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## PEMBURY MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN

**S**ATURDAY 12 JUNE 2004 saw the Pembury Musical Picnic on the Green, organised by Pembury Parish Council. Live music was provided by 'The Rhythm Kings', mostly light jazz/easy listening, plus local band 'Get Right Back' headed up by Paul Beeching and colleagues from Pembury Baptist Church.

The evening was very mild, and crowds of Pembury residents from every part of the village turned out with their picnics, wine, tables and chairs, rugs, etc. Glasses clinked, greetings exchanged, children ran around in high spirits, memories stirred as the music played. Only the failing light and exhausted children's yawns persuaded people that it was time to go home.



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## MUSICAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN *continued*

The first Musical Picnic on the Green was held in 2002 as one of the Parish's Golden Jubilee events and was a runaway success. So many residents asked the Parish Council to 'do it again' and it now seems to be a permanent fixture in Pembury's calendar! Next one 11 June 2005!



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## PEMBURY SMALL BUSINESS EXHIBITION

**SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2004 – 10am to 5pm**

**F**OLLOWING THE success of the Village exhibition for local clubs and societies last September Pembury Parish Council decided to organise a Small Business Exhibition for individual and micro-businesses in the Parish. This will be an excellent opportunity for local small businesses to demonstrate what they can offer the residents of Pembury.

The Mayor of Tunbridge Wells will be opening the exhibition just after 10am.

The Complete Lunch will be selling refreshments and light meals during the day and all residents of Pembury, their friends and families are most welcome to come along between 10am and 5pm. There will be no trading done as such on the day but this will be an opportunity to find out what is on offer and make contacts.

If you wish to discuss anything about the exhibition please call the Parish Office on 823193 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday or send an email to Barbara Russell at [pemburypc@pembury.org](mailto:pemburypc@pembury.org)

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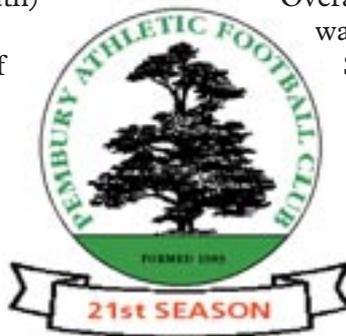
## THE PAYFC AWARDS EVENING – 3 JULY 2004

**T**HE PEMBURY Athletic (Youth) Football Club annual awards evening was held on the evening of 3 July 2004 in the Village Hall. The usual high number of players and parents from all the age groups, from the Under 7's up to and including the Under 16's, and the recently formed girls' mini soccer group, were all welcomed by Club Chairman, David Gow, who thanked all the players for their warm, friendly spirit and sportsmanlike behaviour for the past season, and wished all a successful forthcoming season.

Guest speaker, Parish Councillor Hugh Boorman, updated the players and parents on the situation regarding the new proposed pavilion at Lower Green Recreation Ground. Pembury Parish Council and the Football Club were now in joint partnership and had already carried out soil sampling tests to establish the suitability of the ground conditions for foundation designs. Cllr Boorman also confirmed that the major grant funder would be the Football Foundation, and that architects were imminently being appointed.

During the evening, each age group manager summarised their players' and teams' performances throughout the year and awarded a number of players in each year with 'Player of The Year,' 'Clubman of The Year', and Merits, depending on age group.

Two awards were made to officials of the club; these were 'The Pete Chandler' award (kindly donated by Mrs Chandler) which was presented to Sue Moulton, Club Treasurer, and 'The



Overall Clubman of The Year' which was presented to Kevin Edser, Club Secretary.

The club is affiliated to the Kent Football Association, and has just achieved a Standard Charter Level with the Football Association.

Financed through membership fees, sponsorship and fund raising from various members of the club and its supporters club, it has close links with the Senior Pembury Athletic Football Club and Pembury Primary School, where a majority of the clubs younger children attend.

Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club's aim is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all children of Pembury and surrounding areas irrespective of their ability, background, gender, race, creed or disabilities, and also actively encourages parents to participate in the success of the club.

Anybody who wishes to join the club should contact the Club Secretary, Kevin Edser, in the first instance, on 823643.

**Kevin Edser**



*David Gow (Chairman) and Councillor Hugh Boorman presenting awards to members of the Under 15 squad.*

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## CLERK'S REPORT – AUTUMN 2004

**T**HIS SUMMER has seen an unprecedented amount of vandalism in the village and particularly to parish property.

The half pipe skate ramp in the Lower Green Recreation Ground, erected at the request of enthusiastic skaters and with grant money from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, has been at the centre of the problem culminating in its demolition at a cost of over £1,000. Repairs could not keep up with the constant destruction. It became a den for undesirable gatherings and evidence of drug taking was found there.

Another area to suffer has been the tennis courts, these two new courts were constructed with grant money and money from the parish and we have received many compliments on their high standard. Last week, a gate was removed and stolen from the courts, the chain link fencing has been damaged and a restraining bar removed. There is also evidence that a motor cycle has been driven across the surface. This, again, will cost the Parish to repair.

The YMCA hut at Woodside playing fields has been broken into and trashed, access being gained by ripping off the roofing felt and making a hole through the roof. It is the intention of the Association of Pembury Football Clubs to use this building as a winter training and general social area but if the destruction continues I am sure they will question the viability of the project.

In early summer, a group of youngsters and their parents approached the Parish Council requesting an outside area where they could meet; “a teen shelter”. Much research, consultation and visits to other parishes with the same facility was carried out but, unfortunately, this project has been put on the back burner partly due to the cost of repairs of the vandalism and partly because the Council is questioning the wisdom of providing additional facilities.

This is a gloomy report. What can we do to rid our village of this wanton destruction? The main priority is if you see something untoward happening please telephone the Police, they are well aware of the problems we are experiencing and hopefully, will respond positively.

This is our village. We do not want it spoiled by the few.

**Barbara Russell**

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## MAYOR'S TOY APPEAL

**T**HE MAYOR OF Tunbridge Wells, Councillor John Cunningham, will be launching a Borough-wide toy appeal in late November/early December in association with St George's Community Children's Project. The aim is to provide Christmas presents for children of all ages where families in hardship cannot afford to buy them.

Last year the appeal successfully gave presents to over 200 families in the

Borough, many donated by shops, stores, churches, clubs and organisations as well as individuals.

Batteries, wrapping paper and cash donations are as welcome as (new) toys and books. Gifts should be taken to the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells or St George's Project at 7 Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells by 10 December. If you have any questions about the appeal, you can get information by calling 01892 554282.



