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CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello, and welcome to the Winter edition of the Pembury Village News; the season of shorter daylight hours, sometimes grey and wet days, occasionally gloriously sunny and crisp, clear days, and hopefully at least one snowfall (of sledging depth please) to fall on a Friday night and melt completely overnight on Sunday would be nice! To brighten up what may be a gloomy day when you read this, there are some wonderful photos of our Pride in Pembury Awards Winners' Tea in the centre pages. Their colourful gardens, hanging baskets and allotments were a real pleasure to judge earlier this year with my Vice Chair, Annie. It really is lovely that so many people take great pride in making Pembury such a lovely place to live.



Which leads me on to the Local Plan..... thank you to everyone who came to our meeting, and either shared opinions and thoughts there, or completed our questionnaires in paper form or online. We have used your comments to guide our response; the full document sent to TWBC can be found on our website, but in summary we are objecting to the number of houses in total; objecting on sites PE1, 2 & 3 to the loss of Metropolitan Green Belt, the density of houses and the concerns about the impact on the existing road network, strongly objecting (again) to the Hendy site on PE7, and objecting overall over concerns about lack of current infrastructure, in particular relating to transport, education and health.

The Council are now looking at creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan – more information further on – which whilst supported by the Parish Council, does need to be driven by the 'Neighbours'! We envisage setting up a series of working groups to focus on separate areas of the plan, so if you can offer any expertise, knowledge, experience or guidance in anything you think may be relevant, or have a desire to help shape the Pembury of the future, please do get in touch.

Before I sign off and send Season's Greetings, please can I ask you to remember those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas? The Baptist Church is always grateful for donations during December, and particularly in January when lots of cupboards are completely bare.... if you can't get them to the Church there is still a collection at the garage at Woodsgate Corner – ask any member of staff to take them for you. Thank you.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR – MAGGIE WEAVER



I was born in Fulham, South West London. I left Fulham County Grammar school in 1966 and worked for the next eight years for the Midland Bank. In 1975 I went travelling with a friend in Europe where I met my husband on a beach in Spain. We moved to Tunbridge Wells in 1977 where I worked for Private Patients Plan and then to Pembury in 1980 a few weeks before our daughter, Hannah, was born. Our first house was in Beagles Wood Road but we moved to Heskett Park two years later following the birth of our son Fred. Since living in the village, I have been involved with Pembury Players and am now the Chairman. This summer I was at the Picnic on the Green when it occurred to me just how fond I am of Pembury. I had retired in May and thought that now was a good time to make a contribution towards our village which is why I applied to join the Council. I hope that, as a Councillor I will be able to play a part in keeping Pembury a special place to live.

INTRODUCING NEW HEADTEACHER - MRS HANNAH WALTERS



You may have heard on the grapevine that Pembury School has a new Headteacher and for those that hadn't heard or met me yet I am Mrs Hannah Walters the new Headteacher. I

am a proud mother of two children, Mia (17) and Nico (11), so I know how it feels to trust a school to do the best for your children. I had been the Headteacher at Platt CE Primary School for six years and am thrilled to be chosen to lead Pembury School and to join the village community of Pembury.

The school was judged 'good' at the Ofsted visit in February 2019 and I want to continue, with the help of the staff and parents, to improve this lovely school so that we will achieve an 'outstanding' level. During my first term at the school I have been getting to know the school community, the things that make Pembury School special and those areas that can be built upon. I have dedicated time

to meet with the children, staff and governors regarding this and spent time meeting the parents trying to find out:

What makes Pembury special?
What is the strength of the school?
What can we improve on?

So as you can see we are definitely not standing still at Pembury School and we will continue to strive to work together to ensure that every child can achieve and be the best they can. I hope that I will be able to meet people of the village at various events over the coming months and so enable me to begin to feel part of this community.



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REV. RICHARD WORSSAM – NEW VICAR OF PEMBURY

Richard grew up in Horsham, West Sussex. He first felt a sense of calling into ordained ministry as a teenager whilst preparing for confirmation at Horsham Parish Church. After leaving school Richard worked for a year as a hospital porter in Nottingham before going to St. John's College, Durham, where he read Psychology and Sociology. After graduating, Richard served as a mission partner for two years with the Church Mission Society in Sri Lanka, living in a small village where he helped with the running of a handloom weaving centre and then served as the Bishop's Lay Chaplain.

