmas was on us immediately and every routine changing overnight was a battle but one which we wanted to happen.”

“Things have calmed down now; having been helped by the fantastic staff we inherited from the previous owners (Iris has worked here for nearly 30 years!). The regulars are loyal Post Office customers by whom we have been warmly welcomed. There is a real community spirit to the shop and indeed this end of the village, most of the people are polite and friendly, which is lovely to be a part of these days.”

“We want to develop a service within the village for the 30 to 40 somethings who are working and for whom time is the enemy. Our new line of high quality ready-prepared food is ideal for the working parents who really do not want to start making meals every evening once the kids have been fed.”

“Nationally the Post Office is trying to develop banking services and this includes changing the traditional ways of paying pensions and benefits. This could seem stressful for some of the older pensioners but, rest assured, there will still be ways of getting your money from your local Post Office.”

Emma and Mark welcome any suggestions on how Brady's can help you, remember it is your community shop and we look forward to seeing you there soon!

WANTED: PLENTY OF SUNSHINE

on Saturday 21 June, 1.30pm

THIS IS ALL we need for the Pembury School Fete to be a lot of fun. There will be a Wild West flavour this year with cowboys and line dancers, pony rides and panning for gold.

There is a chance for the children to corral their homemade horses and display their wild(!) or western hats.

A dance display will be given by

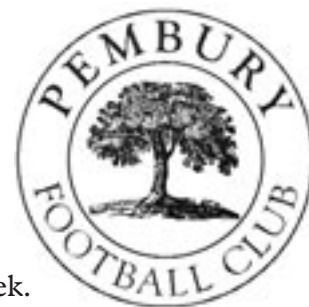
Amberside Dance Studio and a tug of war competition will be going on throughout the afternoon.

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



PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

WE ARE NOW coming to the end of our season and a mixture of our success in some Cup competitions and the postponement of many fixtures during November and December have left us with a fixtures backlog which is taxing all of the officials and players in the club. Despite everyone having full-time jobs there are some players who are playing three or four games of football a week.



Pembury FC has become a victim of its own success with the Sunday 1st Team having extended runs in some Cup Competitions which culminated in an appearance in the West Kent Challenge Shield Final against Oakwood FC on 29 April. Supported by a wonderful crowd of over 100 friends and followers the team put on a fantastic display and we were unlucky to lose 1-0. Well done to managers Phil Craxton, Ian Ward and all the players. There is another semi-final for the same team later in May.

A mixture of congratulations and commiserations must go out to our Sunday Reserve team who for the fourth consecutive year attained runner-up position in the West Kent Football League Division 2 (they cannot be promoted as our 1st Team is already in the top league). Although this is a wonderful achievement, especially for a reserve side, we are feeling a little bit of 'Always the bridesmaid, never the bride'. Nevertheless, congratulations to Andy Davis and all of his team.

Mid-table positions for our Saturday Reserve side and our Sunday 'A' Team and a possible third position for our Sunday 1st Team in West Kent 1st Division will complete another difficult but rewarding session for Pembury Football Club.

We are already planning for next season and we are looking forward to a number of the senior players from Pembury Athletic FC joining us to inject some additional youthfulness into the senior club.

Robin Turner,
Chairman Pembury FC

“ISN'T IT NICE TO HARMONIZE?”

ON WEDNESDAY 9 April Pembury School Choir joined together with choirs from six other local schools to perform in the Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools' Music Festival. The theme was 'Songs from around the World' and the children were ably conducted by Helen MacGregor, assisted by a number of music teachers.

The school choir had been preparing their items throughout the term with Sue Brown and Anne Kenward. The pupils excelled themselves as they performed their special song, '*Isn't it Nice to Harmonize?*' and yes, it was! Pupils from Pembury School also showed their wonderful sense of rhythm through tap-dancing and drumming.

The evening culminated in a rousing rendition of two Calypso pieces, accompanied by the complex rhythms of Pembury School's drums. Well done to everyone involved – it was a great success!

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GAMING ONLINE – PEMBURY IN THE FUTURE?

Thunderbolt is one of the UK's fastest growing games reviews websites with over 30,000 hits (visits) per month. What's more, they are based in Pembury! They have kindly agreed to provide a taster for our younger/more technically adept readers . . . Game on

Phantom: the über console returns!

Turns out it wasn't a prank after all, as Infinium Labs release more details about their über-console. We admit it. We thought it was a joke, but now we've been proved wrong.

Today, Infinium Labs launched a new version of their website (www.infiniumlabs.com) outlining their aims of producing the world's most robust gaming console.



The Phantom is designed to be completely online only. There's no CD-tray and no cart-slot; just a broadband connection which allows you to download content. They say that over 3,000 games will be available at launch, including ported PC and console games, so it is assured the best range of launch titles ever. With the machine you'll be able to download, rent and demo games; play online with PC and other Phantom users and subscribe to monthly content.



