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CHAIR'S REPORT

No Chair's Report this time as our wonderful June retired at the beginning of May. She has done so much for Pembury in the past 10 years as Chairman and has, on many many occasions gone beyond the call of duty. She has been a source of inspiration to us all and we wish her well in her retirement.

On 14th May the Parish Council elected David Coleman as the new Chair.

THANK YOU. I am totally overwhelmed by the love and generosity you have shown me over my retirement. My lovely colleagues on the Parish Council organised a wonderful afternoon at the Village Hall with so many of you from the village who I have come to admire and care for. The hall was beautifully decorated, huge array of food and a stunning cake, and some really outstanding gifts for which I'm truly grateful.

That well-known thespian and playwright Patrick Gillan produced two playlets with the help of the Pembury Players in my honour! I hadn't realised I used tasers on Councillors during meetings so I can only guess it's the look I might have when something isn't right! The other play was as Agony Aunt to our M.P. Greg Clark, not sure how he felt about that, but I think he took it in a good-natured way!

A huge thank you to my friends who gave speeches about my time on the Council - that was when a few tears started; in fact, it totally finished me off when I spotted my family who had come up from Somerset and Sally and Dave Osborn from Norfolk who I miss enormously.

It has been a huge honour to be part of a proactive Council and to be in a position to help where I can. I am going to miss being part of this team but I do hope they will ask me to do a little bit in the future.

Thank you all for your cards and flowers and your good wishes, it all means so much to me.

Sincere Regards, June

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The Local Plan that was due to be published by TWBC in June 2018 has now been delayed to March 2019. Any updates will be on our website and Facebook page

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- Tennis Courts
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- Upper Church Burial Grounds
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- Village Green
- Coronation Gardens
- Old Coach Road
- Open spaces in the Coppice
- Bo Peep Corner
- Hanging baskets
- Christmas Lights
- War Memorial
- Community Events including the Musical Picnic and Fireworks

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We have a stand at the forthcoming Hope Fun Day on 9th June in the Recreation Ground which will be manned by Councillors.

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“It’s a long way from West Tyrone to Pembury and not just in miles. Home was a small hill farm in a remote area of Northern Ireland, speaking a language we called English but you would not recognise. Our mother’s death when we were very young meant that we were initially brought up by our father. The very close bond with him continued after he remarried. He had basic training in animal medicine and I was his faithful shadow, holding the syringe, learning to calculate the dose and injecting large animals and helping when they gave birth. No wonder a medical career beckoned, but in my case I wanted human rather than animal medicine.

Our peaceful remote existence was no guarantee of safety when the troubles started. Suddenly we had to lock doors and cars, and be careful everywhere we went. Social life for us as teenagers was seriously restricted, leading me and many of my friends to look at universities outside of Ireland. It was a great day when I walked out of Brighton station to look down Queens Road at the sunlight sparkling on the sea. I knew that only twenty-four hours earlier a young soldier had dropped on one knee training his rifle on me as I crossed a deserted street in grey Belfast. I knew I would never go back.



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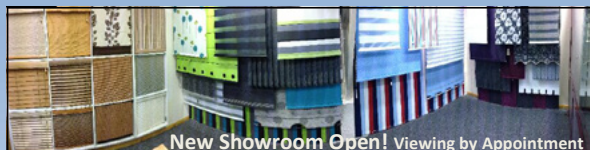
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Work was essential to supplement my student grant – no loans and no debts back then, and Brighton provided plenty of opportunity. In the local pharmacy I learned to make huge quantities of cough mixture and indigestion remedies, all bottled up and neatly labelled. I was working in Boots when decimal currency was introduced to people who thought they were being robbed! How do you explain that half a crown is only worth twelve and a half pence?

I met my husband Tony in a pub. He had a white Triumph Herald which I named Gabriel, pretty obvious to anyone with a religious upbringing! Back then everyone had a nodding dog on the parcel shelf but we had a ginger cat. He came to Tony's Mum's house every Sunday for his roast beef. Eventually he deserted us for a warmer house next door but he had taught us to love the eccentricity of cats and to pander to their whims ever since.

Tony and I were married in Brighton and lived there for another three years, in a little terraced house with a tiny square of garden. I packed it with plants and wanted more space. Changes at work brought us to Edenbridge to a house with room for children. Danny was born in 1980 and I gave up work to be a mum. Six weeks later Tony was made redundant. Jobs were hard to obtain as recession took hold and I was very soon back to work as a locum pharmacist. Four years later Rob was born and I needed to be at home doing accounts for my husband's thriving telecoms company.

I first came to Pembury pharmacy when Peter and Janet Ditchett retired and the new owners took over. At first I was the Wednesday locum but I must have impressed someone because I was asked to work full time. I offered to stay two years and here I am 15 years later.

