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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to my first report as Chair; I am honoured to have been voted in and appreciate what huge shoes I have to fill! Thankfully David and June are still around to seek counsel if needed, although we do have a fantastic group of enthusiastic and hard-working Parish Councillors with a broad cross-section of skills, and our Office and Grounds staff are incredibly experienced and knowledgeable.



The two most important issues facing the Village at the moment are the Hendy Application and the release of the Local Plan detailing how many houses are planned. As you know, we are fighting the Hendy application along with other extremely driven local groups. At the time of writing this, it hasn't been put on an agenda for a TWBC Planning Meeting as yet.... The meeting is public, and people are allowed to register to speak for three minutes, so please do come along, or register to speak and make your opinion heard!

The Local Plan is open to public consultation from Friday 20th September until 16.00 on Friday 1st November (the last time TWBC will accept comments by email), and they will be holding a Public Exhibition at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd October from 16.00 to 19.00. The Parish Council Planning Committee will have the Local Plan as an agenda item for their meeting on the 16th September (public welcome) and will be holding a drop in session and public meeting on Monday 23rd September in the Village Hall in the evening from 18:00 to 21:00. Following this consultation and comments received, there will be another Public Consultation on the Local Plan Pre-Submission from August to September 2020, with the aim to submit in December 2020, and then an Independent Examination in May 2021. If the plan is found to be "sound" it will be formally adopted in December 2021. It is worth looking at the Local Plan as a whole to see what is planned for our Neighbouring Parishes, as this will have an impact on us as one of the villages, they need to pass through to get to Tunbridge Wells.

Now to more upbeat news, Annie (Vice-Chair) and I have recently judged the Pride in Pembury Competition. It was such a delight to go around the village and see all the amazing effort that residents have put into their gardens and hanging baskets, and the variety of plants and flowers on show. There will be a Winners' Tea held in October, and we will publish photos of the winning entries in our next issue – hopefully images of bright and beautiful gardens will be cheering in the grey days of December!

Regards, Cllr Katy Brooks

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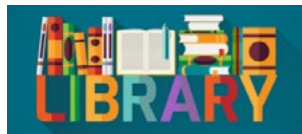
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As listed above, we have a regular, free Baby Rhyme Time for the under 3's to develop a love of language and a foundation for learning. Each session lasts for about 20 – 30 minutes and includes the opportunity to join in with nursery rhymes and action songs. It is every Tuesday during term time at 10.30 to 11 a.m.

We also need volunteers to help at Baby Rhyme Time.

Volunteers are needed as from 1st October 2019. For further details please contact [pemburylibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:pemburylibrary@kent.gov.uk) or [www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries)



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I specialise in over 50's fitness and wellbeing, so this is something that I have studied in great detail, but also see daily. No matter how old you are, or feel, don't delay!

Life today is very hectic and so being active needs to be a proactive choice, but it really pays you back – fitness, stress reduction, injury prevention, fun and friendship.

We're all familiar with that feeling that it used to be a bit easier to walk up the stairs or to get up off a chair. And it was. As time goes by, muscles weaken if they are not used.

The good news is that is that it does not take a lot of effort to keep them strong. You can do simple things to maintain them, like walking up a flight of stairs instead of taking a lift, walking to the shops or a low impact exercise class.

All of these will make a difference. And quickly too. I see people surprise themselves at how soon they feel improvement.

Scientific research shows that a healthy body means a healthy mind, even preventing or slowing down early onset dementia and other age related conditions.

Another thing that many of the people I work with say is that once they start to exercise, it motivates them to also change their diet. It creates momentum and eating healthier and introducing more physical activity is a lifestyle change.

Don't underestimate this benefit. It is really hard to lose weight through exercise alone, so anything that encourages us to eat a biscuit or two less, cook a smaller portion or not buy a choccy bar is a big win.

Exercisers also tend to pick up fewer muscular injuries. We all know how simply playing with the kids or grandkids or gardening can cause aches and strains.

But sensible exercise can help prevent these. This is where exercise classes can be so good as they can strengthen your core, which helps and protects you in everyday life.

When joining a class there is fun and friendship too. We adults tend to overlook how hard it becomes to meet new people, but getting out and about or joining a class is a great way to find friends.

Making exercise a habit is something that I have not heard anyone regret. So, don't put it off – actively decide to be active.

If you would like to chat about a class or improving your fitness, please feel free to call me Charlotte Fairs at Active Future. Pioneer for Active Living on 07887868438 or email [info@activefuture.co.uk](mailto:info@activefuture.co.uk). [www.activefuturekent.co.uk](http://www.activefuturekent.co.uk)





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# PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Society held its Summer Show in June and was delighted with the number of exhibits that graced the benches and also welcomed a couple of new exhibitors.

Whilst the number of Sweet Pea entries was down on last year, the standard was unbelievable and according to the judge, the flowers were at county level!

Roses had benefitted from the previous weeks' rain and wind-free weather and the many entries were exhibited to their full potential.

Vegetables were lacking both in quantity and quality but the floral art ladies, once again, filled the alcoves with their skilled creations. Handicraft and cooking entries, whilst not numerous, kept the judge busy.



Junior classes were again very well supported with the Primary School's Gardening Club entering potatoes and an excellent set of broad beans for which they were awarded second prize.



2nd Pembury Rainbows really created the 'wow' factor in their interpretations of a flower arrangement of their own choice – a real talking point for the many visitors.

The Society will be holding its Autumn Show on Sunday 8 September at 2pm (yes, a Sunday!) and we will be hoping for a record number of entries, exhibitors and visitors. Do come and join us!