With a launch price of as much as \$600 being touted and no chance of a release before the very end of the year, it won't be challenging the PS2 yet, but with the increase in the uptake of broadband and the ability of the Phantom to make use of this very nicely, could we be witnessing the slow emergence of what will become the world's premier console?

You decide.

www.thunderbolt.be

PACK HOLIDAY 2003

FEBRUARY 27 saw the 3rd Pembury Brownies off on their first pack holiday in Paxwood, Swanley. The theme being 'Clowns', we had a fun packed three days after lots of hard work 'planning'. During this week Alison was awarded her QM (Catering Certificate, previously known as Quartermaster's Certificate) Well done! I was awarded my Pack Holiday licence also, so a week of achievement.



A big "thank you" to all the Brownies who helped us and also to Lyn Sellman, Annette Harris, and Laura and Nicola Plane without whose help we could not have managed. We look forward to the next pack holiday at Downe Activity Centre, Orpington in July.

Wendy Plane, Guider, 3rd Pembury Brownies

KENT COLLEGE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP!

ON SATURDAY 8 March 2003, Kent College Pembury won the Under 13 Kent Schools' Netball Championships, held at Rainham School for Girls in Gillingham,



competing against 31 other schools. The team won all of their group matches convincingly to get through to the quarter-finals where they beat King's Rochester and then went on to the semi-finals to beat Benenden 10-5. In the final they played to a very high standard against Langley Park, winning by one goal, with a final score of 10-9.

Back row, left to right: Jodie Stevens, Rebecca Stewart, Isabella Williamson, Portia Culmer.

Front row: Sophie Dainty, Annabel Gray, Katie Stanyard (captain), Laura Sanson.

ST PETER'S CHURCH OPEN DAY

HAVE YOU EVER been inside your local church?

What is it like inside?

What goes on there?

Who are the people that regularly attend?

What do they do there on a Sunday?

If you have ever asked any of those questions, then why not come to our OPEN DAY at St Peter's Upper Church on Hastings Road on Saturday 28 June from 10.30am to 4pm. This is not a fundraising day, just a day when St Peter's will be open to everybody with displays, exhibitions, music, demonstrations, including flower arranging, children's activities. All the Church organisations will be there: Mothers' Union, church singers, Home Study Groups, Junior Church and Photographic Club.

Parish registers of baptisms and marriages will be on display as will church vestments and photographs of recent events in Church life. Perhaps if you have any photographs of St Peter's in the past you could loan them to us for the day.

There will be a singing 'workshop' in the morning and afternoon, a children's quiz to keep the youngsters occupied and an information point/stall.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

St Peter's has stood at the heart of village life for over 150 years and its congregation remains a vibrant witnessing community.

Come and visit us on Saturday 28 June. Admission free!

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MAPS – *We continue the article on maps and Pembury*

Mapping conventions

We're all fairly well conditioned to the symbols used on modern maps, but it wasn't always like that. Hills and hollows were depicted as hills and hollows – contour lines had yet to be invented!

Road maps, starting with Ogilby in 1675, were depicted as scrolls, with the road stretching linearly along the scroll. Change of direction was indicated by a new compass point. Sometimes the same scroll will have several compass points indicating a change in the road's direction relative to the orientation of the scroll.

In the mid 18th century the fashion of scrolls was dropped, in favour of plain strips.

Later road maps, such as Laurie & Whittle, abandoned the strip format for more conventional layouts.

Dates

It is important not to get too fixated with dates on these maps. Academics do, and spend years gleefully shuffling and re-shuffling these old pieces of paper into their correct chronological order. Dates generally indicate the year of publication. Most maps were published in books or atlases and had several printing runs and revised editions over many years. The information contained in the map was the result of earlier surveys or the pilfering from earlier publications. For the purposes of historical analysis it is convenient to attribute 'Circa' to a date, and express it as, say, c1740. This conveys its approximate age. As the integrity of the data contained in the map is in question, there seems little point in fretting over the pin-point accuracy of the map's age

Local names found on maps

"Wood Cote" or "Woodscote" or any similar variation is taken to be the area around the road junction of the A264, High Street and the Tonbridge Road. "Copping Crouch Green" or any similar variation is taken to be the triangular green – the village green – opposite the Camden Arms. "Pembury" or any of its variations is taken to be the old village church or that end of Lower Green Road – the original settlement.

Maps from 1800 might indicate "Pembury" at the new location – the coaching road passing along the dry elevated ridge (they were not called 'high streets' for nothing!).

'Rumford' is Romford – the estate in Romford Road. 'Hundred' is not a town or village. Kent, along with many other counties, was divided into administrative areas called 'hundreds'. They were abolished in the Victorian era with the introduction of boroughs and councils. 'Half Way House' is not a local name. There were hundreds of them. It is a generic term for basic road side stops for the traveller to be fed and watered. They were not as fancy as coaching inns generally located in towns and providing full service facilities.