There have been lots of changes in the last 15 years. My boys are both married, one about to do it for the second time, and three little grandchildren. The pharmacy has also seen

some changes. The first refit was dirty, stressful and sometimes dangerous but we had to work through it. Tempers often frayed. We only closed part of a Saturday when the wall and staircase were removed. Unfortunately the rubble was still there on Monday morning, so our pharmacy ladies had to sort those builders out.

More recently we had an extension built on the back of the dispensary, less traumatic than the last time and giving us so much more work space. This time we didn't fight with the builders but blamed the architect when water poured through the ceiling. It all seems to be mended now but the bucket is always ready if we spot a drip!

I live in Pembury now but have not cut my ties with Edenbridge, remaining a member of the church and continuing to work with the Sunday School. We also own a plot of land where a new house will be built and a large muddy field to be turned into our dream garden.

Pembury is an interesting place to work, because it is a village whose people appreciate what they have and support local events. We frequently support charities where members of our staff are involved, most recently a cake sale to raise money for rehabilitation of wounded soldiers. You always donate generously and this is my opportunity to say thank you and long may you continue to visit the pharmacy."

I am sure we would all like to say thank you to Ida and her team for helping to keep us all healthy.

RICHARD SNOW



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REFURBISHED WAR MEMORIAL TO BE UNVEILED

National celebrations to mark the Centenary of the end of WWI are taking place throughout the United Kingdom on Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11.11.18 this year. Pembury will be marking the occasion by unveiling a newly refurbished and cleaned War Memorial on that day.

I have been passionate for some years about replacing the very tarnished metal plaques on the War Memorial. In addition I have found 8 spelling errors in the names on the Memorial. The Parish Council have kindly agreed to add one new name (Jim H. Woodhams) to the WWI names and correct the existing errors. Money has been very generously donated locally by Kent County Councillor Paul Barrington-King, The Parish Council, The Pembury Society, Churches, local Businesses and individuals to carry out this work. The new plaques will be carved in stone and the work is being carried out by Burslem of Tunbridge Wells. Burslem will also be adding the names of Thomas G Cook and Jim H Woodhams to the wooden plaques in the Upper Church and cleaning them.

The “new” Memorial is due to be unveiled on Remembrance Sunday, where the Service will be held outside this year and all are invited to attend this special occasion. It is hoped that the Parade will start this year from the Recreation Ground. It is planned, weather permitting, that a 1930's Tiger Moth will drop 10,000 Poppies.

In addition, David Dore, a local cinematographer, is kindly producing a film called “Pembury Remembers”, which will mark the occasion and include background material.



The names to be corrected are:

WWI

Douglas Mac-Dougall
(Should be MacDougall)

Albert Mc'Queen
(should be McQueen)

Albert and Thomas Penticost
(should be Pentecost)

Sydney Ratcliffe
(should be Sidney)

WW2 – Edward Crossley
(should be Edmund)

William Parks
(should be Parkes)

John Philbeam
(should be Pilbeam)

Further details will be available nearer the time.

Richard Snow

Pembury Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Snow for his brilliant efforts in raising the funds needed to replace the plaques on the village war memorial. With great passion, determination and energy he has single-handedly raised the amount needed to remove the brass plaques and replace them with stone. As we go to press, the amount raised stands at £8040 (£2000 of which has been donated by Paul Barrington-King from his members' grant) - an outstanding achievement, thank you so much Richard!

Cllr Mrs Susan Sharp



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Following the article in the Spring Edition of the Pembury Village News a number of local businesses and organisations have expressed a wish to be involved in the Flower Festival for the Heritage weekend in September. The Browning Society will be represented, as the theme for the display will be based on one of his poems with an autumnal flavour!

If you have not been in touch, please don't feel that it is too late. We are hoping for a church overflowing with flowers and floral displays to celebrate this building, which will be open for visitors for the weekend. On both Saturday and Sunday refreshments will be available throughout the day. Hopefully the weather will be kind, and as the Old Church is part of a group of local churches connected by footpaths, we also hope that walkers will take the opportunity to visit – there will be a plan of the footpaths available at the church.

On Saturday evening, September 15 there will be a concert featuring music by Mozart for piano, viola and clarinet, settings of "Browning songs" and other pieces. More information will be available in the village nearer the time.

Please do contact us if you are interested, in helping with the teas and coffees, with a donation of flowers from your garden and/or greenery, just with help or in being part of the flower display team. We hope it will be a special weekend to remember.

Contact details are:

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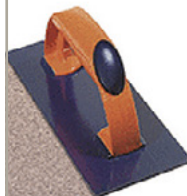
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At the time of going to press it is all systems go at Chalket Lane for the summer of 2018!