Derek Parks, Show Co-ordinator  
Selected Results – Cups and Trophies

<b>Sweet Peas</b> Best Vase and National Sweet Pea Society Medal and Certificate	Doug Drury
<b>Best Vase in Show</b> Var. 'Windsor'	Doug Drury
<b>Roses</b> Cup and Rosette with Certificate for Best Exhibit	Steve Jones
<b>Vegetables</b> Cup and Certificate for most points	Steve Jones
<b>Floral Art</b> Best Exhibit in show with Certificate and Rosette Certificate and Cup – most points	Margaret Pettitt Brenda Penfold
<b>Cookery</b> Cup and Certificate	Joint winners Christina Fryer/Marie Godden
<b>Handicraft</b> Certificate for most points	Bev Wooden

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## VOLUNTEER GARDENING GROUP

Huge thanks to the Volunteer Gardening Group for planting up the area outside the pharmacy in the High Street. I'm sure you will agree that it has brightened the area up hugely. Plants were supplied by the Community Coffee shop from their profits which either go to Charity or to a local project such as this. If you would like to join the Group, please contact Chris Snow 825428.



Pictured (top) Pembury Groundsmen Darren and Darrell. (Left) Judith Campbell, Chris Snow and Susan Sharp

## FOOTBALL

Pembury Adults have had a very successful football season (2018/19) by achieving the runners-up position in the Sevenoaks & District Football League Division 3. In addition, they were winners of the Smith's League Cup Junior Final, which was played at the Jockey Farm Stadium, Rusthall on Friday 26 April 2019. On this occasion they beat Southborough 3rd. 3-0. Below are two



pictures of the Pembury team taken by me. The first one was after Pembury had won 4-1 against TJFC Seniors in the semi-final of the Smith's League Cup Junior Final. The second was after Pembury had won the Smith's League Cup Junior Final at the Jockey Farm Stadium. I had to use flash as the match didn't finish until approx. 8:45pm!

Vic Fetter (Grandparent of one of the boys).

## THE CLUB OF NUTS...

...that's one translation of Club de Cinglés... so who would want to join such a club? You would have to be crazy surely....

When all is said and done, if you're going to go and ride up a whacking great mountain in southern France there is no other word for it...Club of the Madmen..crazy...lunatic... crackpot. They all translate from the one word!

Did I mention you're not going to cycle up it just the once? I didn't? Right. Well, there are three roads up Mont Ventoux so you have to ascend each one. And you've got 24 hours to do it. And I did mention Mont Ventoux...yes... that big baldy mountain way down in southern France. Famous for the Tour de France. So, you've got the picture. Madman. Ride up big hill. Three times.

Sounds easy enough ....might need some training though. It's a long story I won't bore you with. I was supposed to have done this in May 2018. Thanks to a painful '6 months off the bike' iliotibial band injury, it didn't happen. The new date was set for May 2019.

The injury never really has been sorted and it has seemingly caused other issues...but that's not the point. Sometimes you just have to get up and carry on. Hah!...carrying on meant being cautious not to twist too much as by now the knee had had ideas of its own with varying degrees of pain and discomfort anywhere it thought necessary. The 'training programme' deteriorated to nearly non-existent in an attempt to avoid injury and, to be honest, so I could get this damn project out of the way. 'Can't you postpone it till next year?' some people said. Of course, why not, silly me. I could wait another year. Believe that and you'll believe anything!

It's a long drive south. Even just to southern France it's a long way. So, overnights planned, accommodation booked again, Eurotunnel booked again. In April I was riding a couple of times a week, about 60 miles each time. In May this was just once a week. It was now too



late really, fit or not I was going. I had been to Mont Ventoux before. To the top. In a car. Now THAT was easy! When I caught my first glimpse this time, just west of Carpentras, it was a bit of a wake-up call. It looked big. And I mean...BIG!

The power of positive thinking...was leaving town just as I was getting there. Bédoin is a lovely little town. One of the three 'bases' to launch an assault on the top. 20 or so kilometres. Mostly upward kilometres. I had given myself a huge window of two days before I was due to leave town. The forecast looked good for the Monday. Alarm set for 05:15. Enough time for a coffee, pack supplies, water, money, phone. A short ride to town where, I was assured, I would get my card stamped by a nice person already opening their shop for the day. Yes, you have to get a card stamped in each town and once more at the top. Other than that, it's a gentleman's word that you've done it.

No one around to stamp the card but set off anyway. I joined two Canadians just leaving Bédoin attempting the same, but cardless meant they would not get in the club. Doug and Jacques were a little older...on the other hand they had better bikes! Retired and



## THE CLUB OF NUTS...

cycling all over the place they seemed fitter than me. But after a while I left them behind. Get me! It wasn't as though I was steaming up the mountain, piston-like legs pumping out the rhythm. There was certainly plenty of sweat going on though.

Up through the forest all seemed well. Reaching Chalet Reynard for the first time (the roads from Bédoin and Sault meet there) I still felt fine. From there it's just 6km to the top. Just 6km. Easily said. Then there's the wind. Ventoux is famous for it. One minute it can be still, the next windy as windy is.

Today was a good breeze for the first ascent. The zig-zag bends, into the wind, with the wind, into the wind. You get the idea. Ever upward. Reaching the top in two and a half hours was 30 minutes faster than I thought I would be able to do it. Wow!

I had cycled past the restaurant Vendran in favour of the Magasin for the stamp. It was closed. Right. Don't panic. I will have to pass the Vendran on the way down to Sault after leg number two. So... let's get down the mountain. The descent from such a height is amazing. And seemingly endless at times. Which is fun. I'm sure people get paid for taking cyclists to the top of mountains just to cycle down them.

Half an hour later I was in Malaucène getting my first stamp. And this may be where I made a mistake. I could have had a break. Something to eat and a drink (coffee!). Sounds sensible. So, I turned round and started up the hill again.

Bédoin and Malaucène ascents are accepted to be as hard as each other. Start in either of these places and leave Sault till last. It's the 'easy' side. The difference is from Bédoin, it's one long ever-upward drag. From Malaucène there are 'rest' areas, though still uphill the gradient isn't too great. The Malaucène side plays a joker though. An average 10% gradient for around 4km. That means it varies anywhere between 8% and 14%. My legs cramped continuously up this part. Painfully having to stop every few hundred metres to stretch. Eventually I topped out, stopped at

the Vendran for coffee, refill the bottles and something to eat. Phew! Half an hour later I was on the half hour downhill ride to Sault. Although this is the easy side it has a little flick of the tail to catch you out. It's actually uphill into the village! Frites and a beer at a bar was in order. The hour resting here was wisely spent.