Richard then went to Hong Kong for three years as an Assistant Executive Secretary with the Hong Kong Christian Council, with responsibility for their English-language publications and links with English-speaking congregations. It was while in Hong Kong that Richard met his American wife, Donna, through the music group of the church they both attended. Donna was teaching English to Hong Kong students through a church-run programme.

After getting married in America, Richard and Donna lived in the eastern hills of Kentucky where they worked as assistant houseparents in a shelter home for teenagers. On returning to England, Richard and Donna both studied for a degree in Theology at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and Richard completed his ordination training.

Richard was ordained in Rochester Cathedral in 1993 and has served in the Diocese for the past 26 years, in the parishes of Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom, Fawkham and Hartley, and Otford. He is looking forward to applying his experience of village ministry over the years in developing the ministry of St. Peter's, Pembury, alongside colleagues in the parish.

Richard and Donna have two grown-up sons: Christopher, who is working in the British Embassy in Washington DC, and Matthew who is doing doctoral research in Cambridge, sponsored by the British Heart Foundation. Donna works part-time as the librarian at Dartford Grammar School.

Richard enjoys cycling and photography and, together with Donna, going for countryside walks and travelling in the States visiting the American side of the family.



PLEASE BE AWARE

Imagine walking down a road in darkness and being repeatedly hit by wet vegetation, foliage, branches and other unknown obstacles. For our blind and partially sighted residents this is what a walk along many of our pavements is like. PLEASE have a look at your hedge - it should overhang the pavement no lower than a HEIGHT of 2.5 metres and the WIDTH of the pavement left should be no less than 1.2 metres.

However, please avoid disturbing nesting birds.

IMPROVING BIODIVERSITY IN PEMBURY



There has been much in the news recently about how we can all help increase the biodiversity around us. As a result, Pembury Parish Council will be trialling a number of initiatives to do their bit and help nature on Parish Council owned land next summer.

With the help of a small group of volunteers, we are beginning to plant a wildflower area at the Pembury burial ground. This may take a few years to flourish but we hope to see a great display next year! A big thank you to the team for their hard work!



We will also be leaving some of our amenity grass uncut throughout next summer. The area between the tennis courts and the adult gym in Lower Green Recreation Ground will be left to grow. The Groundsmen will mow paths through the long grass so everyone can still get around!

We will also leave some of the grass verge to grow long in the Coppice. This will be balanced with shorter, mown grass next to the

road. If we're lucky, it will look something like this (below) and be beneficial for wildlife too!



The Parish Council also own the Old Coach Road just outside the village. Hughie and a small group of volunteers ensure the area is carefully managed for people and wildlife alike. Their work is invaluable!! They make sure the footpath is safe for people while making sure the wildlife is not forgotten. Damaged or diseased branches are left in stacks by the side of the path, bird and bat boxes installed and the pond cleared regularly so it is not choked with weed.





Route from Pembury to Bayham



Enlargement of Pembury Section

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PEMBURY SCOUTS DO KANDERSTEG

In August 2020, 12 Scouts and their two leaders from the Pembury Magna Scout Group will be travelling to the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland. Kandersteg dates back to 1923 and is set up as a permanent mini jamboree, visited by over 10,000 Scouts and Guides every year from 50 different countries. Today, the international atmosphere means that our Pembury Scouts will be able to learn about other cultures and how to respect the values of others. Among its many attractions are a 750m sled run, indoor and outdoor heated pools, geocaching, rafting, hiking and an international campfire where the boys can chat to other Scouts from different international troops.

To help raise funds for the trip, the Scouts are holding the following two events:

Barn dance

22 February - St Peter's Church, 7-11pm

Dust off those cowboy boots and join us for a fun-filled evening of barn dancing – no experience necessary!

Tickets £10 including a jacket potato with chilli con carne (vegetarian option available). Bring your own drinks. There'll also be a raffle with some fantastic prizes.



First aid refreshers

14 March - Pembury Scout hut, Woodhill Park.

Sessions 2-3.30pm and 4-5.30pm

Led by Jim Walmsley (Critical Care Paramedic, ALS & EPALS Instructor).