Pembury Cricket Club has returned to the Kent County Village League this season, with two league sides on a Saturday, and on a Sunday we continue to have a full fixture list of friendlies to integrate our colts into senior cricket with some of our more seasoned pros!

“All Stars” Cricket has now launched for 5 to 9 year olds on Saturday Mornings, and our junior teams have started their seasons in the Invicta Cricket Leagues.



A lot of hard work has been put in over the off season, with a new artificial wicket installed on the square, and with various other improvements around the ground, we are well set for the season ahead.

We are always looking for new members of all ages and abilities, and to that end we are offering FREE

playing membership to new members in 2018. It is never too late to join, and additionally we offer pay as you play for our junior members, ages 9 and above on Friday (Hardball) evenings 18:00 – 19:30, and ages 5 to 9 (Softball) on Saturday mornings 10:30 to 11:30.



For more information please look us up on our website (<http://pembury.play-cricket.com>) or pop up to Chalket Lane (behind the Camden Arms) and have a look for yourself, you will be very welcome!

Additionally, we would love to forge further links with local businesses to help us to continue to evolve, details of the various sponsorship packages we offer can be found via our website.

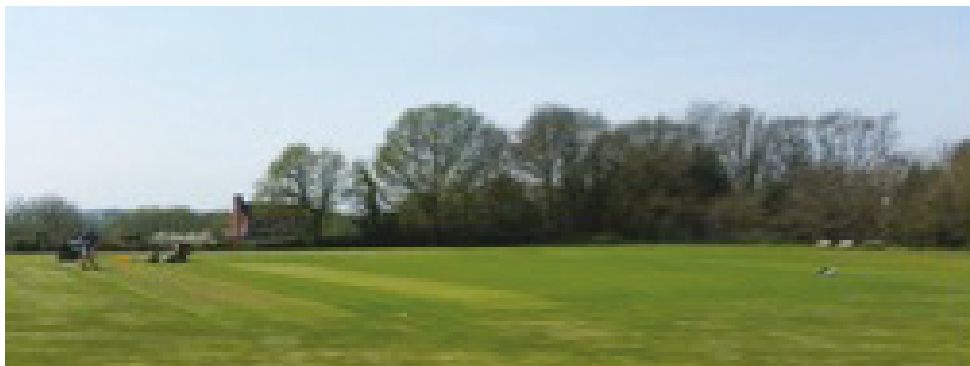
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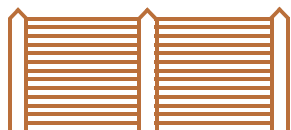

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JUNE'S AFTERNOON TEA

At the turn of the New Year, our Chair at the Parish Council, June Crowhurst, announced that, reluctantly, the time had come for her to stand down from the many activities and duties involved in the role, and that this would take effect from May 2018.

It was decided that we could not let her go quietly, and so it was in an atmosphere of both joyfulness and sadness that a large group of friends, family, colleagues and fellow Councillors met in the Village Hall, on an early Spring afternoon, to celebrate the work and successes June has achieved as both a Councillor and then Chairman of Pembury Parish Council over the past 14 years.

The Hall was decked out with a nostalgic theme, floral bunting, tablecloths and napkins, with a showpiece samovar and the strains of Frank Sinatra in the background. A traditional English afternoon tea with cakes galore, savouries and June's favourite cuppa were on hand for all guests, many of whom had travelled some distance to be there.

Everyone was entertained by members of Pembury Players who staged two very

humorous skits, imaginatively based on the fictional goings-on at the Parish Council, which caused much laughter at the expense of some rather well-known guests, who took it all in good part.

Speeches were given and presentations made, together with anecdotal memories of June's service to the community and unanimous praise and thanks for everything she had accomplished.

A fabulous cake in June's favourite colours was duly cut and shared, with party bags made up for those who had over indulged and could not manage one more mouthful!

There was much reminiscing and laughter as well as a few tears of sadness.

At the end of the afternoon, all agreed that this was not goodbye, just au revoir.

Cllr A Partridge



We have all heard the sayings "Why don't they do this, why don't they do that".
Well June is the one who did do this, and she did do that!

She has been an inspiration to everyone in the way that the village has always
come first in all that she has done as Chair of Pembury Parish Council.