Is the Sault side easier? Oh yes. Nearing Chalet Reynard again I was flying (for me) getting up to a giddy 12mph. Then Ventoux played its nasty card. I'm pretty sure it could get nastier too. Recall the 'last 6km' I mentioned earlier. By this time, getting toward mid-afternoon, the wind whipped up a bit more. Those zig-zags became ever slower as the 'in to the wind' direction was a struggle. I had given it my all and this was not going to stop me. Whatever. However. Determined to stay on the bike. DO. NOT. WALK. Pushes peddle. KEEP. GOING. Pushes peddle. At the top the obligatory photo. Maybe it was completing the job. Maybe it was the injury, the delay for a year. Maybe there was a bit of dirt blown into my eye. But I shed a tear or two. Sure, some people have done the fourth climb...an off-road section...and some people have done the whole thing twice in 24 hours. Did I not mention there are various levels of becoming a member of the Club of Madmen? 9 hours on Ventoux makes me exactly that. A Madman! And I am so damn proud to achieve it.

All that's left is the drive back to Pembury and to celebrate with a family reunion.

Graham Barker – Pembury resident



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## INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR – GRAHAM HALL

I started life in Battersea, South West London, going to local schools and then to Teacher Training College in Westminster. My career continued in that area becoming a headteacher for 20 years before moving to leafy Surrey as a Primary School Inspector and then a dreaded Ofsted Inspector!

On retirement, I moved to Kent, living in Kings Hill, where I became a Parish Councillor and Chairman of the U3A. Matfield was the next home and then in 2018 my wife, Maggie and I bought our house in Pembury which we consider was a very good move!

All my life I have benefited from local community activities and facilities such as Scouting, youth clubs, use of sports parks and membership of music groups and choirs. As a result, I have tried to give back some time and energy to assist in the organisation and development of many groups. In Scouting I became a leader and District Commissioner, in schools I was an officer in the PTA, in choirs I was a press officer, in U3A I have promoted new groups and cooperation between different locations to improve ideas and sociability especially in areas of music making.



Maggie and I have a large family between us with thirteen grandchildren and they all seem to love visiting us in Pembury. We have a large garden and games room which also seems to be a great attraction!

As a new member of the Parish Council, I have been made very welcome by councillors and staff and I look forward to playing my part in the future to ensure Pembury continues to be a great place in which to live and to enjoy all the opportunities it provides.

## NEW GP AT WATERFIELD HOUSE SURGERY, PEMBURY

This is to let you know that Dr. Victoria Minkah joined the surgery as the fourth GP Partner in July. Some of you may have already met Dr. Minkah when she worked as a locum last year.

*Dr. Victoria Minkah BSc(hons) BM MRCP*

*Victoria completed her medical training at the University of Southampton in 2007. She went on to complete her foundation years on the south coast and GP training in East Surrey and West Sussex area. She has a keen interest in women and child health.*

*When she is not at work, she enjoys being involved in charity events at her church and spending time with her three young children.*

Dr. Minkah will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. With Dr. Minkah joining us to do three days, Dr. Lautch will be working Monday through to Wednesday and our salaried GP Dr O'Neill will now work only on Tuesdays during school term.

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## FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH HERITAGE WEEKEND – 14 /15 SEPTEMBER 2019 and HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG – 6 OCTOBER 2019

Heritage weekend this year is September 14 and 15; and over the weekend the Old Church will be open for visitors. As part of this weekend, there will be a small display of the association of the Woodgate family with the church and particularly the Vicars from the family who served the Parish.



The church will be open on Saturday 14 September from 10.30am – 4.30pm and on Sunday 15 September, after the Matins service at 11.30am until 12.30pm, from 12.30pm until 4.00pm. Teas and coffee and light refreshments will be available in the church.

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 6 October and will be celebrated by a sung Evensong at 6.00pm followed by refreshments in the church.

Do please visit the oldest building in Pembury on either of these dates. You will be welcomed.

Sarah Clarke – Chairman Friends of Pembury Parish Church

## FROM PORTSLADE TO PEMBURY

The Story behind the stained-glass window in St. Anselm's church:

In 2017 the Worshipful Company of Glaziers kindly donated an historic stained-glass window to the Catholic church in Pembury. Produced by the workshop of Pugin it is an item of great artistic merit, but it also has a fascinating story behind it...

Edward John French was born at Portslade, Sussex on 8 November 1883. His family were regular worshippers at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, a short walk from their home. By the age of 17, Edward had become an apprentice seaman in the Merchant Navy. In 1911 he joined the White Star Line serving on SS Ionic before joining the Royal Navy at the outbreak of World War I.

Edward joined the crew of HMS Good Hope, an armoured cruiser which had launched in 1901. She was considered one of the worst ships ever made proving costly to run and maintain. Within a few years she had been de-commissioned and handed to naval reserves but was returned to full service at the outbreak of war. The ship, with Edward aboard, was stationed off the Falkland Islands, where it protected important merchant vessels from attack.

In November 1914, the ship was involved in the famous Battle of Coronel being pitted against faster and better equipped German vessels. At dusk the German squadron, commanded by Von Spree, manoeuvred the British ships so that they were silhouetted against the setting sun, whilst the German fleet remained hidden in shadow. HMS Good Hope was bombarded, caught fire and sank amidst a most terrible explosion. There were 919 men onboard including Lieutenant Edward John French. All of them perished. A memorial to them was installed in Stanley Cathedral on the Falkland Islands in 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of their death.

Edward John French was also remembered at home. His name can be found on the War Memorial at the library in Hove and on a memorial located in his home church of St. Andrew's, Portslade. It is in the cemetery there

that his gravestone can be found. And it was in St. Andrew's Church, that a stunning stained-glass window was commissioned in his memory, depicting Jesus walking across the waves to St. Peter with the landscape of the Falkland Islands in the background. A fitting biblical scene for any naval officer.