Errors and Omissions

Do not assume that the absence of a road, or building, or village, from a map means that the item did not exist at the time. Common sense would dictate that two adjacent villages would have an interconnecting road or track. Mapmakers inserted only the data that they wanted to insert. For reasons of clarity, cost, effort, and of course data to hand, maps could be either sparse or congested.

As seen before with Quare in Wiltshire place names can be wrong and can stay wrong for many years. This does not signal stability or acceptance of the name. Distances were as variable as the weather. The mile was different in just about every county. Morden's maps show three scales of short, medium and long miles. Despite maps having scales they should not be used. Never scale an old map!

Villages might appear on the wrong side of a road or a river. Rivers may follow unfamiliar courses. Roads have branches that don't go anywhere and some often appear with breaks as if the middle portion of highway is missing (similar to our phantom bit of the A21 at Castle Hill!)

That concludes our brief sermon on the joys of bygone mapping. May you go in peace with the understanding that the potential for misinterpreting old maps is enormous.

Tony Nicholls

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THE TEASPOON CLUB

MARCH SAW THE beginning of a new venture for St Peter's Upper Church when two church members, June Tompkins and Pamela Stephenson, began a monthly afternoon tea club for everyone in the village of Pembury. It came about as a way to tell everyone in the village that being a Christian does not only involve going to church on Sunday and paying Jesus lip service only, but that Christianity is a way of living that involves looking after people nearest to you. This does not necessarily mean your family or close friends, but those who live in your area.

This has led to one Thursday afternoon a month being given to helping others enjoy free tea and cakes, a raffle, quiz and a chance to chat and make new friends. There have been three meetings so far and these have been a great success with several people enjoying each others' company and finding out about their different lives and needs, The youngest participant so far was seven months old!

The Club is open to everyone who lives in the village, regardless of age, race, religion or ethnic background and the philosophy is to bring back a sense of community that was so loved during the last world war. We have a great deal to be thankful for in this extremely pleasant and beautiful part of the world and to share this with others is seen as a privilege and a blessing.

Future dates for the Teaspoon Club are (all Thursdays): 19 June, 24 July, 21 August, 18 September, 23 October, 20 November and 18 December. Contact telephone 823021.

Pam Stephenson

PEMBURY ON THE INTERNET

BACK IN 1998 when the Pembury Village News website was first created there were very few websites based in Pembury (it would be wrong to say there were none at all . . .).

However, if you type Pembury into any Internet search engine then a whole host of sites emerges. Putting in individual Pembury post codes unearths a few more of the 'harder to spot' ones.

I have recently created a Pembury Webring with the prime intention to link all Pembury sites together. The ring is open to any site based in Pembury, be it a business site, community site or even your own family home page.

It's really very easy to join the ring. Just email me and I will send you back an invitation to join. You then only need to follow the instructions in the email, add the HTML code for the navigation bar (which the webring 'system' will send you) to your site and your site will be included on the ring in minutes.

Interested? Then contact **Steve Morton** on stevemorton@pembury.org



JAN'S GARDEN VIEWS

IT IS VERY HEARTENING to hear the sound of mowers and clippers now that days are lighter and warmer, and we can really herald the arrival of SUMMER!

Most of you will have been planting out your favourite annuals by now, but there is still time in June and often a late start means you can have a choice of colour when buying from garden centres and nurseries. If you have steps in your garden these can be dressed for all seasons. Summer annuals provide a riot of colour and add a welcome touch leading up to any door or window area, as does container planting either side of your front door. There are containers of all shapes and sizes to choose from and all materials. If you are artistic, some plain pots could be transformed with a few coloured paint pots and imagination!

Patios have become a favourite part of the garden for container planting either to sit and relax or for entertaining friends. Scented flowers are ideal. Imagine warm summer evenings when tobacco plants, pinks, lavender and night scented stocks release their perfumes as a feast for the senses. Trellis panels give privacy. These can be planted up with wonderfully scented climbing honeysuckle or roses.

There is still time for planting later flowering perennials for your borders or beds, such as Penstemons, Heleniums, Japanese Anemones and Fuschias. I would like to sing the praises of Penstemons; curiously like Foxgloves, but much more colourful, in shades of purple, pink, blue, red and white. They are hardy and self-supporting; oblivious of drought or rain, and are not fussy about soil conditions. They grow well in sun or part shade and are disease and pest free. Their heights vary from 2ft to 4ft and spread up to 2ft. Their flowering period never seems to end, from mid – summer right through to November when they reluctantly go to sleep!

It is a good idea to insure against plant losses (from repeated hard frosts, as in last winter) by taking three inch stem cuttings from Penstemons and slightly tender perennials such as Osteospermums, Salvias, Verbenas, Fuschias and Coreopsis. August is a good month to do this while plants are still actively growing. Avoid flowering shoots and the stems will root quite easily in cuttings compost in three inch pots. Place in a humid environment under polythene (warm kitchen perhaps and freezer bags work well – out of hot sunlight). Patience is the keyword here as you will have to care for them for several months, but it is an achievement and worthwhile if you can produce new plants yourself for your garden! Rooting takes about three weeks, then keep them just moist with tepid water. To help form strong roots and healthy foliage spray with weak plant food once a week and then as they grow increase to twice weekly. When roots start to show at the base, replant into bigger pots.