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The Beavers spent the term learning about endangered hedgehogs, as part of the Animal Friend badge, and made some houses for them. We even had a special visitor from Folly Wildlife Rescue. As part of the creativity badge the Beavers made beautiful works of art from autumn leaves – some made hedgehogs, others fish, beavers (of course), snails and fun patterns.

We also learned about the flags, languages and Scouts of Mexico, the US and Canada – the three hosting nations for Scouts visiting the World Scout jamboree that took place earlier this year.

With the four newly invested beavers and two new assistant leaders, we have a really strong and growing colony.

The Cubs got 'on the tools' as part of their efforts to achieve the DIY badge this term. They made bird boxes in advance of the new nesting season by learning about sawing, nailing, drilling and screwing in screws. The now brightly painted boxes will help our garden birds next spring in the scouting compound.



The Scouts enjoyed a fantastic camp at Blackland Farm in August. Activities included canoeing, climbing, orienteering, swimming and dodging the rain. It did, however, dry up long enough for several good campfires.

There is now an additional scout troop in Pembury, which meets on a Friday evening. There are currently places available for young people (ages 10½ - 14). If you are interested, please contact us on fortisscouts@gmail.com

Please don't forget to help us raise money from retailers for our scouts' trip to Kandersteg in Switzerland by initiating your Christmas online shopping through: www.easyfundraising.org.uk (look for the 'Pembury Scouts – Kandersteg' cause)

The Explorer unit goes from strength to strength. Frankie Arnold and Joe Boddy received their 'Young Leader' qualification at the AGM in September; a significant achievement and very well deserved.



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CRICKET CLUB LOOKING TO EXPAND

With the festive season fast approaching we look back on the summer with great pride at the achievements made both on and off the pitch.

A lot of hardwork and planning pre-season saw the introduction of our new electronic scoreboard and new shutters to the pavilion.

On the playing front the 2nd XI finished as worthy champions of Division 7 of the Kent County Village League whilst the 1st XI finished as creditable runners up in Division 4.



PCC 2nd XI – 7th September 2019



PCC 1st XI 7th September 2019

We also had a very enjoyable year in the junior section, especially in our second season of “All Stars Cricket” which is the England & Wales Cricket Board’s entry level participation in the sport for Boys & Girls aged 5 to 8. The aim of the course is to teach the basic skills of the game in a fun and family friendly environment. Our numbers swelled again this summer and planning has already started for 2020!

Elsewhere in the junior section, the “Steelers” (u11s) and “Blue Caps” (u13s) also had good

After the final game of the season we held our end of season awards and congratulations to the following winners:



Cricketer of the Year:
Josh Knight



Performance of the Year:
Garry Knight



2nd XI Player of the Year:
Mark Parsons

CRICKET CLUB LOOKING TO EXPAND... continued

seasons and we look forward to both sides continuing their progression next year, especially as the majority of players were playing up an age level.

In 2020 we are looking to re-introduce our u15 side (Pembury Colts) and we are already actively looking to recruit new players in this and all age groups, plus strengthening our coaching resources for the challenges ahead.

Indoor nets start in February for Seniors and Juniors aged 9 and up, and we would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to get involved as we are always looking for new members of all ages and abilities.

Embracing the village community is an essential ingredient to a successful club, and we are indebted to the many local residents and

businesses that continue to support us. This not only helps maintain the high standards at the club both on and off the field but enables us to plan for the seasons ahead. For more information on playing, membership and sponsorship, please look us up on our website (<http://pembury.play-cricket.com>).

Richard Dawes

(Club Captain – Pembury Cricket Club)



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The Margey Polley Drinking Trough Update

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who responded to the article in the last Pembury Village News regarding the funding of the trough. It is good to know that the community spirit is still alive in Pembury.

We did not have to take up any of their offers as one of our long term residents contacted Notcutts regarding the situation and we are delighted to report that the offer has now been reinstated and they have, in fact increased it to £60 per annum.

By the time you read this the Autumn plants should be in place and will bring colour to the Village Green during winter.

Thank you again.