To say that we will miss her is an understatement. Mike

I first met June in 2015. We had moved to Pembury a couple of years previously and
were introduced in connection with the Pride in Pembury annual competition. She
very quickly suggested that I join the Parish Council, an offer which I had to decline
at the time. However, the following year, when we met again, she continued her
quest as if there had been no intervening time. I remember thinking, this is one
determined lady who is not going to take no for an answer! That for me sums up
June. She has been a warm, compassionate and humorous Chair – a complete fighter
for the cause and totally committed to Pembury. Annie

I have always found June's door 'open' for a friendly non-biased opinion on
any questions/thoughts I have had over the years regarding the village.
June is passionate about village and the people who live in Pembury. Her
retirement is well-deserved, and I know she will enjoy the extra time she
will now have to be able to visit family and friends. Her new role as a great
grandmother is something which has really delighted her. Chris

I first met June when I was working as an undercover reporter. June was part of a
harem of women within a nomadic tribe travelling across the Gobi Desert looking for
the holy grail. As I got to know June, it was clear she was fed up with being wife number
seven to the head honcho and she asked me to help her escape, so that she could find
her true destiny in life. Our flight took place at night on an old camel called Betty who
brought us all the way to Pembury. The rest is history. I will miss June for lots of reasons
but mainly because she laughed at all my jokes and thought I was hilariously funny.

Travel well June, you did a grand job and you will be missed. Patrick

Since becoming a Parish Councillor three years ago, June has helped me enormously to
understand the procedures and complexities of the Council. She has always acknowledged
and thanked us Councillors for the valuable contribution we make and made us feel that we
are doing something truly worthwhile. Her leadership, dedication and ability to overcome
adversity have been inspiration and a lesson to us all in resilience and 'turning the other
cheek'. Her depth of knowledge, dry humour and smile will be greatly missed at Council
meetings, but we wish her well as she enjoys a well-deserved rest from public life and enjoys
more time with her family. Susan

I have had the pleasure of working with June for five years on the Council. In
fact, she is responsible for me being part of the team. Her persuasive skills
being the reason! Without doubt, her no. 1 priority has always been to gain
the best for our community and Pembury village. Thank you, June, – you
have been an inspiration and you will be greatly missed. Your hard work and
dedication will never be forgotten. Shelley





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Categories:

Best Front Garden

Best Allotment

Best Hanging Basket/Container

Best Community Group

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Lower Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4DZ

Closing date - Friday 20 July - Judging will take place early August
Prizes and certificates to be awarded at the Winners' Tea in October

Category of Entry (please tick)

- ☐ Best Front garden
- ☐ Best Allotment
- ☐ Best Hanging Basket/Container
- ☐ Best Community Group

Please complete using Block Capitals

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

Full Address of Entrant.....

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



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2ND PEMBURY RAINBOWS



Spring has finally sprung and thank goodness for it. We say hello to lighter evenings, better weather and all things fresh – a perfect fusion for Pembury Rainbows.

Our programme this term has also demonstrated an eclectic mix of colour, smell, touch and taste. We have been learning about 'Our World' and this has enabled us to explore such subjects as the wonderful Giant Panda and its plight and the Rainforests and their infinite but not sustainable wildlife. We've revelled in the festivities of the Chinese New Year and learned to sign our Promise using Makaton. The Rainbows' horizons have certainly broadened.

During the February Half Term holiday, we had a heart-warming, albeit toe-freezing, day out to Wildwood, where we got to learn all about Arctic Foxes, Otters, Wallabies, Lynx and other fantastic animals. The girls were extraordinary in such unaccommodating temperatures, as were the hot chocolates at lunchtime!

In March, we enjoyed our first visit to Clip'n Climb and it certainly won't be our last. Watching all the girls sitting and listening to their instructors, fully harnessed up, I couldn't help but imagine they were all sat upon a plane, ready to take their first parachute jump..... 'Where Eagles Dare', so do 2nd Pembury Rainbows. And I haven't yet ruled out that idea from my future programmes!

However, what we definitely have set in our future events is a joint activity day with 1st Pembury Beavers – 'A Beaver and Rainbow Intergalactic Mission', to boldly go where no Beaver or Rainbow has gone before! Our day is space-themed, and we shall be building rockets of all different shapes and sizes and testing their aerial limits. We will also be learning about the stars and creating our own edible constellations. And what would a space day be, without its alien life forms? Probably a little less fun so there will be slime and little green men to ensure our rocket party goes off with a 'BANG'.

Toto/Amanda Baker
2nd Pembury Rainbows



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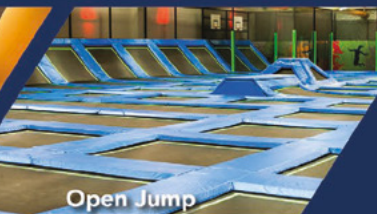
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PRIDE IN PEMBURY

PEOPLE'S CHAMPION AWARD

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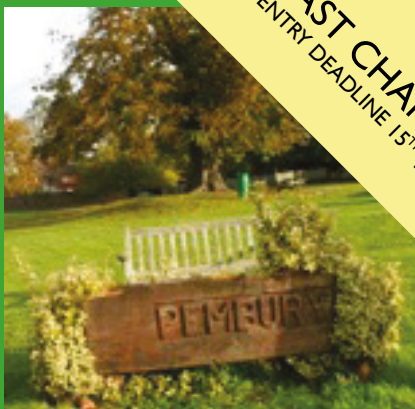
We want to celebrate and recognise the people of Pembury who make a significant contribution to the benefit of our community.