In 2003 the window was removed when part of the church was converted into a community centre, but that window was not forgotten, having passed into the hands of the Worshipful Company of Window Glaziers. They were only too pleased to gift it to St. Anselm's, Pembury where it has, once again, become a focus for devotion. Each year we too shall pray for the souls of those who have died at sea, including Edward French. Do pop into church and see the magnificent window for yourself.

The church is open for prayer Mondays - Thursdays in term time from 9am- 4pm.

Father Ed Tomlinson



## BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

Pembury Beavers' colony had a busy term with activities ranging from campfires, hikes, wide games, air rifle shooting & Dinogolf. The Beavers particularly enjoyed a visit to Tunbridge Wells Fire Station. A big thank you to Nigel and his team at the station for making the Beavers' dreams come true! A summer break is just what the leaders need to charge their batteries ready for another term of fun in September.



The Penn and Sturgeon packs camped together at Adamswell in early July, with some cubs experiencing their first camp. The days were packed with activities, such as orienteering, hiking, abseiling, tomahawk throwing, woggle making and assault course challenges as well as collecting wood for the campfire. The evenings included the traditional campfire and singsong finishing off with s'mores, hot chocolate and cake. The final day dawned damp, but spirits were high and 22 happy but rather tired and dirty cubs were ready to head home. A fantastic camp was had by all and we look forward to many more in the future.

Pembury Scouts had an action packed summer term, with wide games, kayaking, micro-lighting, the water sports day at Whitstable and camping being particular highlights. We rounded off the term with an epic water fight in the heat at Adamswell!

We are currently fundraising to help a number of our scouts attend the Jamboree site in Kandersteg (Austria) next year. Events for your diary:

- 6 Oct: Scout Group AGM with hot dog stall
- 23 Nov: Christmas fair with jumble sale

You can also help us fundraise from retailers by initiating your online shopping through:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> (look for the 'Pembury Scouts – Kandersteg' cause)



In July, Pembury Explorers joined 5,000 others from around the UK at Gilwell Park in Essex, the home of the UK Scout movement, for a 24 hour non-stop activity event. Activities included axe throwing, laser clay pigeon shooting, escape room, disco, fun fair rides and many more. The event also marked 100 years of Scouting at Gilwell and even featured on the BBC news!

Also in July, one of our Explorers, Frankie Arnold, represented Tunbridge Wells Scouts at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA, a fantastic honour!

If you fancy the idea of getting involved in helping out, or even scouting leadership, let us know. It is hugely fun and rewarding and will help our Group expand to fill the ever growing demand in the village!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PEMBURY RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have continued to 'Take Action' as a Unit and 'Make a Change', which is part of our new programme. Not only did we take part in the Community Village Litter Pick, but we also have become more aware of recycling and reducing our impact on the environment, as well as thinking about charities and those who need our thoughts and support. We tried our hand at making our own recycled paper, which was messy and lots of fun. We also planted flower seeds in 'cups of kindness' for Warwick Park Care Home.



We have spent some time working on our 'Growing Up Wild: Birds' challenge badge, which included a trip to the RSPB Reserve, Tudeley Woods, where we looked for signs of birdlife and made our own birds' nests from the natural fallen matter around us – the girls had to use clothes pegs as if they were beaks, picking up little bits to line their nests.



Before we broke up for the half term holiday, we were visited by the UK Owl and Raptor Group, who brought 5 different owls to introduce to us for the girls to fly – a truly amazing experience which I hope the girls will always remember.

I invited a group of Rainbow Dads to help us one unit meeting because we feel it's really important to have positive male role models for the girls within a female driven organisation. As a group of girls and dads, they took on martial arts led by wonderful Paul from Peak Performance, and then went all DIY with using screwdrivers, hammers and paint rollers, and making shaving foam bricks in ice-cube trays!

To celebrate Midsummer, the amazing Alex Harper from 'Just Dance' came along to a meeting with a choreographed routine to teach the girls, based around fire and water. The Rainbows showed enormous levels of enthusiasm and performed brilliantly in front of their parents at the end of the evening.

Toto/Amanda Baker

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- Litter picking – the village is always in need of people to help with this;
- Community Gardening Group;
- Community Coffee Shop;
- Library.

These are just a few ideas. It's very easy to sit back and let other people contribute but do you have an hour or so spare to help?

Contact the Parish Council if you are interested:

[deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 823193 and they can point you in the right direction.

Put the date in your diary!

Pembury Fireworks

**Friday 1 November**

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# DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

## Public consultation

### 300 new homes planned in Pembury

Drop in session for residents to see maps and plans and talk to Parish & Borough Councillors about what this means for Pembury and surrounding areas followed by a formal public meeting

#### WHEN

### Monday 23 September

Drop in Session 6pm – 8pm  
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#### WHAT IS A LOCAL PLAN?

The Borough Council must plan for future development in the Borough and allocate where housing may be built

#### IMPACT ON PEMBURY

300 proposed new homes in Pembury mainly between the High Street/Hastings Road and the A21

Motor Village on Pembury Road

#### MORE INFO

Full details and maps, are available from our website

## THE LOCAL PLAN - WHAT IS IT?

The Local Plan is a long-term strategic planning document which sets out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for the borough. It also establishes the development strategy needed to meet those objectives.

The new Local Plan for Tunbridge Wells borough will help guide future development across the borough to 2036 and will provide a clear vision of what is to be achieved over that period.

There have been a lot of changes since 2010 when the current strategic plan was finalised and the new Local Plan will reflect these. It has been established that there is an increased need for housing and economic development.

But, it needs to find the right balance between growth to meet current and future housing needs AND safeguarding the current natural and historic environments.