Most tulips (with the exception of Darwin) will need lifting when leaves have shrivelled, for drying off and storing in a cool place ready for replanting in the autumn. For your lawns, never cut lower than a quarter of an inch or growth will be weakened and moss will invade. Water thoroughly after mowing. Continue feeding plants and shrubs regularly throughout the growing season with water soluble food. Your roses will need their second application of granular rose feed mid- summer. This time of year plants are prone to pests and diseases which need to be dealt with promptly. Aphids are a general problem and really don't like being drowned in sprays of washing – up liquid (diluted for the sake of the plant)! Keep your beds and borders hoed and weeded and hedges clipped, Regular dead – heading keeps your flowers blooming throughout the summer.

All of this sounds like one big chore, but it needn't be as you learn to enjoy your plants. There are always trials and errors, but it can be so rewarding as you watch them grow into the garden of your choice, which can offer a place of calmness and beauty.

Happy gardening! **Jan Davies**

MY PLOT

THE AMAZING spring weather we had was too dry really but I wouldn't dream of complaining. It just means that I must continue to water like mad. Normally I avoid watering as much as possible because I can't be bothered. I justify this to myself by believing that if the plants get dry, they grow deeper roots to find moisture whereas if I water them they grow surface roots and become dependent on me carrying on watering them. Kind of like being addicted. I do not really think I am right, but it excuses my laziness. Or perhaps I like to think that I am helping to conserve a precious resource.



There are two, or maybe three, taps around the place so competition for the water could get fierce if we weren't such a good-natured bunch. There is an unwritten rule that we only use watering cans so as not to hog the water by using hosepipes. Also, carrying the water certainly does make sure you only use the water you need rather than letting it run unnecessarily. So far, thank goodness, our water is not metered.

An official rule is that we must get permission before we plant anything permanent. Fortunately, I was allowed to plant my three new fruit trees - which was just as well because they were already in the ground! The same goes for sheds and greenhouses; and keeping animals. Bizarrely, we must not sell any of our soil.

We get a copy of all twenty rules, along with the lease contract in duplicate and the invoice every year, which as one plotter noted, is a waste of paper - as he returned all the sheets to the council with a message to "the league of such extravagance" and asked them to bin it all for him to save him the job!

Apart from growing food, this is the year of doing up the sheds (three of them) Slowly I am creosoting them and they are having their roofs felted. Combination locks are replacing the padlocks so that I can't lose the keys and gutters are collecting rainwater into barrels. One still doesn't have a floor because the original one has rotted into the ground but at least its door shuts now.

My crop of broad beans is doing well, as is the row of peas. Also (due to watering for once) my onions are swelling nicely. They are a curious muddle of types because I dropped them all, or maybe it was my three year old, and I couldn't tell them apart. So in they went, as they came, and now I can see that some were shallots. In amongst them is a vegetable called Salsify. These have blown to me from a neighbour and I am letting them stay. You can eat the root and it is nice but they are rather fiddly. However I have found out that you can eat the blue flower buds too, like you would asparagus so I will report back on what I really think. And, less importantly, whether my children will eat them.

Carol Mazzey

PEMBURY PEOPLE

GEOFF PLUMMER

AS A COMMUNITY we appear to be very fortunate to have many organizations and clubs in the village. If you glance at the back page of the Pembury Village News, the diversity of activities would be the envy of many communities. One of the most successful is the Pembury Bridge Club which appears to be going from strength to strength. It was brought to my attention that one of the major 'movers' in this club would make an ideal choice for 'Pembury People'.



My meeting with the genial Geoff Plummer was a delight. He moved to Pembury from Leigh 11 years ago in June 1992. With his new wife Florence it was an ideal opportunity to build a new home. Geoff has a son and a daughter and one grandson, all of whom live in Essex. Florence has five children and ten grandchildren with her youngest daughter living in Pembury when she moved here.

Geoff worked for British Petroleum in London until he retired. The company had a policy of retiring their staff early and on a pre-retirement course he was told that he should treat retirement as a third stage of his life with the encouraging advice that 'you planned for your education and work life, therefore you should plan for your retirement'. This prompted him to learn to play bridge which became a consuming passion taking up a great deal of his time. Having completed two courses learning bridge Geoff joined first Peshurst then Tonbridge Bridge clubs. Later he directed and scored the results at both clubs subsequently becoming the Chairman at Peshurst.