You may know someone who runs a local group, a young carer, a charity volunteer, a neighbour who has helped you out or a person that has overcome personal tragedy or difficulties in their lives.

If there's anyone that you believe deserves to be recognised for their courage, determination or the work they've done for others, please nominate them for the People's Champion Award.

The winner will be invited and recognised at an award ceremony in October.
How to nominate:

Online: Go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J5VJBWY and complete the form
In writing: Complete the form below and post to the Pembury Parish Council



LAST CHANCE!
ENTRY DEADLINE 15TH JULY

Name of the person you are nominating: _____

Tell us in no more than 300 words why you believe this person deserves to be recognised:

Contact details of the person you are nominating:

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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Name _____

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AEROBATHON FOR HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

On Sunday 25th March, over 60 people enjoyed a fun filled 3 hour sponsored Aerobathon in aid of The Hospice in the Weald. This event was organised by Adele Clark from Pembury Fitness and in association with Back on Track Fitness.

The morning included 3 types of fitness classes, Clubbercise, Cardio Combat and Zumba, and featured some entertaining games including 'Squats for Shots' and lots more fun and frolics! The event was a huge success and has raised over £1500 for the Hospice In The Weald.

Those that attended described the event.... 'Such a great way to spend a Sunday Morning', 'Invigorating', 'Awesome', 'Energising', 'Brilliant'. Massive thanks are given to all those that supported and volunteered for the Aerobathon, and Adele hopes to make this an annual event in future.

For more information about this event, or the fitness classes please contact Adele Clark on 07876 787869 or visit www.pemburyfitness.co.uk



COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Our Coffee Shop continues to go from strength to strength with another successful Easter raffle morning held on 26 March. All proceeds from raffle tickets, cakes and drinks sold on the day were donated to the Alzheimer's Society. We proudly presented a cheque for £500 to their representative who attended the event. Our thanks go again to all our loyal customers for their continued support.

For all coffee shop enquiries and volunteering opportunities, please contact Chris Snow on 01892 825428 or Heather Purdy on 01892 824940.

We are open from 9:30am every Monday (except Bank Holidays) until mid-day and our team of volunteers look forward to welcoming

you all with our home-made cakes to eat in or take away. With Summer nearly here it's a lovely way to spend a morning sitting outside enjoying a cuppa and a chat with friends.



PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Gardeners' held their Spring show in the Baptist Church Hall on March 24th.

Society members' fears that the prolonged cold and wet spring would have an adverse effect on their show unfortunately proved well-founded.

Daffodil enthusiasts were hardest hit with the season estimated to be three weeks late. This led to very few entries in the section whilst other spring flowers – the tulips and muscari hyacinths were also missing.



Brian Fryer found a nice vase of narcissi 'Demmo' to win best exhibit in the section as well as winning the best bloom award with the same variety. Veronica Knight took the award for a nicely staged bowl of mixed daffodils whilst Shirley Winters produced six beautiful helleborus blooms set on a board.

Floral art exhibits were again spectacular with Brenda Penfold winning the Doris Down cup and a rosette and certificate for 'Best in Show' award.

Christina Fryer headed the cookery section with most points whilst Margaret Pettitt took the Michael Pavely memorial cup for her neat handicraft entry.

The Society thanks the Baptist Church for making their premises available for the show at short notice and members now look forward to the Summer show at the Village Hall on 23rd June. It is hoped the weather will have warmed up by then and that the sweet peas and roses will be up to their usual standards.

Other awards were as follows:

Hextable Cup – Brian Fryer

Kent Federation Certificate – Shirley Winters

Daffodil Society Medal – Brian Fryer

Cookery – Kent Federation Certificate -Brenda Penfold

Derek Parks
Co-show Secretary

PEMBURY FILM SHOWS AND DANGEROUS DRIVING

When we were in our youth, every now and then on a Saturday there used to be a film show in the Village Institute, which is now the library. The film show used to be run by Mr Keep who used to own the Mill House along Redwings Lane. I can remember seeing what to us was a great adventure film starring Errol Flynn as a pirate. Mr Keep knew I kept rabbits and he told me one day that he had a chicken shed he wanted to get rid of and thought I could make use of it. I went to the Mill House and with a bit of adaptation it was just what I wanted but the problem was how to get it home, up the Mill Hill and Rowley Hill.