The Parish Council will hold its monthly Planning & Highways Committee meeting on Monday 16 September (to which the public are invited) at the Parish Office and it will hold a public meeting

in the Village Hall on Monday 23 September starting at 6pm when you will be able to learn in much more detail about what the Local Plan means for Pembury and will be able to share your views/concerns with members of the Planning Committee.

### TIMELINE

20 September to 1 November - Consultation on the draft Local Plan

**August 2020** – TWBC publish their Pre-Submission Local Plan

**October 2020** – Final Development Plan by TWBC to be published in December 2020 which is then submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing.

**May 2021** – Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing examines the report.

**September 2021** – The Inspector publishes his/her report

**December 2021** – Final plan to be adopted.

## COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Fancy a coffee? Then why not pop down to the Community Coffee Shop on a Monday morning, we would love to see you.

We have enjoyed another busy few months. We were so delighted to win first prize in the Scarecrow Competition! Susan, Peter and Lynn worked so hard to make such a wonderful scarecrow, her name by the way is 'Charity'. I must say after having Charity on display at the Picnic on the Green, it was such a joy to see Peter struggling home with her after the evening had finished. This must have created a few smiles from passers-by!

We took part in the Alzheimer's Cup Cake morning on the 24th June and raised £250 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to all who attended.

We were also able to make a donation to the Pembury School Gardening Club. The children were able to use the money to buy plants, which they then planted into baskets that are on display at the children's playground, I am sure you will agree that the children have made the baskets look lovely.

A warm welcome always awaits you, so please pop along any Monday from 9.30-12.30. Take-aways are also available, and dog walkers always so welcome. For further information please telephone Chris Snow 01892- 825428 or Heather Purdy 01892- 824940 for further details.

We will be holding a coffee morning for MacMillan on 30th September taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning! All welcome!





## MUSICAL PICNIC

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## THE ALLOTMENT SLOT BY CAROLINE MAZZEY



This is a picture of my allotment in June when, arguably, I wasn't growing much in the way of produce! I was in fact making two things; one was petal confetti and the other was a collection of the [bee-friendly] seed.

In addition, it was undeniably beautiful, and the bees loved it - plus it got my most 'likes' ever on the Book of Face!

So, it was greatly appreciated all round.

Now it is August, and it has been incredibly hot and everything's much duller, but more food orientated. Watering has been a dreadful chore but necessary. It's better to do this in the evening so less of it evaporates straight back out the soil.

My first early potatoes were a pathetic effort this year. I'd be interested to know if others found this too? I should think I barely got the seed back. The later ones seem fine, so I guess it was just too dry this Spring.

Back to that watering issue again.....

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# HOSPICE RUN REVAMP

Hospice in the Weald's popular 10K is back, this year with a new 5k route added to attract families and beginner runners. After a successful event last year despite the wet weather, the relaunch of the Hospice Run is set to see an even bigger event than before.

The Hospice Run will be held on September 22 with both the 5K and 10K participants starting and finishing at the Lower Cricket Ground, Tunbridge Wells. All proceeds will go towards Hospice in the Weald, Pembury, contributing to the £7 million the Hospice must raise every year to support local patients, families and carers.

The 10k Hospice Run has been held annually for more than a decade and has established a keen following among Hospice supporters and members of the local community wishing to challenge themselves. Michelle Winstone, Relationship Fundraising Coordinator at the Hospice, said "the introduction of the 5K run recognises that running has become increasingly popular; and the shorter route will make sure everyone is welcome - this route will appeal to the less experienced runner as well as families, and maybe some of the more mature competitors too."

Andy Knight has completed the Hospice 10K every year for the last decade and is enthusiastic about the prospect of even more runners joining the event: "For me, taking part in the Hospice Run is about supporting my local community. Adding the new route helps even more people to do that – now there's an option for everyone."

Each runner in either event will be given chip timings, a complimentary Hospice run T-shirt and a warm celebration as they receive their medal!

Entry fees for the 10K route are £30 for adults and £25 for children. Entry fees for the 5k route will be £15 for adults and £10 for children.

For more information please contact Tor Edwards on 01892 820 502 or [tor.edwards@hospiceintheweald.org.uk](mailto:tor.edwards@hospiceintheweald.org.uk)





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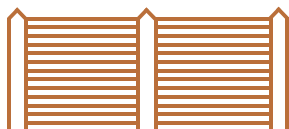
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## AMHURST HILL FARM - MR FRANK THIRKELL

Many of you will not know where Amhurst Hill Farm is situated but it is in Amhurst Bank Road which runs off Redwings Lane down by the Water Works. The reason for mentioning this property is that many of the people who grew up in Pembury will remember it for many reasons. The farm was run by the Thirkell family for as long as I can remember but sadly, earlier this year Mr Frank Thirkell passed away and to my knowledge he had no descendants to pass the farm onto.

He was a very religious man but also very kind.



When my dear friend, Melvyn Cole was ill a few years ago there was a knock on his door and there was Mr Thirkell with a bowl of cherries for him. The ironic thing was that Melvyn and I, with some of the other boys, used to pinch his cherries!! One of the other crops which was grown on Mr Thirkell's farm in the summer was hops. They were picked in late August/early September.

Now I don't know how many of you have been hop picking, but it can be one of the hardest jobs to have. I never picked hops on Mr Thirkell's farm but in our youth, we used to spend a fair bit of time with the pickers, who were mainly Londoners, a lot of whom used to stay on for their summer holidays after picking had finished. Sometimes we would walk round to the farm in the evening and sit with them round the campfire. Hoppers' huts (pictured below) were very basic to say the least but the pickers enjoyed their working holidays in Kent and came back year after year. Cooking was mainly done



over an open fire. The worst situation, as any person who has been hop picking will tell you was, if it was raining hard, the hops were too slippery to get hold of but nonetheless still had to be picked! I can assure you that there is nothing more uncomfortable than having to pull a hop bine, then to break the string it grew up and have the bine carrying the hops and about fifty gallons of water come crashing down on your head!



Hops would be measured into bushel baskets which were then tipped into big sacks called hop pokes and the pickers were paid per bushel. (A measure of capacity equal to 8 gallons (equivalent to 36.4 litres).