Some seven and a half years ago he thought Pembury, being larger than Peshurst but at that time not having a bridge club, might be an ideal place to generate some interest. He contacted some friends who played bridge in Pembury and mooted the idea of starting one. He managed to get the use of the community room at Camden Court for use on Tuesday evenings, and the Pembury Bridge Club was born. It started with friends from other clubs but very soon people in the village contacted him and were welcomed into the club. The club then started a Thursday afternoon meeting at the Catholic Church, which was viewed as being for the winter only, but it never stopped and it is normal to get a regular 11-13 tables (44-52 people). The Tuesday evening meeting got to nine tables, which Geoff thought was a real squeeze and as a consequence the club had to leave Camden Court and go to the large hall of the village school where they soon built up to 15 tables. When the new village hall was completed, the Tuesday evenings were moved there where they continue to be based. The club now has the amazing total of about 140 members getting up to 20 tables on Tuesday evenings and has a waiting list of people wanting to become members.

Geoff is the Chairman of the club and has been made a life member. He is very pleased to report that it is very friendly club. For the last few years he and the team have organised two bridge holidays abroad which have been attended by 36-46 members each time. They have also organised bridge weekends in England and have visited the Congress Hotel in Eastbourne for weekends on many occasions (about 3 a year) as well as Abingworth in E.Sussex and Bourton-on-the-water in the Cotswolds.

Geoff regards the decision to start Pembury Bridge Club as the best idea he has ever had. Many friendships have grown up from it and people who only knew each other from the club have supported each other at times of illness, as well as spending good times together. Local charities, such as the Hospice in the Weald, have benefited from generous donations from the club's fundraising activities. Other interests have developed with a group of members now going rambling most Saturday mornings and going on trips in this country and abroad together.

Geoff had a hip replacement two years ago (at the excellent Horder Centre) is now able to do five mile walks again with other members of the bridge club. He enjoys gardening and although only having a small garden it is an oasis of interest with water features, topiary and box hedging. Geoff regards Pembury as an ideal place to live and is keen to retain its identity as a village. It is said that life consists not necessarily in holding good cards but in playing those that you hold well; we in Pembury should be truly thankful to Geoff and his colleagues for providing an excellent addition to our community activities.

Paul Barrington-King

PEMBURY VILLAGE MARKET

THANKS TO the very favourable article in the last Pembury Village News, we were delighted to have a surge of interest in the Thursday morning market and coffee shop; our customers seem very happy to share their time with us. Not only is the market great value, offering a wide variety of foodstuffs but there are also many other varied, well priced bargains . . . Then, of course, there are teas, coffee and a chance to catch up on news and gossip.

Like all families, our group of helpers have changing needs and responsibilities but the faces seem to stay the same; many of you will be amazed to hear that our four senior ladies span the late seventies and upper eighties – and whilst you would have a fight on your hands getting them to admit it the effort of all that baking and then working for three hours is sometimes a bit much. Add the time needed for holidays, hospital and doctors' appointments, not to mention the growing list for various replacement parts and you can see we are indeed running a very tight line and it does not stop there. The amount of physical work and effort to set up and clear away means, as we only have two able-bodied volunteers, they are working from 7am until 2pm. Plus at least another twelve hours prior, of shopping and sorting of goods for the charity stalls. **WE LOVE DOING IT – BUT EXTRA HANDS WOULD EASE THE BURDEN – HONEST, IT IS FUN!**

We naturally feel proud of our little market and would love to share it with you – but without fresh blood and some new stalls (only £2.50 per table) it will just not be possible to continue past the summer. We always close for August and are hoping to remain open until 31 July, starting again 4 September, so no matter what your age, male or female, retired, part-timer, resting or busy caring for your family you could find a trip one Thursday might open up a new circle of friends and interests – your company would be most welcome, your help on a regular or occasional basis wonderful. You may perhaps bake, grow vegetables or plants and would like to sell them if you have a surplus. Anyway, we promise a warm welcome – it may be chaotic, especially on the veg. and groceries but you will definitely be entertained and sure to find something special.

Hopefully, we will be back in September, there has been a village market for years and years, serving the community and helping local charities whilst raising funds towards the upkeep of the village hall – Interested? Then call **Sue Boreham on 824385** or **Eve Fiddimore on 01892 518277**.



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PEMBURY IN THE PAST

Marjorie Parks, who kindly loaned us a photo of the Class of '43 at Pembury School (published in the Spring/March 2003 News), met up recently with Stanley Clifton from the same class after a gap of 60 years! She emailed us with some further notes.

With help from Douglas Vousden and Stanley Clifton a few more names have come to light or been corrected.

Top row: second boy – Willie Poile; third boy – John Dolding (not Austen). John now lives in New Zealand.

Middle row: second girl – Pam Noakes?; eighth girl – Audrey Young; tenth girl – possibly Muriel Jorden (not Chapman).

First Row: boy fourth from end – Eric Parks; boy at end of row – Basil Watson.

Sitting cross-legged in front: third boy – Gerald Relf (was the one whose letter from Canada in the same March Spring 2003 publication jogged my memory as to where he fitted in the photograph).

Stanley Clifton and his wife visited me and we spent a pleasant afternoon talking over school days, remembering classmates and generally catching up on almost 60 years of Pembury news. Stanley now lives in Brighton.