However, nearly opposite the Institute, there was a house which used to be occupied by Mr Sid Woods and his family. They used to run a garden nursery with greenhouses and it was from here that all the kids used to buy their daffodils for Mothers' Day. He had a marvellous four-wheeled trolley with a front axle that could be steered by a long metal handle that you could even steer by standing on the back of the trolley. Mr Woods kindly let me borrow the trolley and with the help of my good friend Michael Waterman, off we went. It was difficult enough getting it down Rowley Hill but off we went along Redwings Lane. When we got to the

end of the lane we were faced with the short steep hill down to the Mill House. Mick lifted up the handle and said come on, get on and whilst he held the trolley back with one foot on the ground, on I got, one of the worst things I ever did.

Off we went at an incredible speed and thankfully the metal gates to the Mill House were open. How we got through them I shall never know but right in the middle of the drive was a beautiful round, raised flower bed surrounded by flat sandstone. We hit this head on, both of us being propelled forwards through the flowers and on to the drive the other side. What we did not realise that Mr Keep and his family and friends were sitting on the adjacent lawn having a tea party. Everything went very quiet, and thankfully Mick and I only picked up minor injuries. Obviously, Mr Keep then dashed to see what was going on and the only thing we could say was that we had come to collect the chicken house, well what else could we say?!

Hugh Boorman.

PEMBURY SUNDAY AMENITY LORRY ROTA

GARDEN WASTE
10TH JUNE
8TH JULY
5TH AUGUST
2ND SEPTEMBER

DOMESTIC WASTE
24TH JUNE
22ND JULY
19TH AUGUST
16TH SEPTEMBER



HENWOOD CRESCENT – 12NOON TO 12.55PM
HERON'S WAY – 1PM TO 1.55PM
WOODHILL PARK – 2PM TO 3PM

I have been trying to find a suitable word or phrase to define what our U3A is. Out of the many possible, one struck me as the most appropriate namely “community” in the sense of “a group of people having a particular characteristic in common”. What is it that characterises our U3A? I think it is that all our members are volunteers who are helpful, welcoming and enthusiastic both to impart their knowledge and experience, and to learn new things. This happens at our monthly meetings, at the many interest groups and in the course of the trips, holidays and other events we organise. For example, we have just had a day out in Cambridge and, through a guided tour, learned all about the history of the University, how one of its colleges (Pembroke) functions and the wonders of Kings College’s Chapel.

We have members drawn from a wide area around Pembury as well as from the village itself and there is no religious or political affiliation, or minimum or maximum age required to be able to join – anyone is eligible. So our U3A is not a closeted collective. Indeed we are outgoing and wish to participate fully in the wider community in the sense of the society of the entire village and its surrounding

locality. For that reason our flower arranging group members are taking part in the Pembury Flower Festival later this year, our U3A team (titled Up The Aged!) are defending their title as champions in the Village Quiz on 15th June and we will have a stand at the Pembury Fun Day on 9th June when we will show what we do and have members on hand to answer any questions. If you want to find out more about our U3A please look in at our stand or if you cannot make it that day please go to our website www.pemburyu3a.org where you will find a lot of information and contact addresses.

Roger Gardner
Chairman
chair@pemburyu3a.org



Beginners Computer Course

Pembury Baptist Church and Kent College have liaised to provide a Beginners Computer Course, starting again in September 2018 on Thursdays mornings in term time. We are picked up by minibus from Pembury Baptist Church and returned an hour or so later. If you really would like to learn how to turn on a computer, use it successfully step by step without any pressure or if you’d just like a refresher course, please contact Jennifer on 01892 825590 for more information.

RECIPES

Summer Chicken – Serves 4 – 6



INGREDIENTS

8 Chicken thighs
800g diced potatoes
2tbsp olive oil
200ml chicken stock
1 lemon (halved)

2 courgettes – thickly sliced
1 red chilli – deseeded and sliced
1 garlic bulb (broken into cloves)
large handful of basil leaves

1. Heat oven 220° / 200° fan or Gas mark 7
2. Put the chicken, skin side up in a large roasting pan with the potatoes
3. Lightly crush the garlic and, leaving the skins on, place around the chicken
4. Pour the olive oil over and add the chicken stock
5. Add salt and pepper
6. Squeeze the lemon juice over and place the lemon halves in the tin for extra flavour
7. Cook for a total of 45-50 minutes but after 30 minutes add the chilli and courgettes
8. Check that the chicken is thoroughly cooked through and is piping hot. Tear the basil leaves over the dish and serve with fresh vegetables.