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## FLOWER FESTIVAL – JUNE 2004 – FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

**L**OOKING BACK from the early days of autumn to midsummer it is easy to forget the summer activities.

The last weekend in June saw a large number of village organisations involved in the Flower Festival at the Old Church. The Friday was a hive of activity with flowers everywhere and loads of people working until late in the evening to produce a quite spectacular display of flowers themed for 'A Country Wedding'. On Saturday there was a bride lucky enough to benefit from an entry into the church through a garden designed by Larkfield Hall and a church overflowing with colour. As usual the Floral Arts Club arranged the chancel, again another garden and the comments that were made were just praise for hours of work put in.



The main window was filled with a display from Kent College PTA; the WI, Mothers Union, Parish Council, Pembury School, the Guides and Brownies, the Upper Church, Catholic and Baptist Churches, the Pembury Gardeners, the Hospice and the Burma Star association were also represented along with many others.



Apart from the opportunity to visit the church, the weekend raised over £500 towards the continued funding of the Friends of Pembury Parish Church. Thank you to all those who visited for your continued support. The weekend ended with a sung Evensong service in a full church.

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## WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEMBURY

**N**EVER HAS the role of the County Council been more important; and I'm grateful to Pembury Village News for allowing me to set out some of our outcomes.

A strong trademark of Pembury is the way everyone works together – County, Borough and Parish Council representatives. Joint work between Parish and County on highways matters will resolve speeding and parking issues in the village, as well as pushing for a redesign of the hazardous Pembury leg of the A21 roundabout at Longfield Road.

David Mills joined me at Pembury Primary School last year during Local Democracy Week for a "Question Time" grilling by pupils, and Paul Barrington-King and I have now established a regular County/Borough surgery.

After the YMCA pulled out of youth work in Pembury, the County and Parish Councils and the Baptist Church joined forces to continue this work at the old hut on Henwood Recreation Ground. I persuaded HMP Blantyre House in Goudhurst to send a team of inmates along to decorate the hut at the end of last year, with some very kind Pembury residents providing tea and sandwiches to keep them going!

We now have a thriving youth group in Pembury, with KCC youth workers ably supported by the Baptist Church. We organised a huge range of holiday activities – circus skills, DJ master classes, stage makeup, nail painting, ten pin bowling and outward bound sessions – this year there was no reason for any Pembury youngster to cry "there's nothing to do"!

The Electoral Boundary Review almost 'gave' Pembury to another area, disqualifying me as your County Councillor. But strong representations from the County Council, myself and numerous residents forced the Committee to change its mind, and I'm honoured to be able to stand again in 2005 to represent you for another four years.

**Kevin Lynes**, Kent County Councillor for Pembury

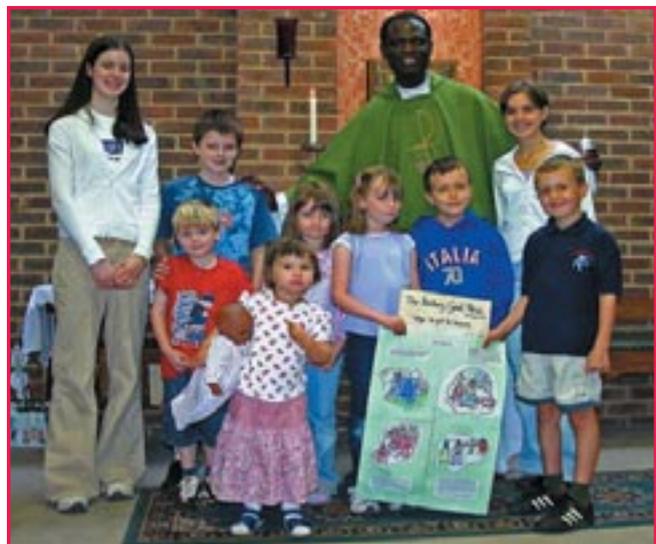


## ST ANSELMS – 'THE PEMBURY GOOD NEWS'

**Y**OUR PEMBURY Village News has a 'rival'! Perhaps not, but the children from St Anselms, the Catholic church in Pembury, prepared a special copy of the 'Pembury Good News'. Janet Ditchett sent in this photograph to show us.

The priest is Fr Joseph Aduse from Ghana who thinks of Pembury as his second home.

The two older girls are Hannah Fowley and Emily Mason who take the junior children during Sunday mass for their children's instruction.



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## WOODLAND PRIDE

**A**ROUND PEMBURY are, as you know, amazing woodlands. As a child and youth 20 to 30 years ago I used to spend most of my spare time in these woods, often alone, apart from the wild animals, trees, fungi, and so on. I love these woods. Today they are filled with other sounds than birdsong . . . 'road roar' and aeroplane noise. I would estimate that back then there was 20% of the road traffic that there currently is on these main roads! Coming back from rural Wales, it all seems crazy . . . the industrial estate . . . etc . . . much more urban. A totally unsustainable process is going on here.

Something occurring alongside the increase in road traffic on the A21 has been the massive increase in use of 'Pembury Walks' . . . (down past the reservoir) . . . for flytipping . . . some obviously commercial . . . and some domestic. Domestic waste can be disposed of for free at the recycling centre on the industrial estate. Commercial waste must be paid for disposal here . . . which is why (obviously) that people dump it nearby in Pembury Walks. I wish they wouldn't. Lots of people seem to throw waste stuff out of the window of their cars also.

Nowadays these woods are leased to the RSPB by the way.



It would be great if a group of local people were to take an active interest in these forests and to organise litter picking days and to report flytipping to the council hotline who will come and pick it up.

. . . Also to generally raise awareness of these amazing places! More and more people are becoming aware of the real value of trees . . . as a place of primal magic and rejuvenation. Take time to visit these temples of lush green . . . places of innocence reborn.

Blessed be,  
**King Amdo**

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## NEOLOGISMS!

**T**HE WASHINGTON POST'S Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are some of the 2003 winners:

1. *Intaxication*: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with.
2. *Reintarnation*: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
3. *Bozone*: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
4. *Cashtration (n.)*: The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
5. *Giraffiti*: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

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## DAVID GRAHAM

**A**FTER TWELVE YEARS as Pastor of Pembury Baptist Church David Graham is moving to be Senior Pastor of Elmwood Church in Salford, near Manchester.