Marjorie Parks, Eastbourne

John Gorringe, now living in Matfield, saw Marjorie Parks' photo of the Class of '43 at Pembury School and wrote to the Editor with his notes.

“I am in the picture, middle front row, sitting, and can name all the children in the picture. Not being a ‘Pemburian’ any longer I don’t usually see the magazine, but was recently given a copy, which I must say is better than our ‘Roundabout’.”

John gives the following names:

Back row, left to right: Trevor Jarvis, William Poile, John Dolding, Gerald Larkin, Bob Akehurst, Stanley Clifton, Douglas Vousden, Ken Boarer, David Baiteup, Ernest Astley, Bill King.

Second row, left to right: Doris Kingsley, Joy Horne, Margaret Fenner, Doris Froud, Pamela

Penn, Sylvia Sellings, Sheila Brown, Audrey Young, Muriel Hawkins, Winifred Chapman, Mary Willard.

Third row (sitting) left to right: Roy Barton, Bob Drury, Gerald Hyde, Ronnie Hodge, Peggy Brown, Marjorie Smith, Winifred Kemp, Eric Parks, Eric (Bill) Cook, Jim Obee, Basil Watson.

Front row (sitting) left to right: Dennis Green, John Gorringe, Gerald Relf.

Margaret Buss emailed us with some notes on the photo of St Peter's outing to Hastings that appeared in the Spring (March) News.

“As a Pembury resident since birth with a few gaps in the middle, I always enjoy PVN. Thank you for all the work that must go into it.

The photo on page 25 roused me to get out a lot of old photos that belonged to my mother, Barbara Short who is identified as sitting in 5th in the front row. I think that it is more likely that she is the third along from the left (see photo). My sister would be the baby with me and Brian sitting on her right; Brian and his Grandmother were evacuated to live with us and stayed on some years after the war. I compared this with other photos of about that time, I would be interested in how Alan named the people on the outing and if I could be right.

Keep up the good work, best wishes.

Margaret Buss



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ROSIE'S RECIPE CORNER

THE LONG summer holidays are fast approaching and you may be thinking about taking a day out with the children. If the cost is a put off, instead of buying a meal out why not take a picnic and enjoy the pleasures of eating al fresco? You may well have your own favourite foods to take with you but here are a few recipes that you might like to try.

COTTAGE CHEESE FILLINGS

Egg and Pepper

Ingredients:

- 225g (8oz) cottage cheese
- 2 hard boiled eggs, mashed
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 50g (2oz) red pepper
- 1 tbsp chopped chives

Put cottage cheese into bowl and add eggs, salt and pepper. Finely chop red pepper, add to cheese with chives and then use as a filling for sandwiches, French stick, submarine rolls, pitta bread pockets or as a dip/spread with crackers etc.

Celery and Gherkin

Ingredients:

- 225g (8oz) cottage cheese
- 1 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 celery stick
- 2 spring onions
- 2 tbsp chopped gherkins

Put cottage cheese into bowl, and then add Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Finely chop celery and spring onions and add to cheese with gherkins. Use in the same way as for the above.

These cheese snacks can be prepared a day in advance if they are kept covered and chilled in the refrigerator.

Pear and Cheese Snacks

Ingredients for 4 servings:

- 50g (2oz) soft cream cheese with chives
- 4 tbsp mayonnaise
- 8 slices wholemeal bread
- 1 large pear, sliced and tossed in a little lemon juice
- 150g (5oz) mature Cheddar, sliced
- 4 large lettuce leaves

Beat together cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Spread evenly over each slice of bread. Arrange slices of pear and cheese with lettuce leaves on four pieces of bread. Top with rest of bread, and cut each sandwich in half to serve.

Slimmer's tip: cut calories by using Edam with reduced calorie mayonnaise and soft cheese. The bread and fruit provide fibre. Also suitable for vegetarians.

Coleslaw and Bean Pittas

Ingredients for 4 servings:

- 2 wholemeal pitta breads
- 250g (8oz) coleslaw
- 200g (7oz) can red kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 2 spring onions, trimmed and chopped
- 50g (2oz) cucumber, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- Lettuce leaves, shredded

Cut pitta breads in half and insert a sharp knife to make pocket in each half. Mix coleslaw, beans, onions and cucumber together. Line each pitta with tomato and lettuce. Fill with coleslaw mixture.

To vary the filling try grated cheese, such as Cheddar or Mozzarella, different varieties of beans can be added to the coleslaw if preferred. Also suitable for vegetarians.

Rosie Latter

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TRAMS IN PEMBURY

ONE OF OUR older residents was talking to me about the vagaries of the bus service. I offered my sympathy although I don't need to use the buses. Someone chipped in on our conversation saying that what Pembury needed was a tram service to and from Tunbridge Wells. As an enthusiast for anything which runs on rails my mind clicked immediately into 'Dream Mode!'