Strawberry Pavlova



INGREDIENTS

4 large free range egg whites
150ml (1/4pt) double cream, whipped lightly
220g (8oz) white caster sugar
2 tsp cornflour

400g (14oz summer berries)
icing sugar
1 tsp white wine vinegar

1. Preheat the oven to 150°C, 130°C fan, Gas mark 2
2. Beat egg whites until stiff then add the sugar a small amount at a time
3. Whisk in the cornflour and vinegar
4. Spoon the meringue on to some greaseproof paper on a baking tray, leaving a dip in the middle
5. Place in the oven, turn the oven down to 130°C, 110°C, Gas mark 1/2 and bake for 45 minutes
6. Turn off the oven and leave the meringue to cool in the oven for a few hours with the door shut
7. When it's time to serve, fill the dip with cream and summer berries. Best served straightaway.

**Many thanks to Karol Young who has supplied our recipes for many years.
She has now retired. We wish her well.**

Homelessness

Shelter report that the three main reasons for having lost a last settled home, given by applicants for homelessness support from local councils are:

1. parents, friends or relatives unwilling or unable to continue to accommodate them
2. relationship breakdown, including domestic violence
3. loss of an assured shorthold tenancy

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force on 3 April 2018. The Act places duties on local housing authorities to intervene at earlier stages to prevent homelessness in their areas. It also requires housing authorities to provide homelessness services to all those affected, not just those who have 'priority need'. These include:

- an enhanced prevention duty requiring housing authorities to work with people to prevent homelessness at an earlier stage; and
- a new duty for those who are already homeless requiring housing authorities to support households for 56 days to relieve their homelessness by helping them to secure accommodation.

If the local housing authority is satisfied that an applicant is homeless or threatened with homelessness, and eligible for assistance, the authority must now make an assessment of the applicant's case and agree a personalised plan, regardless of their priority need.

What can we help with?

Our experienced advisers are available to provide face to face, confidential and impartial advice in relation to homelessness and housing matters, including:

- What to do if you get a section 8 notice
- What to do if you get a section 21 notice
- Threatened or actual eviction
- Checking if you can apply for homeless help
- Applying for help if you're homeless
- Challenging the council's homeless decision
- Suitability of accommodation



For more information or help about homelessness, housing or general advice please contact the Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre at 64 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6DP Email: info@pwadvice.org Tel: 01892 838619

LOCAL RESIDENTS, WE NEED YOU!

Volunteering can be wonderful and fulfilling, and it can provide help and support to those who need it the most.

At Macmillan Crossroads Care Kent & Medway Volunteer Service, we support people affected by cancer and their carers. Our team provide quality information and guidance, along with a helpful assessment process to understand what support is needed. Currently our volunteers provide:

- companionship
- emotional support
- light housework or gardening
- social outings
- shopping
- escorting to medical appointments

One of our valued volunteers Isabel has expressed the following; "I became aware of the Macmillan Crossroads volunteer opportunity whilst volunteering for Pilgrims Hospice and they asked me to come in for an interview. The rest is history (well over 3 years of it) I visit people in their homes, do bits of light gardening, light housework, shopping trips, health appointment visits and cups of tea and chats. I even get to work once again with students as I am lucky enough to be part of training and supporting 6th form

students in this type of care work. The rewards are immense, and I have learnt so much from these people about lives led, challenges faced and to still be faced - all is put into perspective. Life is for living and sharing even when time maybe in short supply. Give it a go. Every visit is different and being part of a team is very enjoyable."

Can you spare some time each week?

Do you have a good listening ear, the first and most important part of helping?

Do you have a special interest or skill that someone could benefit from?

Volunteering is a very positive addition to your CV as it can demonstrate your commitment to a work ethic and your caring nature. There is also in-house training available for all volunteers and volunteering expenses can be reimbursed in line with our volunteering policy.

Local volunteers are required to help local people. At the moment, volunteers travel from all over the west Kent area to help local residents.

If you feel you'd like to make a difference when someone needs a helping hand, contact Jen or Charley on 01622 817114, or email: charley.macmillan@crossroadskent.org or find us on Facebook Macmillan Crossroads Volunteer Service.

CRIME REPORT

Well, where has the time gone? The news on the crime front came as a bit of a shock as I expected a substantial reduction in the total figures against what was given for the previous quarter. Unfortunately, we have only a marginal reduction of three, down from 99 to 96. Whatever happens we must not let these figures lock ourselves away. We have to accept them and fight back - show that we are not going to join in the national rise in crime.

Pembury is our priority and violent crime again is rearing its ugly head - up from 38 to 43, 10 of which were domestic related. There were 3 assaults on Police, 2 robberies, 4 sexual offences, 4 public order offences, 2 malicious communications and so on.