David has moved the church forward significantly in his time as Pastor and has overseen a number of positive changes. Some of those changes are easy to see: the appearance of the church building is now very different after it was extended in the year 2000, with large areas of glass allowing passers by to see in, and this reflects David's vision to make the church more accessible to people. Other changes relate to the staff team: the position of youth leader has evolved into the role of Associate Pastor, now ably filled by Wayne Alexander.



It is impossible to pay tribute to twelve years of ministry in a few paragraphs, but the bottom line is that David's gift of teaching has enabled many people to come to know Jesus. Some of his techniques were maybe a little unorthodox: a gorilla riding a bicycle down the aisle of the church on Easter Sunday morning; his wife Rhiannon, pushing a Sainsbury's trolley through the church (with permission, of course). However, whatever methods he used, David's special gift was to help us understand the relevance of God's word and truth in our lives today.

His talents were also manifest in other ways and many people in the village will have enjoyed the Pembury Baptist Church pantomimes: without David they would not have happened. He is a gifted director and actor: the famous "tea-lady" being just one of his cameo roles!

We will miss David, Rhiannon and the boys but, just as they have furthered God's work in Pembury, we know that they will be used by Him as they move to another church. We want to thank them for all that they have done and to wish God's blessing and protection upon them as they move.

**Colin Burgess**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

**T**HE TIME is fast approaching when foliage will start to die back and leaves will begin to fall. This is when the environmental group gets busy hedge planting and laying, gap filling and pond clearing.

One of our big successes last winter was the laying of the hedge down at the Old Church and it will be our starting point again this autumn when we will be planting different areas of the churchyard with wild flower mixtures and a selection of wild roses on the boundary.

We also hope that The Kent High Weald Project will run another project in the village as they did last December up at Woodside accompanied by a barbeque and refreshments. Notices will be placed on the village notice boards with the date and venue.

If you wish to join in any of our projects, how much time you spend on it is entirely up to you. Please call me or leave a message on 823068.

Look forward to seeing you.

**Hugh Boorman**

## PEMBURY BLOOMS AGAIN

**T**HE FINALISTS of Pembury in Bloom 2004 gathered at Notcutts Garden Centre, Pembury in late August for a presentation tea and to find out who had won this year's competition, a secret much-guarded by the judges until the day.

Notcutts Garden Centre manager, Jon Kemp, and Gill Pavely of Pembury Parish Council awarded prizes and certificates to the following for their floral feats. The winners are:

### **Best Front Garden**

1st Patrick Campbell, Henwood Green Road – £100 in Notcutts vouchers; 2nd John Beech, Camden Avenue – £50 in Notcutts vouchers; 3rd John Wooden, Henwood Green Road – £25 in Notcutts vouchers

### **Best Hanging Basket**

1st Melanie Hambleton, Woodhill Park – £70 in Notcutts vouchers; 2nd Shirley Steel, Tonbridge Road – £30 in Notcutts vouchers; 3rd John Beech, Camden Avenue – £15 in Notcutts vouchers

### **Best Children's Container**

1st Aidan Gouldthorpe, Sandhurst Avenue – £20 in Notcutts vouchers; 2nd Bethany Greagsby, Hastings Road – £10 in Notcutts vouchers; 3rd Matthew Williamson, Heskett Park – £5 voucher

### **Best Allotment**

Fredrick Barden, Woodside Road Allotments

### **Most attractive Commercial Property**

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At the presentation Gill Pavely of Pembury Parish Council congratulated everybody for all the time and effort that they had put into making Pembury bloom this year and said, "The judges always enjoy judging this competition and with so many beautiful displays it was a hard task to pick the winners. Every year we receive more and more entries and I do hope even more people will take part next year."



*The winners, from left to right: back row – Fredrick Barden and Jon Kemp (Notcutts Garden Centre manager); middle row – John Beech, Shirley Steel, Carol Cunningham (Camden Arms), Matthew Williamson and John Wooden; 2nd row back is Thomas Hambleton (son representing Melanie Hambleton) and Gill Pavely (Pembury Parish Council); front row – Aidan Gouldthorpe, Laura Hambleton and Bethany Greagsby.*



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## SNIPPETS

### **Kent High Weald Project Fungus Foray Saturday 9 October at 2pm**

Hunt for the tawny grisette, stinkhorns and much more, join Bryan Bullen for a walk around Cinderhill Woodland, Matfield and discover the variety of fungi that grow there. Meet in the woodland car park off Chestnut Lane. Booking is essential so contact Kent High Weald Project on 01580 715 918

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### **Advance notice . . .**

A date for your 2005 diary: the Village Quiz will be on Friday 13 May so get your brains into practice in those pub quizzes throughout the winter!

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### **Neighbourhood Watch Association**

Your Association Needs You! Seriously, your local association will need to reconsider its position if no new members are found for the local committee. The tasks of committee members are not onerous and it can make a real difference to the security and well-being of everybody in West Kent. Do give it some thought – contact Gill Pavely on 822605 for more details.

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### **Is your heart in good shape?**

Kent Cardiographs will be visiting Pembury Village Hall on Thursday 14 October between 4pm and 7.30pm offering electrocardiograph tests, blood pressure checks and cholesterol and diabetes tests. For more details, including fees and appointments please telephone Sheila on 01622 205322 or Carole on 01233 770359. *(Editor's note. This is a private medical service, not an NHS clinic)*

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### **New Pembury business**

Chris Anson, who moved into the village just over a month ago with his family, is a picture framer specialising in hand-finished mouldings. He was recently commissioned by one of the antique galleries in the

Pantiles to frame/mount a number of paintings, maps, prints etc.

After many years overseas – 5 years in Singapore plus Athens and Toronto – where he worked in advertising he is now to be found at The Coach House, Lower Green Road (by appointment only, please). Contact Chris on 822085 to find out more.

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### **Road closure**

The Parish Office has received a copy of an order stating that the 'Tonbridge Road in Pembury' will be closed except for access. This is the link road from the Woodgate junction to the A21 roundabout leading to the North Farm industrial estate. It is expected that work will be undertaken over eight weekends between midnight Friday and midnight Sunday commencing 1 October.

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### **New play equipment in Lower Green Road Recreation Ground**

A new 'Speedway' children's roundabout is replacing the old broken one and work should be completed by 26 October. Happy turns!

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**Councillor Gillian Pavely** has had to resign from the Parish Council due to family commitments and the Parish Council would like to thank her for all the good work she has done during her time on the Council.