Of course, a railway would be better but topography is against that. Junctions with the existing rail system would involve steep inclines to site a station conveniently for the village and could we be sure that Monsieur Brousse would provide a decent service? Perhaps we could run our own steam trains! Hold on, I'm beginning to go OTT!

But trams! Yes, although they might cause problems for other road users. A track laid on the south side of Pembury Road opposite the new cycle track and footpath would be alright – and give the Borough Council the opportunity to disrupt traffic on Pembury Road with more digging, traffic control, etc!

A circuit around Tesco's carpark would be useful. A complete circuit, a special tram giving children free rides whilst mum is doing the shopping. It would stop the little darlings asking for all the attractive things on Tesco's shelves they want but mum was reluctant to let them have!

Then there's the High Street. From Woodsgate Corner to the Village Hall is nice and wide – room for a dedicated track which would narrow the road and perhaps stop it being used like a race track!

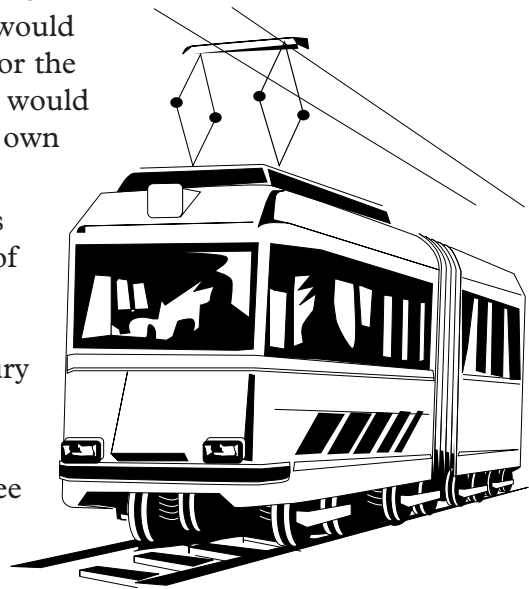
From the Village Hall to the Green the road surface could be brick or cobbles to enhance the rural atmosphere. Of course there would have to be an absolute ban on parking, even stopping to buy a newspaper. In saying that, I don't want to fall out with Dinesh Patel. His shop is a very useful asset to the village, so some compromise would be necessary – perhaps phased lights and one way traffic every three or four minutes to allow a quick dash for a paper!

Would the tram terminate at the Green, go round it, or run down Lower Green Road to the School? Now I am beginning to get beyond the dreaming stage; it's time to come back to reality.

I allow myself the privilege of dreaming because of the passage in the Bible which includes "Your old men will dream dreams". I think in fact that Joel had something more serious in mind than trams when he wrote that! But because I'm one of Pembury's senior citizens I'm sure you will allow me to sit in the sun, snooze, and dream about trains and trams which fascinate me . . .

And what's that . . . ? Did I hear the click clack of a tram . . . ? Oh, no, not today . . . Must have been a dream . . . But who knows what the future might hold?

Leslie Gregory





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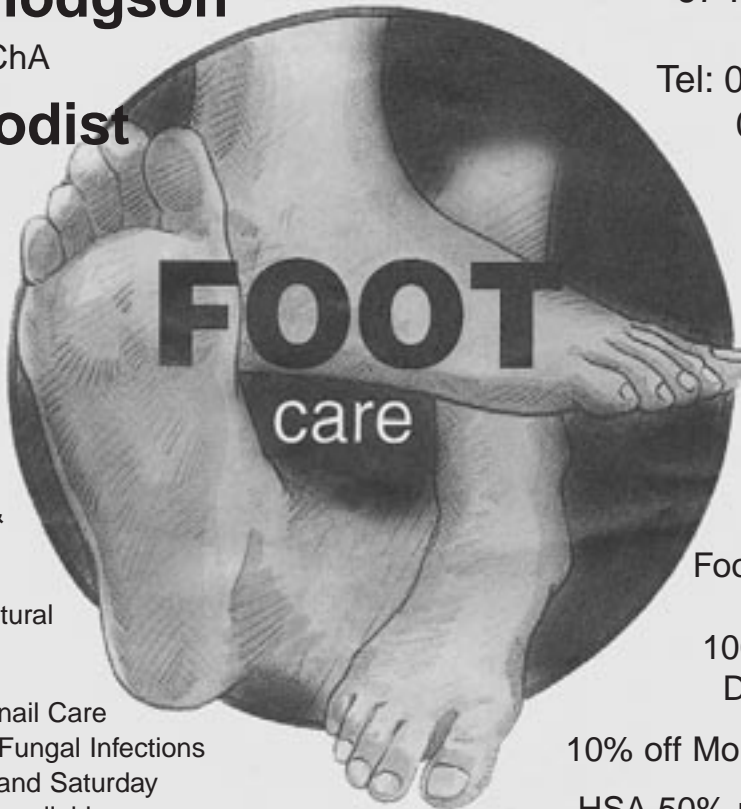
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June