Those listed as other offences have come down from 10 to 4; theft offences excluding motor vehicles have come down from 23 to 16 and burglary from residential has risen from 8 to 10. I am always stating that a lot of crimes that are committed could be prevented by all of us being a little more careful and perhaps more observant of what is going on around us. Perhaps we also need a little more Police presence to tell the would-be offender that Pembury is not the place to operate in.

Be careful out there, Hugh Boorman

RECORDED CRIME IN PEMBURY

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

Crime type by reported month	Violent Crime	Burglary Residential	Burglary Business & Community	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage Offences	Vehicle Interference	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Jan-18	13	5	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	30
Feb-18	8	1	0	0	5	6	3	3	2	28
Mar-18	22	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	1	38
January - March 2018	43	10	3	1	6	16	9	4	4	96

	Violent Crime	Burglary Residential	Burglary Business & Community	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage Offences	Vehicle Interference	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
A21 A	1			0	0	0	1	0	0	2
BACHELORS	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BELLFIELD ROAD	5			0	0	0	0	0	1	6
BRICKFIELDS	1			0	1	0	0	0	0	2
BULLS PLACE	1			0	0	1	0	0	0	2
CANTERBURY ROAD	0			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CHESTNUT WALK	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	1
HASTINGS ROAD	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	2
HENWOOD GREEN ROAD	2			1	0	0	1	0	0	4
HENWOODS CRESCENT	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HENWOODS MOUNT	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HESKETT PARK	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HIGHFIELD CLOSE	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	1
HIGH STREET	2			0	1	0	1	0	1	5
LOWER GREEN ROAD	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MAIDSTONE ROAD	1			0	0	0	2	0	0	3
PEMBURY CLOSE	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PEMBURY ROAD	0			0	0	9	0	0	0	9
PENNS YARD	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROMFORD ROAD	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SANDHURST AVENUE	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TONBRIDGE ROAD	22			0	3	4	2	3	0	34
WOODHILL PARK	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME (EXC BURGLARIES)	43			1	6	16	9	4	4	83

0	0	2	Total recorded crime					
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3	0	34	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst & Lamberhurst	Brenchley & Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
0	0	1						
4	4	83						
Jan-18			30	7	22	25	80	87
Feb-18			28	11	12	16	67	95
Mar-18			38	6	20	14	60	83
January - March 2018			96	24	54	55	207	265

The data above was extracted from Kent Police's LIVE crime recording system GENESIS on 5th January 2018 at 14:53 hrs, and is therefore subject to change.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Market – Village Hall, Tuesday 9am – 11.30am

CAB – Pembury Library – alternate Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

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

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

JUNE	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
1 st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall
4 th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Baptist Church
5 th	U3A	2pm	Historical Interpretation. Simon Waterfield – Village Hall
5 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Council Office
9 th	HOPE Churches Together	2-5pm	Fun Day – Recreation Ground
14 th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4	Village Hall Meeting Room
15 th	Village Quiz	8pm	Village Hall – Contact Moira Allan - 822373
23 rd	Pembury Gardeners' Society	2pm	Village Hall – Summer Show
30 th	Pembury School House Nursery	11am-1pm	Summer Fete
JULY			
2 nd	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Council Office
2 nd	Flower Workshop	8pm	Baptist Church
3 rd	U3A	2-4pm	Village Hall – AGM and Review of the Year
6 th	WI	7.45-9.45pm	Village Hall – Tales of a Scotland Yard Officer Detective (2)
7 th	Musical Picnic	4-8pm	Village Green
12 th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4pm	Village Hall Meeting Room
AUG			
3 rd	WI	Members only	Syndal, Romford Road. Summer Picnic at Rachel's
6 th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Baptist Church
9 th	Ladies Thursday Club	2-4pm	Village Hall Meeting Room
SEPT			
3 rd	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm	Parish Council Office
3 rd	Flower Workshop	8pm	Baptist Church
4 th	U3A	2-4pm	Village Hall – Members Interest Group Choice
7 th	WI	7.45-9.45pm	Village Hall – Finding a Family – 20 years of searching

Richard Snow is responsible for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at www.pembury.org.

The diary serves two purposes. Firstly, to enable event organisers to check the diary before arranging an event to avoid clashes. Secondly to enable everyone to know what is happening in the village. It is important that information is sent to Richard at events@pembury.org with date, times, title of event, venue and contact details.

Please note that to view the calendar you must be using a recent version of Firefox, Google Chrome or Internet Explorer (IE11 or later). Computers running Windows XP will only be able to view the calendar using Firefox or Google Chrome.

Organisations – please contact me with your dates for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine: deputy@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk

YOUR REPS



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