Hugh Boorman



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There is a regular tombola raising funds for the Air Ambulance along with nearly-new jigsaws and books.

Browse the stalls and enjoy home-made refreshments at your friendly market on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 9 until 11:30am. Well-behaved dogs on leads (and their owners) are welcome. Extra parking is available at The Camden Arms until 11:00am. Contact Jean Tyler 01732 357820.



## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD – STARLIGHT STROLL

The Hospice introduces the brand-new Starlight Stroll event, a 6-mile walk starting from the Hospice in Pembury, this autumn.

Walkers will remember their loved ones and treasure their special connection to the Hospice on the 19th October, strolling and fundraising in memory of their loved ones. Supporters will carry lanterns as they go, creating a trail of light, before making their way back to the Hospice and laying their lanterns down to light up the Hospice labyrinth.

The route will start and finish at the Hospice in Pembury, looping through Dunorlan Park. Kelly Heaton-Ralph, Relationship Fundraising Manager at the Hospice, said: “we are so pleased to be able to hold an event starting and finishing at the Hospice. Many of our supporters feel the Hospice is a very special place for them, and so to be able to walk in memory and fundraise from that special place is just wonderful.”

For more information about the Starlight Stroll contact Ben on 01892 820533 or visit [hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://hospiceintheweald.org.uk).

For more information contact Tor Edwards, Head of Communications, on [tor.edwards@hospiceintheweald.org.uk](mailto:tor.edwards@hospiceintheweald.org.uk) or 01892 820502.



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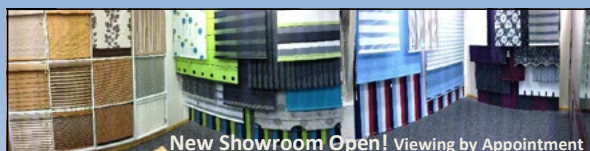
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## PEMBURY SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB



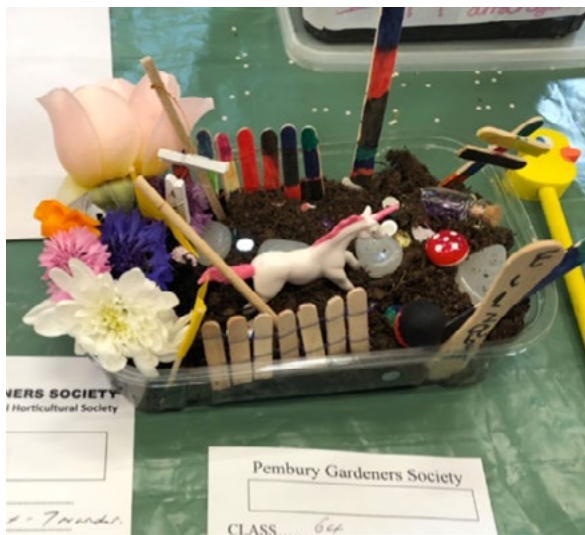
Here are the children from the Gardening Club who planted the planters which you will have probably seen on the fence surrounding the children's play area. Plants were supplied by the Community Coffee Shop which meets at the Pavilion on a Monday morning.

Willow C, Frankie P, Nina Z, Emily A, Lily A, Charlotte P, Harrison P and Rebecca N.

The School have certainly been very busy over the summer. The children were very keen to enter the Pembury Gardeners' Summer Show which took place in June. Here are a couple of the entries – many of which won prizes.

They were awarded a 1st for the Sweet Peas grown in Rowan Class raised bed. 1st for their Floral Art display in a kitchen utensil. 2nd for the Potatoes from the year 4 raised bed. 3rd for their display of flowering shrubs. Charlotte P, year 6 got a 1st for her Jelly with Fruit in the Cookery section. Lily A, year 6 got 3rd for her Origami Tree in the Soft Handicraft section. In the junior section Flower Arrangement in a container of your choice 8 – 11 years – Harrison P, Year 5 got 1st; Charlotte P – Year 6 got 2nd and Lily A, Year 6 got 3rd prize.

So a huge well done to all the children who took part.



The School Gardening Club wanted to show new ways of single use plastic. We collected the milk cartons from the staff room, cut the bottoms off and turned them upside down to make planters that looked like faces, with the plants being the hair! We then went one stage further to create the Totem Pole which you will see on the front cover!





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## THE MARGERY POLLEY DRINKING TROUGH - VILLAGE GREEN



I know the former drinking trough has been written about in past Village News magazines but as a reminder, the Trough was erected 110 years ago in 1909 and according to a Kent & Sussex Courier entry on 30th July 1909, it had cost between £40 / £50 which had been raised by voluntary subscription. It served three purposes: first it was for horses and cattle to drink from, second below the main trough was a smaller one for dogs and thirdly there was a basin at the side with a cup attached to a chain for the humans which can be seen in the old photo.

In the 1960s the trough was hit by a motor vehicle and had to be repaired. Since then it has held soil and flowers. But who plants them and cares for them? When the trough was first planted it was looked after by members of Pembury Afternoon WI until they could no longer do it. Since then three members of Pembury Evening WI - Rosemary Hanes, Brenda Penfold & Angela Saunders - plant it twice a year and keep it watered and free of weeds, dead heading as necessary. Up until this year, Notcutts very kindly provided approximately £50 worth of plants a year (which were chosen by our ladies), but regrettably they were unable to do so this time so if anyone would like to cover the cost of all or some of the plants in future, please let me know.

Gillian Williamson  
Secretary, Pembury Evening WI  
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## MEMORIAL WALL

### PEMBURY BURIAL GROUND

Several memorial plaques have already been purchased and have been affixed to the Memorial Wall in Pembury Burial Ground behind St. Peter's Upper Church.