Gillian Williamson

Secretary, Pembury Evening WI

Baptist Church

When Jazz Meets Gospel - Saturday 1st February 2020 at 7.30pm

The Gary Wood Quintet featuring Dan Foster on the saxophone will play live at Pembury Baptist Church on Saturday 1st February at 7.30pm. This is a free event and everyone is welcome, although because refreshments will be served, it would be useful if you book your seat by emailing office@pemburybaptistchurch.org or calling 01892 825590. Donations will be welcome.

2ND PEMBURY RAINBOWS

The season of autumn is one of my favourites and it lends itself to so many possibilities with the Rainbows. We have worked on our 'growing up wild' with textures and shapes challenge badges this term which has given us the perfect excuse to get out into the woods and hug a tree! We found lots of samples of natural objects with soft, rough, prickly, smooth and hard textures, as well as infinite shapes of fallen autumn leave. We collected lots of these fallen natural items and created stunning animal and floral designs.

As part of our new programme, we took part in an activity called 'mascot makers'. In small groups the girls designed and decorated mascots for local businesses, including Barnes Kingsnorth, Nanna, Barbers2U and Notcutts. It was challenging but lots of fun; the results were brilliant and we got the opportunity to display them in all venues.

Our energies are currently aimed at a Rainbow sleepover based around the theme of 'have adventures'. Twenty five girls will be taking on all manner of challenges, including tunneling, low ropes, obstacle courses and tracking. It will be a chance for the girls to gain greater independence as well as becoming more confident in their abilities to work in teams. For festive fun, we are going to earn a 'Victorian Christmas' challenge badge. We shall attempt Victorian crafts as well as making seasonal Victorian delicacies, playing the odd game of tiddlywinks and embracing the tradition of carol singing. Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without a trip to the panto Peter Pan – he's behind you!!!

If you are interested in your daughter joining Rainbows – a section of guiding for girls aged 5 – 7, please register her on www.girlguiding.org.uk

MY ALLOTMENT PLOT

I have planted two rows of winter potatoes which may, with luck, be ready for the Christmas holiday eating bonanza. I don't remember their variety, but I think the reason for that is that there wasn't any choice, so I simply ordered the only ones available.

I grew Christmas potatoes once before about twenty years ago and I know that when Christmas dinner arrived no one felt any temptation for new potatoes on top of their roasties. Later on, in the New Year when they would have been a real treat, the ground was covered in snow and I couldn't find them. After that, I just lost heart and let the slugs have them!

They were growing well in the late summer but showing signs of getting blight. A swift change of weather at the end of October stopped the blight but also slowed down their growth too. Only time will tell whether they've been worth the effort. If they go to waste again, I think I'll give up!

We, in a moment of rashness, have taken on another plot. It is huge; probably one of the biggest on the whole Woodside Ground; we may well regret it...

... however if we do 'give it back' at least it will be clean enough for someone else to take on – in fact I should think it could be divided into two generous half plots maybe? My plan is to use it as a strict 'nothing permanent' area that I can try to do proper crop rotation on. Crop rotation makes perfect sense until, in practice, you run out of space and need to just 'tuck the odd row in' wherever you can. Then it all goes to pot!

Caroline Mazzeo



FIREWORKS 2019

I hope you all enjoyed the firework evening on 1 November. Despite the rain, there was a good turnout although understandably not as many as last year. A total of £2286.70 was raised which will go towards Community Projects. Thank you all for coming and 'See you next year'.





PRIDE IN PEMBURY





REMEMBRANCE

Pembury Parish Council and the residents of Pembury would like to say a huge thank you to the team who once again very kindly decorated the centre of our village with knitted poppies, soldiers and dogs for our Remembrance commemorations. This follows on the wonderful display in the village last year to mark the end of the Centenary of WWI.

Thank you to Val Coombes, Angela Mason, Richard Davis, Jenny Lambert and Margaret White who worked tirelessly to mount this spectacular display. Richard's talent shines through with the

models of the soldiers and dogs, which made a dramatic addition.

You would have noticed that the dogs were wearing purple poppies. The purple poppy is a symbol of Remembrance in the United Kingdom for animals that served during wartime.

I know the team would want to thank all of you who so kindly reacted to the appeal for knitted poppies and you certainly responded in a most amazing way!!