- 20 Hospices Tea at Three Day – Hospice in the Weald – 3pm
- 21 Pembury School Association Fete – School grounds – 1.30pm
- 24 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 26, 27 & 28 Pembury Players: ‘The Hitman’ and ‘Last Tango’ – Village Hall – evenings
- 28 St Peter’s Upper Church Open Day – 10.30am-4pm

July

- 3 Pembury Afternoon WI: Relaxation, The Chinese Way – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI: Kentish Women – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 12 VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN – 2 to 5pm
- 12 Pembury Gardeners: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 14 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Pembury in Bloom closing date
- 22 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 23 St Peter’s Mothers’ Union: Outing to Rochester – contact Secretary for details 823123

August

- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 5 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 6 St Peter’s Mothers’ Union: Members’ garden party – contact Secretary for details 823123
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Members’ meeting
- 8 Pembury Evening WI: Members’ meeting
- 11 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 19 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

September

- 2 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 St Peter’s Mothers’ Union: Justice for All – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 4 Village Market re-opens: Village Hall – 9.30am to 12 noon
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Kerkenhof Gardens (with slides) – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Kenward Trust, Drug Use & Misuse – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Friends of Pembury Parish Church: Coffee morning & sale – Village Green – 10am
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Car Park – 2.15pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 13 Pembury Gardeners Society: Autumn Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 16 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- St Peter’s Photographic Club – Upper Church 8pm
- 27 & 28 Village Exhibition – Village Hall: Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm
- 30 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

CRIME IN PEMBURY

GOOD NEWS! The downward trend continues, from 50 reported crimes during the October to December 2002 quarter to 44 between January and March 2003. Long may it continue, but there has to be a sustained determination on our part to get the better of the criminal. There has been a slight change again in the method of reporting crime, in as much that if your street has had no report of crime it will not be included in the list. If you know differently, you must let me know because we know that the response to telephone calls to the Police is still somewhat chaotic.

The Pembury Football Club, myself included, and the visiting team unfortunately had first hand experience of this during a football match one Saturday in March. Our dressing rooms were entered by intruders and wallets, car keys and a wedding ring were amongst the personal possessions stolen from the opposition dressing room.

What then followed can only be described as farcical, disgraceful, a comedy of errors with the police telephone system. In the first instance, the length of time taken to answer was horrendous, we even were directed down the emergency route and then given a telling off because it was not an emergency. On the following Monday, in an attempt to find out the outcome of the incident, we were directed somehow to Dartford Police who referred us back to Maidstone. Enough said! But please keep reporting all incidents.

We have a good idea who the intruders were that entered the changing rooms and can only say that if we catch them in or near the premises again we will not feel like calling the police but will strongly consider handling the situation ourselves.

You may have noticed that the number of assaults has risen but we do not know the details; hopefully, it will be the offenders sorting each other out! Now that the lighter evenings are here don't be careless and leave garden equipment lying about; keep your garden sheds locked at night. Our next target statistic is 35 (and a few convictions would be the icing on the cake).

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Arson	Assault	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Drugs	Theft Offences	Other Offences	TOTAL
January 2003		7	1	1	3	1		2		15
February 2003	1	3	2	1	2		1		1	11
March 2003		3		3	6	1	1	4		18
TOTAL	1	13	3	5	11	2	2	6	1	44
ROAD										
A21 B		1								1
Brickfields		2								2
Bulls Place					1					1
Castle Hill		1								1
Church Road		1								1
Hastings Road		2	1	1	1	1				6
Henwoods Mount		3		1	2					6
High Street		2			4	1		2		9
Maidstone Road			1				1		1	3
Old Church Road			1	2						3
Romford Road					1					1
Tonbridge Road	1	1		1	1		1	4		9
Woodsgate Way					1					1
TOTAL	1	13	3	5	11	2	2	6	1	44

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YOUR CLERK REPORTS

THE PARISH COUNCIL sadly said goodbye to its Senior Groundsman of eight years, Tony Climpson, at the end of March. Tony decided to join Jamie Littlechild, our previous groundsman, in setting up their own business of grounds maintenance and landscaping. The Council wish them every success in their new venture and thank them very much for all their years of hard work in the village.

The parish now has two new groundsman; Frank Austin has been appointed to the senior position. Frank lives in Tonbridge and is rapidly learning where everything is in Pembury. His speciality knowledge has been gained from the building trade and I am sure his expertise in this field will be frequently called upon. Guy Coggles has taken up the other position. Guy lives in the village and has gained many qualifications from Plumpton Agricultural College.

With the wealth of shared knowledge the men have I am sure we will see a continuation of a village environment that we can all be proud of. Both Frank and Guy would like to be known around the village so if you get the opportunity, please say hello to them.

The other member of our groundstaff is Robin Glazier. Robin also lives in the village and has, for six years, been the Recreation Ground Warden.

He conscientiously opens and closes the Recreation Ground each day, clears up the rubbish and can also be seen painting the play equipment from time to time.

Barbara Russell



*Left to right:
Guy Coggles,
Robin Glazier,
Frank Austin*

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