If you are interested in placing a plaque here, please contact the Parish Office on 01892 823193 or email the Deputy Clerk: [deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)





## Student Housing

If you or a friend / family member are planning to live away from home when starting university, it's important to know what your rights and responsibilities are. This applies whether you will be living in university halls of residence or privately rented accommodation. We can help you by providing information or advice on many different issues. Some common issues are:

## Council tax

Council tax is a local tax on residential property. There are certain exemptions from paying the tax which are based on the type of people who live in the property. A property is exempt from council tax if it is wholly occupied by full-time university or college students. Student halls of residence are automatically exempt. If your property is not exempt, certain people, including full-time students, are disregarded. This means that the council tax is calculated as if you do not live there. This may mean that whoever is liable to pay the council tax can get a discount.

## TV Licences

You need to be covered by a TV Licence to watch or record programmes as they're being shown on TV or live on an online TV service. Even if you only download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer, you'll still need a TV licence. This applies to any provider you use and any device, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder. If you have a joint tenancy agreement for an entire house/flat, you'll likely only need one licence to cover the whole property and everyone in it, however if you have a separate tenancy agreement for your room, you'll need your own TV Licence too. This includes halls of residence, if you plan on watching TV within your own room.

## Reducing your regular living costs

If you're struggling with money, there are steps you can take to save on your regular living costs. You might be able to save money by:

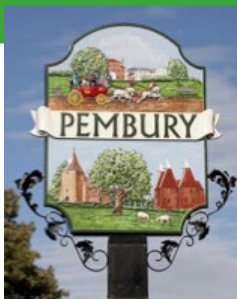
- switching to a cheaper deal for your gas and electricity
- getting a water meter fitted
- switching to a cheaper broadband, TV, or phone deal
- getting cheaper travel
- paying for your prescriptions in advance

**For more information or help about advice for students, or general advice please contact the Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre at 64 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6DP  
Email: [info@pwadvice.org](mailto:info@pwadvice.org) ; Tel: 01892838619**

**If you would like to volunteer with us, please contact us on the details above.**

## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October 2019, 7.45pm at St. Peter's Upper Church, when we are delighted to welcome Dr. Andy Cameron, recently retired as senior partner of our own Waterfield Medical Practice. He will be speaking to us about his life "from Medicine to Ministry" as he trains again from being a medical practitioner to be an Anglican Priest. There will be our usual question and answer session at the close, all of which should make a very interesting and informative evening.



As I write, the Local Plan has been published as a consultation draft, and at the date of our meeting we shall be in the middle of the period of the consultation (20th September to 1st November). It may be possible to include a time in the evening when we can share any concerns we have, and also to have an update on the proposed development on the Tesco site for a substantial car dealership. Look out for more information on the Pembury Society web site at [www.pembury.org/society](http://www.pembury.org/society).

Members and non-members (£3) are welcome. Doors open at 7.15pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

David Hanes  
Chairman

## PEMBURY U3A

We have recently had a very successful AGM and now have a new Chairman, Michael Cartwright and two Vice Chairmen, Chris Rock and Roger Gardner. This has, again, been a very busy year with over 300 members taking part in the over 60 interest groups we have. Pembury U3A is a friendly and vibrant group. We also have an annual holiday and this year members are going to the Isle of Wight. The Walking Group are also doing their annual walking break, spending 4 days walking along the Dorset Jurassic Coast. Let's hope for some fine weather for both holidays.



The U3A's new 2019/20 program starts at the beginning of September. There is something for everyone. From A to Z starting with the Allotment group and finishing with Wine Appreciation (of which there are several groups!) We have a monthly meeting, which is held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. Our last speaker was a lady from Kent Police who gave a fascinating and informative talk on Cyber Scams and ways to avoid it.



For more information, please, look at our website at [www.pemburyu3a.org](http://www.pemburyu3a.org) or ask for a leaflet by emailing [membership@pemburyu3a.org](mailto:membership@pemburyu3a.org) or calling Rick on 01892 825719.

Michael Cartwright  
Chairman

# COUNCIL CAN & CANNOTS

## **Your Parish Council – what it can do for you... and what it can't.**

The Parish Council is the first level of Local Government administration and there is often much misconception of its powers and responsibilities. Such misunderstanding of the role of the Parish Council (it is a corporate body, no Councillors can act individually) has grown over many years and, in today's climate of blame and absolved responsibilities by higher authorities, it has become important that residents are fully aware of what your Parish Council can do and, perhaps more importantly, what it cannot do, on your behalf.

### **What the Parish Council can/does do:**

- Will report street lighting issues to either KCC or its own street lighting contractor (depending on the road)
- Maintains bus shelters
- Mows grass and trim hedges on its land
- Maintains the Village Green
- Maintains tree health of those on its land
- Maintains the War Memorial
- Provides and maintains the Allotment site
- Manages the Recreation Ground including children's play areas and adult gym
- Funds a Civic Amenity Vehicle
- Communicates information via Social Media and provides a community Website
- Provides and maintains three Burial Grounds (two no longer open for burials). The Parish Council is the Burial Authority.
- Maintains the Old Coach Road
- Maintains Coronation Gardens
- Provides tennis courts – free to use except when the club is teaching youngsters
- Provides events throughout the year – Musical Picnic, Scarecrow competition, Pride in Pembury Horticultural competition, Fireworks, Remembrance Day
- Provides hanging baskets
- Produces the A5 quarterly magazine which is delivered free to every household in Pembury
- Keeps noticeboards up to date
- Provides Christmas lights
- Maintains Woodside football pitches

### **What a Parish Council cannot do:**

- Change speed limits
- Paint yellow lines
- Put in traffic calming measures or road signs
- Police inconsiderate/dangerous parking



## COUNCIL CAN & CANNOTS

- Fill potholes and clear drains
- Decide if a planning application is granted
- Stop housing development
- Decide where houses will be built
- Stop a resident selling their land for development
- Prevent alterations to buildings
- Pre-determine a planning consultation before it has been discussed
- Maintain Rights of Way or anything on land it doesn't own

Some of this “cannot do” list can be addressed by the Parish Council requesting improvements via established mechanisms to those higher authorities who do have the responsibility, and the funding. There is always a lengthy process to follow, forms to fill in, consultations to be held and agreement to be passed before these can be submitted.