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### **Thank you, Rosie**

Your Editor and team would like to thank Rose Latter for her excellent contribution to the Pembury Village News Editorial Working Group, especially for providing delicious recipes and co-ordinating the Diary page each quarter. We are sorry she is leaving, but send her congratulations on her engagement to Bernie Bass and every good wish for their future life together.

## THE VILLAGE FETE

**I**T WAS OBVIOUSLY a wrong combination to have a Baptist Minister to organise the Fete and a TV Weather Presenter to open it! Somewhere along the line wires got crossed between praying for fine weather and forecasting a sunny afternoon. The morning and evening were beautiful, but the afternoon . . . Oh dear! You had to be on the Village Green to appreciate (perhaps not the right word!) the whole gamut of wind, rain, hail, thunder and lightning. Even shelter under the trees was inadequate and we had to turn off the power because all the electrical equipment got very wet.



But the tough and enduring British spirit shone through. There were plenty of jokes to be shared – even with our French visitors from Lompret. “Your only wet day this summer?” quipped the Mayor. Actually they are near enough to the Channel coast to share the same vagaries of the weather we experience. The Mayor of Lompret and his colleagues very much enjoyed their day in Pembury (see separate article on facing page).

It was good to have Gemma Humphries with us and to see that the smile she gives as she delivers the weather forecast is not

just a TV smile. One young admirer was particularly pleased to meet Gemma and went away proudly with her autograph. She assured me that when she looks into the camera to give her forecasts she will think kindly of us in Pembury and the welcome she received.

A big thank you to the Public Relations Group and everyone else who worked hard to set up the Fete and saw it through to a damp but successful conclusion. Hopefully everyone dried out quickly. One result will be the sharing of £327 between the four charities the Parish Council supports.

Another result immediately evident was the very real community spirit of friendship and co-operation in our village life. At least one visiting stallholder spoke warmly about it.

So, come rain or shine, here’s to next year’s Village Fete! Oh, are there any suggestions about a personality to open it other than someone from the RNLI or a deep sea diver?

**Leslie Gregory**



## PEMBURY – LOMPRET FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

**I**N RESPONSE TO the article in the Spring edition of the News, around 20 people registered an interest in the Pembury-Lomporet Project and a first meeting was held in early June to form a working group. The Mayor and colleagues were invited to spend Fete Day with us on 10 July. Despite the 'fateful' weather, they thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Members of the group showed the French visitors around the village itself, the Old Church,



the school; gave them coffee and afternoon tea. Pembury Parish Council Chairman Cllr Sarah Clarke extended an official welcome to Michel Loosvelt, the Mayor of Lomporet and to his colleagues over a buffet lunch at The Camden Arms.

The French visitors were very impressed by the

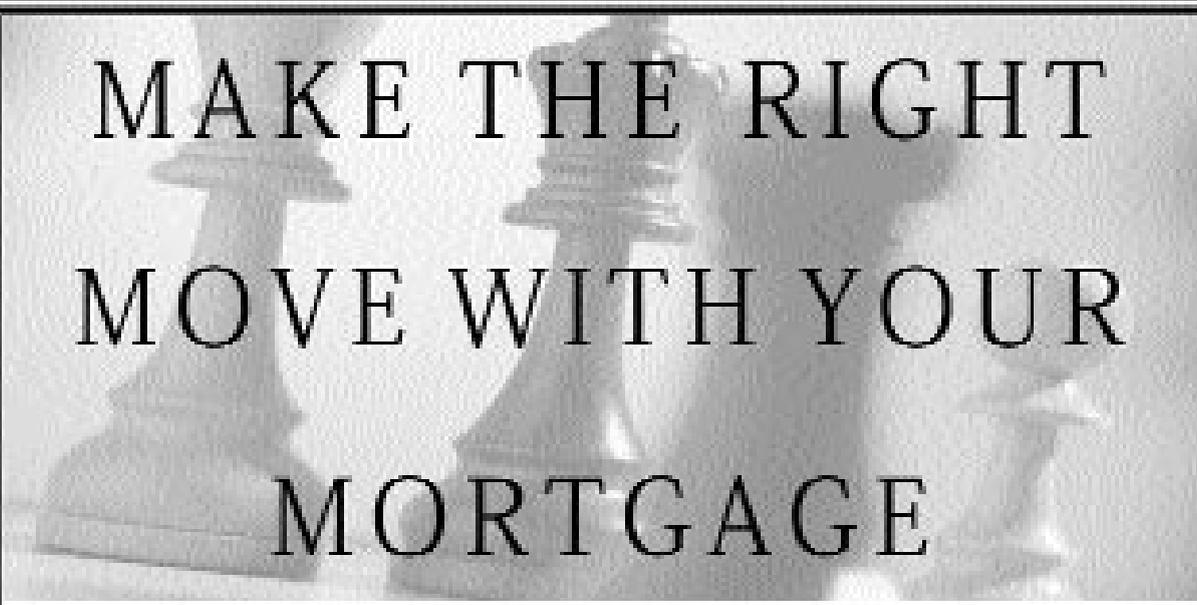
warm welcome they had received and joined in jokes about the fete weather. Their village celebration takes place in October and they said the same thing happens to them!

First steps have now been taken and a return visit is planned in October. However, a second meeting here in Pembury with invitations to all village organisations will be held in the near future to see if

there is interest in organising exchange visits and events at club level. If you would like to find out more, then contact the Pembury Parish Office on 823193 (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) or email [pemburypc@pembury.org](mailto:pemburypc@pembury.org)

Watch this space!





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## PEMBURY'S OWN COFFEE SHOP AND MARKET

**T**HE LAST FEW months have seen quite a lot of changes in this event, which is a fundraising event for the village hall. During this time we have been able to put approximately £100.00 a month into the coffers, as well as offering a showcase to several different local charities and a welcoming watering hole to many customers, old and new.

Thanks to some new blood we are able to open on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am to 12.30pm every week apart from a short break in the summer. Help arrived in the shape of the Indoor Bowls Club, Pembury Baptist Church and our old friends St. Peter's Church, all of whom host a week, providing not only staff and baking for the kitchen but stalls and support once a month. On the last Tuesday of the month we have a Super Market Day with lots of goodies. Every week there are bric-a-brac and gift stalls, books, Compaid cards (great value), clothes, groceries, local produce and whatever else we have time to sort out. More help is always needed – even just the odd week would help.

In the middle week St. Peter's host a very lively day with fantastic bargains – especially children's toys, books and videos plus many other items. Over the last few weeks we have been delighted to welcome a team from Larkfield Hall with their fantastic plants.

We re-opened on Tuesday 14 September, the same day as the children's music group started back, so we hope to have had a busy start to the new season. Whilst it takes a week or two for most people to get back in the swing of things, we can promise you lots of local, fresh-picked fruit and vegetables, the bargain grocery store and of course delicious home-made cakes and lots more. Larkfield have promised to return with Autumn plants and once a month they will have a craft stall offering unique and great value items and gifts.

Anyone can have a stall (legit only); rates are very reasonable and there will always be someone there to show you the ropes so if you want a one-off table or think you can make a more regular appearance please contact us and have a chat. You will be very welcome.

Contact: **Sue Boreham** 824385 or **Eve Fiddimore** 518277

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## 1ST BROWNIES CELEBRATE

**I**N JULY 1944 1st Pembury Brownies were formed and we decided to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with a large party. On 14 July we held a Party for the Brownies, and invited all the current Guiders from Pembury and as many former Guiders from our Pack as we could trace. There were nearly 40 people there on the day.

Our guest list included Moira Allan, current Brown Owl; Sue Jones who ran the pack from the late 1980's to mid 1990's; Maureen Harden who ran the pack during the 1970's and Joan Curd who ran the pack in the 1950's. All those who came received a special badge commemorating the Pack.

There was a quiz showing the changing Brownie Uniforms over the years followed by a party tea and a wonderful cake with candles.

We would like to thank everyone who came and helped us celebrate a very special event.

**Moira Allan and Lynda Sellman**, 1st Pembury Brownies



*June Curd, Brown Owl in the 1950s, and Lauren, the youngest Brownie in the current pack.*

## PEMBURY PEOPLE – SUE BOREHAM

**T**HIS SUMMER I decided to visit the Normandy D-Day landing beaches to pay homage to the Allied troops who fought to liberate France and subsequently the rest of Europe from the oppressive Nazi regime. At Omaha Beach, close to the picturesque harbour of St. Vaast-le-Hougue, I met an elderly French farmer who had experienced the best and the worst of times during his long life. We talked about the desolation after the conflict and the struggle to rebuild communities from the ashes. Recognizing how overwhelming the task must have been I asked him how that was achieved and maintained today. He replied ‘One generation plants the trees and another gets the shade’.

Now, most of us are aware that there are plenty of community-builders in Pembury busy ‘planting the trees’ whilst demonstrating altruistic and selfless concern for others. A fine example of our hardworking ‘troops’, and my Pembury Person for this edition, is Sue Boreham.

There are few in the village that have not been touched by Sue’s efforts for the benefit of our community. She was born at the end of the Second World War, as the youngest of four children, in Ruislip, Middlesex. These were the days of rationing and hardship and it comes as no surprise that the young Sue was impressed by the contrasting affluence of the American troops stationed near to her home. She recounts *“This was almost Hollywood to me! Seeing the Everley Brothers in concert and watching ‘I Love Lucy’ with Lucille Ball on television provided an exciting contrast to a much more austere but happy childhood”*. She adds *“When I was young girl I dreamed of living in some exotic location. I am the only one of four sisters not to emigrate. Having lived and worked in London, and being involved in the era of rock*

*’n’ roll, it seems odd that I now live very happily in Pembury, feeling part of a vibrant and busy village, content to travel but always happy to come back”*. It should be noted that Sue was an avid follower of famous bands such as The Rolling Stones, The Who and the Spencer Davies band and witnessed many of their early gigs.



After the end of her first marriage Sue decided to save hard for a journey to America and headed straight for the Kings Road in Chelsea to secure a job working behind the bar at the famous Six Bells pub. Sue met Alan, her future husband, at this watering hole but it was only when she returned from a voyage of discovery in Canada and the USA, courtesy of the Greyhound Bus Company, that they ‘tied the knot’ in the heat wave year of 1976.

In 1987, also memorable for record-breaking weather [namely a hurricane this time!], the couple and their two young sons moved to Pembury. Sue adds this rationale *“It was our choice because it appeared to be a special place to live and with added advantages such as good schools, transport and beautiful countryside”*. Through school groups and scouting Sue became involved in local activities and fund-raising and a little later she joined the village market in the old hall. Life was very busy, happy and fun but sadly, in March 1989, Alan her husband had a serious stroke leaving lasting effects. Sue, never one to play the ‘sympathy card’, still found time for others in the village. She recalls *“After joining the Pembury Hospice link group life got even busier, but it was so much fun, we were a bunch of friends, all with a strong desire to help the Hospice get built and succeed. When I was asked to start and run the now famous charity shop I was delighted and for almost five years was lucky enough to work with a great group of volunteers*

and meet many interesting people. Characters such as the Burma war veteran Bill Brown, Stan Moxon and Kit Kelly were very special". She continues "I was becoming more involved in the village market, now also a coffee shop, held every Tuesday morning. To answer many who have questioned me . . . No, I don't do much housework but we do run a happy hectic house!"

Gradually over the last few years Sue has taken on more involvement with Headway, the charity that runs her husband's day centre (at present located in the grounds of Pembury Hospital) offering support to people with acquired head injuries and their families. Sue states "I am a trustee on the board and whilst it is very time-consuming and serious, there is always a great feeling of putting something back and being part of an important and sadly growing need."

Life isn't all work and fund-raising though as Sue adds "In May this year we visited our eldest

son, who lives and works in Thailand doing so many wonderful and fantastic things. I still cannot believe it all and hopefully we will be able to continue to travel and experience new pastures for many years. By many peoples' standards, we are still newcomers but living in Pembury is such a beautiful area of England we are beginning to feel a part of the fabric of our lovely countryside. It is important that we hang on tight to our community. People miss so much by not being aware and involved. Have the confidence to give something - far more comes back."

Perhaps the playwright George Bernard Shaw offers us a suitable reflection of Sue's endeavours by stating "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." On behalf of all that you have helped Sue, we offer you our heartfelt thanks.

**Paul Barrington-King**

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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

JUNE SPENCE sent in this photo taken approx February/March 1949. She has identified Colin Withers, Phyllis Beckett, Les Vousden, Jane Baldock, Brenda Vanns, Ann Jenner, Sylvia Drury, Richard Kirkham, Pamela Adderson, Pauline Rice, Eileen Brown, Wendy Corbett, Marie ? , Heather Hearsey, Jane Smith, Michael Armitage, Sheila Wood, Pauline or June Lawrence.