So, a Highways Improvement Plan with data and evidence regarding speeding, safety and parking problems can be submitted for consideration to the County Council.

In terms of planning, whilst it is not a requirement of a Parish Council to comment on all planning applications, Pembury Parish Council do so after considerable scrutiny. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee which means that the Borough Council must consider its views when deciding whether to grant planning permission. It should be borne in mind however that comments submitted by the Parish Council can be overruled.

There are many things that a Parish Council can do however, and residents may be surprised at how many of the “small” things that you might take for granted are achieved by the Parish Council, as well as the statutory requirements which are growing all the time.

## PEMBURY PAVILION – 11 YEARS ON

Can it really be 11 years since the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground was opened by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, plus Borough and Parish Council representatives, not forgetting members of the Youth football club?

Since then the Pavilion has been a proud home to the football club – but it has become so much more! Many of you may have queued for Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate at the annual Firework Display and taken a quick look inside. There are many regular activities in the Pavilion, which is used every weekday - from the Community Café on a Monday morning to diverse activities including Yoga, Weight Watchers, Keep-Fit, Tai Chi, Upholstery classes and more.



There are still opportunities to hire the Pavilion, either on a one-off or regular basis. The Pavilion is a great location for hosting parties for children and adults, with full kitchen facilities and plentiful free parking. The clubroom has plenty of space and seating and opens on to the Recreation Ground where old and young alike can let off steam!

Want to find out more? Please call Gillian Mayrick on 07785714266 or email [gillianmayrick@aol.com](mailto:gillianmayrick@aol.com)

## FOR YOUR DIARY

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

CAB – Pembury Library – see below. **If you wish to make an appointment with the Citizens' Advice Bureau, please email [advice@catwd.org.uk](mailto:advice@catwd.org.uk), clearly stating Pembury Library in the subject line.**

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

SEPT	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Nourish Community Foodbank. Dawn Stanford
8th	Pembury Gardeners' Autumn Show	2-4pm	Village Hall
14/15th	Heritage Weekend	10.30am – 4.30pm	Old Church, Pembury (next to Kent College)
22nd	The Hospice Run		Starts at Lower Cricket Ground, Tunbridge Wells.
23rd	Out & About Club		Visit to Chartwell. Contact Sue Giles - 823318
OCT			
1st	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Talk: History of Carriage Driving. Antonia Gallop
4th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall – Finding a Family, 20 years of searching by Michael A Farnham
6th	Harvest Festival Evensong	6.00pm	St. Peter's Old Church
7th	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	Parish Council Office
7th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
19th	Hospice in the Weald	7pm	Starlight Stroll – 6 mile walk. Contact Ben at the Hospice: 820528
NOV			
1st	Parish Council Firework Event	6.30pm	Recreation Ground, Pembury
1st	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall. Working in the Media. Funny Stories behind the scenes by Alex Riley
2nd	Kent Police Male Voice Choir	7.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church, Pembury
4th	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	Parish Council Office
4th	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
5th	U3A	2pm	Village Hall – Talk: William the Conqueror. James Dickinson
10th	Remembrance Sunday		St. Peter's Upper Church
12th	Village Market	9am – 11.30am	Christmas Special
19th	Out & About Club		Brick Lane Music Hall Christmas Show. Contact Sue Giles: 823318
23rd/24th	Hospice in the Weald	10 – 4pm	Christmas Market
30th	Hospice in the Weald Concert	6.30pm	St. Peter's Upper Church. Community Choir 'Festive Fusion'
DEC			
2nd	U3A Christmas Lunch		Venue – To be confirmed
2nd	Flower Workshop	8pm	Pembury Baptist Church
6th	Evening WI	7.45pm	Village Hall. An evening with ROBT, Vocal and Ukelele Bashing Entertainment
7th	Hospice in the Weald	5.30pm	Light up a Life – Remember your loved ones
9th	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	Parish Council Office

Richard Snow is responsible for updating the Village Diary, which can be viewed at [www.pembury.org](http://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](mailto: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@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## CRIME REPORT

Unfortunately, due to problems the police are still having with their new computer system, they still cannot publish the figures in a manner we can understand. I have lost count of the requests I have made for this information. Not once did we get a reply from any one of the four contacts we left telephone messages with. It makes me wonder if members of the public wishing to report a crime give up in the end because of the complexity of their system. I know that most Parishioners fully support the Police and appreciate the difficult job they do but please let me know if you have experienced the same sort of contact problems.

However, we still have some people in this village who I would class as criminals when I look at the anti-social acts they commit. Just recently I was up in the Recreation Ground with my Grandsons when I noticed that somebody had tried setting light to the blue rope that forms part of the circular swing ring right at the bottom of the Rec. I am sorry but I can only regard that person or persons as some sort of coward or lowlife. We all appreciate the very hard jobs completed by our three groundsmen, and the many acres of ground they look after and maintain but last week, one of the groundsmen was doing his normal patrol and tidy up in the Recreation Ground when he went to remove an item of clothing which turned out to be a pair of boxers with human excrement in. The groundsmen in question duly picked it up and removed it. I can only say well done to him – as it's not something he should have to be dealing with. Please remember, this Recreation Ground is there for the enjoyment of all Parishioners and if it is possible, I would like to see the people who wish to desecrate this facility taken to task. Mind you, they probably only come out after dark.

Be careful out there.

Hugh Boorman

<b>Crime type by reported month</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Burglary Residential</b>	<b>Burglary Business &amp; Community</b>	<b>Theft Of Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Theft From Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)</b>	<b>Criminal Damage Offences</b>	<b>Other Offences</b>	<b>Total recorded crime</b>
Apr-19	15	3	0	2	1	5	20	5	51
May-19	13	3	1	1	5	14	4	7	48
Jun-19	19	0	1	0	0	11	4	3	38
<b>April to June 2019 Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>137</b>

(These figures were sent through at the very last minute.)

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