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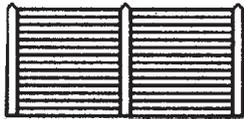
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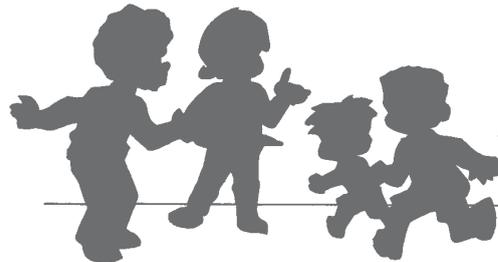
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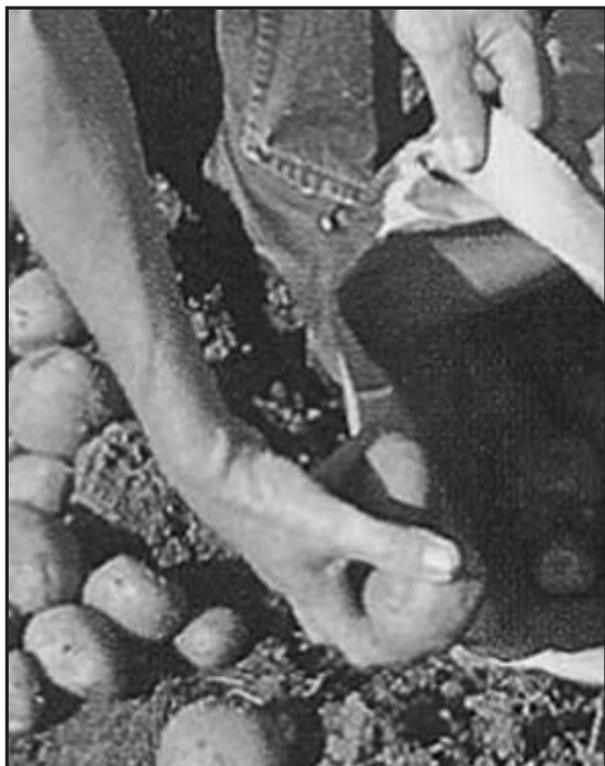


## MY PLOT

ON THE WHOLE, everything went all right last summer after a very late start. I had loads of peas and beans and I managed to grow fennel without it bolting uselessly. Also, I followed some advice I was given to succeed with parsnips which can be summarised as plant them all over the place all of the time! So I did, I planted loads of rows in different places every week or so. Some grew, some didn't – no rhyme or reason to it – but there's ended up being plenty enough.

So I cracked the difficult crop but at the same time failed dismally with one that is usually idiot-proof – spinach. How is it possible to get spinach to flower then die when it is only 5cm high? A repeat sowing didn't even bother growing!

Meanwhile I grew a fantastic crop of horsetails that I sun-dried for compost production. I've adopted an 'if you can't beat it, join it' approach to horsetails. Since they are indestructible, then the best thing is to make the most of them. Although I've heard that they're useful for scouring dirty saucepans, I can't think that I'd ever need my whole crop, and though I was told you can make a tea with them, frankly I don't fancy it. Best then to ignore them until they get in the way, then pull them up and leave them to die before dumping them on the heap to make the loveliest compost ever.



Brilliant potato year. Clean as a whistle with no holes or scabs. I planted them really late so I don't know if that was the secret to my success. I don't even know what varieties they were because a nameless person, who helped me to plant them, screwed up the bags they came in before I could write down what they were!

I've decided to get rid of my late raspberries. This is a major departure from my earlier worship of this crop. I used to sing its praises but now I think it's a complete thug – it's in the blackberry, smothered the gooseberries, the currants; it's in my neighbours plots (sorry) and threatening to take over the world! In fact its so busy spreading that it doesn't even bother to fruit properly. And that's worthy of a death sentence.

**Caroline Mazze**



## NEW MOTHERS' UNION BANNER FOR ST. PETER'S, PEMBURY

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There was a branch of the MU at St. Peter's Church, Pembury in the first part of the 20th century. However, our present branch was reformed through the influence of the Reverend Colin Pilgrim in 1986. The branch successfully increased its membership. During the 1990s Jean Aust became Branch leader, encouraged and supported by her husband Sidney. As the old MU banner had become rather faded, the idea of having a new one was promoted. Sidney's death from cancer in 2000 focused the minds of members on creating a new banner in his memory.

Gillian Norman-Draper created the design and a small group of needlewomen from St. Peter's Branch interpreted it. The Virgin Mary is the mother figure and because St. Peter's is a country parish, birds, butterflies and flowers were included. The banner was dedicated by the Reverend Stephen Sealy at the Parish Eucharist on 13 June 2004 – during the International Year of the Family.

**Mary Adams**



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## KENT COLLEGE SPEECH DAY

ON THE LAST DAY of the scholastic year in July, Kent College Sports Hall was filled with invited guests, governors, staff and students. We arrived and departed to the strains of Keating's Tea Dance beautifully played by the College orchestra.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Tunbridge Wells were present and the guest of honour was Mrs Louise Gullifer, Fellow and Tutor in Law at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. Mrs Gullifer presented the prizes for the year's work to sustained applause.

Mrs Anne Upton, the headmistress, presented a comprehensive report on the past year's achievements. She also spoke about some of the problems in education and how the College was dealing with them, as well as the firm Christian foundation of the College being a strong base from which personal and community values are drawn. The College maintains links with other Methodist colleges around the country.

There is a wide variety of extra-curricular activities to attract and occupy the students in music, drama and sport. While they are a valuable part of the College's life, Mrs Upton stressed the importance of commitment to academic studies.

Kent College is keen to be seen as part of the Pembury community and two of your Parish Councillors, Gillian Pavely and Leslie Gregory were very pleased to have attended the Speech Day.

### **Leslie Gregory**



*From left to right: Mrs Louise Gullifer (Invited Speaker), Rachel Bate (Deputy Head Girl), Rosie Akenhead (Head Girl), Kate Knight-Robson (Deputy Head Girl), Mrs Anne Upton (Headmistress).*



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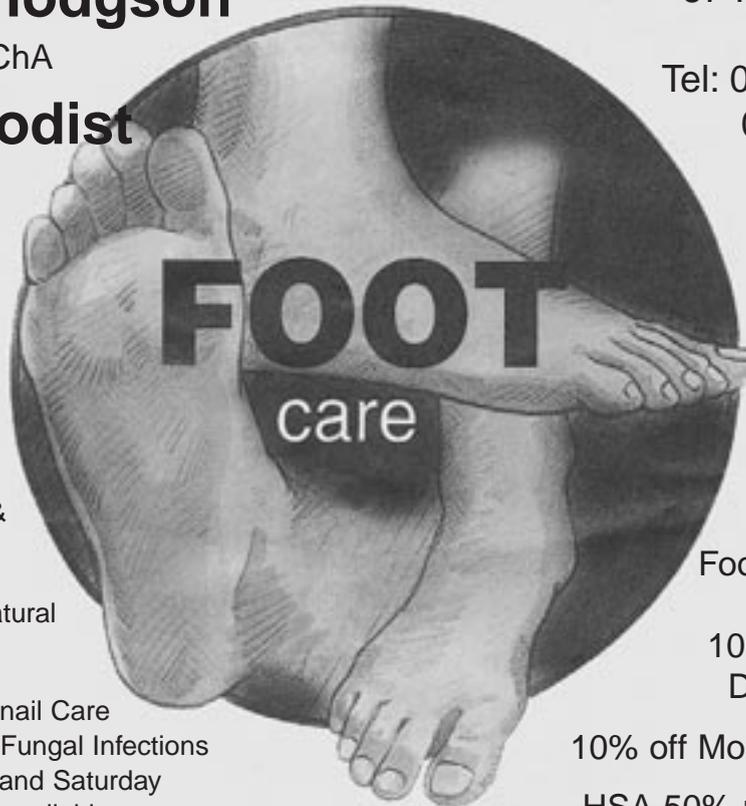
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## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**D**ISAPPOINTINGLY, THE figures for recorded crime have risen again, although only by a small amount, but we know that this figure is far from accurate. Many people do not report crime anymore purely and simply because they either can't get through to the police, are confronted by a wretched answering machine or are put off by the negative response. We even had one parishioner who was threatened with arrest because, having witnessed what he felt was criminal damage in the Lower Green Recreation Ground, the only number he knew that he could call on his mobile phone was 999. Unfortunately, this was viewed as wasting police time!

The main increase in the crime figures has come about by cases of assault jumping from 3 to 7 and acts of vandalism or anti-social behaviour from 13 to 20. Sadly, the increase in anti-social behaviour is a national problem and one which collectively we seem unable to conquer. Now, before the local constabulary accuse me of not supporting them, I want to make it quite clear that I always have and always will, but that will not stop me from criticising them when I think it is necessary.

It is my opinion that recently we have not received the assistance we should have done in tackling the problem of vandalism, and even when we have repeatedly advised them of the damage to the play equipment and facilities in the recreation ground, Woodhill Park, Westway, etc. it would appear that no charges have yet been made. If I am wrong I will apologise now.

Keep on the alert, don't make it easy for the would-be criminal or vandal and please contact the police number 01892 502025 if you wish to report a non-emergency incident. When reporting, make sure you get a crime number; please contact me (tel. 823068) if you have a repeat of some of the communication problems recently experienced. If the incident is life-threatening, with immediate danger of injury or damage to property, a crime in progress or offenders nearby, then the information in the phone book police advertisement is to phone 999.

**Hugh Boorman**

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<b>April 2004</b>	2	1		4	1		1		1	<b>10</b>
<b>May 2004</b>	3			5	1	1			2	<b>12</b>
<b>June 2004</b>	2	2	1	11		3	1	1	7	<b>28</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>ROAD</b>										
A21 B				1		1				<b>2</b>
Beagles Wood Road			1						2	<b>3</b>
Bellfield Road		1		1						<b>2</b>
Camden Avenue						1				<b>1</b>
Hastings Road	1			3			1			<b>5</b>
Henwood Green Road	2			5				1	1	<b>9</b>
Henwoods Mount				1						<b>1</b>
Highfield Close				1						<b>1</b>
High Street	1	1		2	2				1	<b>7</b>
Lower Green Road	1			3		1			3	<b>8</b>
Maidstone Road	1									<b>1</b>
Romford Road									2	<b>2</b>
The Grove									1	<b>1</b>
Tonbridge Road	1						1			<b>2</b>
Woodhill Park		1		3		1				<b>5</b>
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## BULBS AND THINGS . . .

**I**T'S INCREDIBLE how knobbly brown lumps and bumps planted in the garden on a chilly October (and some times November!) day can produce glorious, multi-coloured heaven at the end of winter all through the spring. Garish yellows, purples, oranges, pinks, whites, blues and reds all combine to make spring quite cheerful.

But how to do this? Well, it's not that hard, quite honestly. Experts have their methods and will be quietly chuckling in a few moments, but for most of us, it's relatively simple. Apart from specialist growers and garden centres which provide



some amazing varieties, you can buy a great selection of bulbs in with your weekly shopping, in DIY stores, via the Internet, your weekly or monthly magazine, etc. Follow a few basics and your reward will be self evident.

Plant the bulbs as soon as you can after buying them; in most cases, planting depth should be 2 to 3 times the length of the bulb. Discard any shrivelled or mouldy bulbs; it's not worth the effort of trying to coax them along. It can be a bit boring, planting out a whole tubful, but believe me it's worth it – you won't have to do anything for years afterwards!

For a patio display, plant in containers – plain flower pots will do if you don't have any fancy ones – using a good general compost, say John Innes No.2. It helps to put some stones or old bits of crockery or old flower pots in the bottom to help drainage. If possible, stand the pots on 'feet' to help drainage. Similar size stones will do, just enough to raise them off the ground. If you suffer from snails, put some grit on the top surface of compost to discourage them. After flowering, when the leaves are starting to yellow and die off, it's a good idea to lift the bulbs and plant them somewhere else in the garden as they don't do quite as well in the containers after the first year.

In the meantime, here's some encouragement . . .

**Gardener Anonymous**



some amazing varieties, you can buy a great selection of bulbs in with your weekly shopping, in DIY stores, via the Internet, your weekly or monthly magazine, etc. Follow a few basics and your reward will be self evident.

Plant the bulbs as soon as you can after buying them; in most cases, planting depth should be 2 to 3 times the length of the bulb. Discard any shrivelled or mouldy bulbs; it's not worth the effort of trying to coax them along. It can be a bit boring, planting out a whole tubful, but believe me it's worth it – you won't have to do anything for years afterwards!

For a patio display, plant in containers –



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## FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Coffee Morning – Village Hall Tuesdays 9.30am – 12 noon, full market last Tuesday of the month same times.

WRVS Lunch Club – every Wednesday at 11.45am in the Pembury Village Hall during the school term time

### October

- 1 Pembury Evening WI – 40th Birthday Party – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Camden Arms – 2.15pm
- 6 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Chalk in Hand' talk Dinah Sheppard – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI – Favourite Poems – Village Hall – 2pm
- 10 Pembury Small Business Exhibition – Village Hall – 10am to 5pm
- 11 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Pembury Gardeners' Society: 'The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew' – Catholic Hall 8pm
- 18 St. Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 28 Pembury Society AGM – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 29 Crossroads Celebration Fayre – Village Hall - 10.00am – 12.30pm
- 30 Pembury Gardeners – Disco-Dance – Village Hall – 8pm

### November

- 1 All Saints Church, Brenchley – Preacher: Bishop Michael Turnbull for All Saints Day
- 4 Hospice in the Weald – Land Registry, Hawkenbury – Fire Walk – 9pm – Contact Judy Higgins 820500 including Fireworks at 7.30pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI – AGM – Village Hall – 2pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI – AGM – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Village FIREWORKS – Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road – 7.30pm
- 6 RNLI Autumn Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am to 12 noon
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 St. Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 12 St. Peter's Mothers' Union: 'No Water Needed' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 14 Remembrance Sunday Service – Upper Church 10.50am
- 20 St. Peter's Autumn Fair – Upper Church – 10.30am – 12.30pm
- 22 St. Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 28 St. Peter's Upper Church – Taize Service – 6.30pm

### December

- 1 Hospice in the Weald – Christmas Market – Hospice – 11am to 4pm
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI – Christmas Party – Village Hall – pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI – Hand Bell Ringers – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – depart Bopeep Corner – 2.15pm
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 St. Peter's Mother's Union: Christmas Supper – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 9 Hospice in the Weald – Tree of Light Dedication Service and Carols – 6.30pm
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8 pm
- 13 St. Peter's Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm

## ROSIE'S RECIPES

I HAVE DECIDED that this will be my last recipe corner as I have other commitments in my life. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Editorial team and bringing you recipes, which I hope you have tried and enjoyed. If you are keen on recipes then please give me a call, or Alison Morton (Editor), with a view to taking over this column.

However, before I go I will leave you with a selection of recipes, the first one was a favourite with my family and very economical.

### POTATO-COATED MEAT LOAF

#### Ingredients:

1 lb/1/2kg minced steak  
4 oz/100g fresh breadcrumbs  
1/4 pint/150cl cold milk  
1 egg beaten  
Salt and pepper  
1/4 level tsp cayenne pepper  
1/4 level tsp dry mustard  
1 onion, finely chopped or grated  
1 lb/1/2kg potatoes  
1 oz/25g butter or margarine  
Hot milk to mix  
2 level tablespoons chopped parsley



Put the minced steak in a mixing bowl with the breadcrumbs, cold milk, egg, 1 level teaspoon salt, cayenne pepper, mustard and onion. Mix all together very thoroughly. Put in a greased 1 lb/1/2 kg loaf tin and bake in a

moderate oven (350°F/180°C Gas 4) for 45 minutes. Meanwhile, peel the potatoes and cook in boiling salted water until tender (about 15-20 minutes). Mash well with the butter and enough hot milk to make creamy mashed potatoes. Beat in salt, pepper and 1 tablespoon parsley. Turn the cooked meat loaf out of the tin and put it on a baking tray. Coat the loaf in mashed potatoes and return it to the oven for about 15 minutes or until beginning to brown. Serve garnished with chopped parsley.

I used to serve it with lots of fresh vegetables and gravy. Very satisfying! It can also be served with a green salad.

The following two recipes are really easy to make, especially if you are in a bit of a hurry.

### OLD-FASHIONED DATE PUDDING (5 servings)



#### Ingredients:

100g (4 oz) plain flour  
100g (4 oz) caster sugar  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
good pinch of salt  
150g (5 oz) dates, chopped  
120ml (4 fl oz) milk  
475ml (16 fl oz) water  
150g (1 oz) butter  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
whipped cream, to serve

Heat oven to 180°C (350°F/Gas 4). Mix flour with caster sugar, baking powder, salt and dates. Add milk and stir to mix. Spread mixture into a greased 1.5l (2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pt) soufflé dish. Heat water with brown sugar and butter, stirring until sugar dissolves and butter melts. Bring to boil, remove from heat and add vanilla essence. Pour sauce over mixture in dish. Cook for 40 minutes until pudding is well risen, golden brown and cooked. Serve with whipped cream.



**ECCLES CAKES (makes about 8 pastries)**

**Ingredients:**

- 3 tbsp mincemeat
- Grated rind of 1-2 oranges
- 225g (8 oz) puff pastry (ready made is more convenient)
- beaten egg, to glaze
- caster sugar, for sprinkling

Heat oven to 220°C (425°F/Gas 7). Mix together mincemeat and orange rind. Roll pastry out on a lightly floured surface and cut out 8 x 13cm (5 in) rounds. Divide mincemeat

between rounds and brush edges with egg. Bring edges together. Place pastries sealed sides down on a baking tray and brush with egg. Make three cuts in each one and sprinkle with sugar. Bake pastries for 12-15 mins until golden brown. Will freeze for up to 3 months.

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## CHURCH TIMES

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**Upper Church**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.45am The Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
- 10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

**Old Church**

- 11.30am Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)

Evening services as advertised on Church noticeboards

**CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM – PEMBURY**

- Sunday Mass 10.30am
- Holy Days – Vigil Mass 7.30pm
- Confessions: Sunday 10.15am

Weekday Service:  
Wednesday – Mass 7pm

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We praise God and hear his word on Sunday at 10am and 4th Sundays at 6.30pm. Other evenings to be announced.

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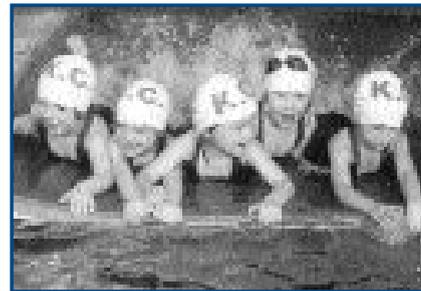
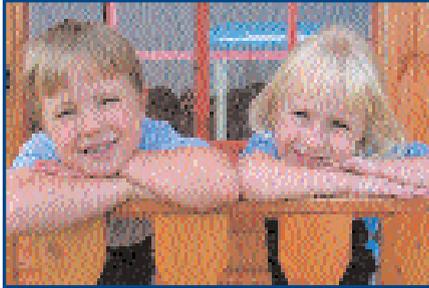
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