Cllr Snow





SUNDAY SERVICE

The poignant Service which took place in the sunshine on Sunday 10 November outside, by the War Memorial was very well attended. The Service conducted by the new Vicar at St. Peter's Church, was very thought-provoking and allowed people to pay their respects to those who lost their lives during the battle of the World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Two minutes' silence followed 'The Last Post' which was beautifully performed by Lin Sandys.

It was lovely to see so many Guides and Scouts from all sections parading from Belfield Road along Hastings Road to the War Memorial - proud to be doing 'their bit'.

£640 was raised which will go direct to the Royal British Legion.

PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Society celebrated its 75th anniversary with the Autumn Show which was held in the Village Hall on Sunday 8 September 2019.

The Show proved well worthy of the occasion with row upon row of autumnal flowers filling the tables to capacity on all sides of the hall.

Pride of place had to go to the regular chrysanthemum exhibitors – Reg Bloe and his friend and rival Doug Drury who, as usual put up some truly magnificent blooms, with Reg this time taking the honours by winning the National Chrysanthemum Society's silver and bronze medals. His vase of 'Billy Bell' (var.) was almost perfection leading to a national judge to observe: 'a pleasure to judge and worthy of a national show entry. The best seen this year'.



The Dahlia section was very well supported considering the loss of so many 'yesteryear' exhibitors and although quality was down, the main entries, especially the exhibitors who entered for the first time, provided much colour and optimism for the future. Survivor of the 'old guard' Derek Parks won the National Dahlia Society's silver and bronze medals and the section's overall points award.

Floral art exhibits are always a highlight and a talking point with visitors wondering just how the exhibitors manage to create such wonderful artistic displays from a collection of flowers and plant materials. Brenda Penfold again took the award of Best Exhibit – a breath-taking creation and also a certificate for most points in the section.

Brian Fryer won a certificate for obtaining most points in the miscellaneous plants section and wife Christina, upholding family honour, took the overall award for most points in Cookery. Ann Tyson won the Handicraft points award and Reg Bloe's beautifully crafted carpentry box was the subject of much comment!

Vibes from other shows and the Kent Federation suggested there would probably be fewer vegetable entries and quality would not be good – early season growing conditions to blame – and unfortunately this proved to be correct. Only Brian Fryer and Steve Jones finding worthy exhibits, with Brian's vegetable tray winning the Sturgeon Cup.

A memorable show to bring down the curtain on this season and the Society thanks all supporters, helpers and judges for ensuring the show goes on.

The Spring Show is on Saturday 28 March 2020 at the Village Hall commencing at 2pm.

Derek Parks, Show Co-ordinator



Selected results:

Vegetables

George Sturgeon Cup – Class I
Brian Fryer

H Bishop CVP
Most points in vegetable classes
Brian Fryer/Steve Jones – joint winners

Flowers

Chrysanthemums
National Chrysanthemum Society
Silver medal **Reg Bloe**
Bronze medal **Reg Bloe**
John Baggeson Award – Class 32 **Reg Bloe**
Bernard Reeve Award – Most points in Chrysanthemum classes **Doug Drury**

Dahlias
National Dahlia Society
Silver medal **Derek Parks**
Bronze medal **Derek Parks**
Geoff Baxter Award – Class 44 **Derek Parks**

Society Award
Most points in Dahlia section
Derek Parks
Floral Art - Best exhibit in Section **Brenda Penfold**

Kathleen Mepham Memorial Award
Most points in section
Brenda Penfold
Flowers (miscellaneous)
Kent Federation Certificate
For most points – classes 62 – 73 **Brian Fryer**

Cookery
Society Award
For most points classes 84 – 90 **Christina Fryer**
Handicraft
Geoffrey Theobald Award – Most points **Ann Tyson**

Annual Awards

RHS Banksian Medal
Derek Parks
Dr D Waterfield Cup
Most points in all three shows
Brian Fryer
Dr D Waterfield Certificate
Runner Up points
Steve Jones

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HOT CHOCOLATE AND MARSHMALLOWS



Hot chocolate and marshmallows, coffee, tea and delicious cakes are on offer for the winter months ahead. Please pop in, enjoy a hot drink, books to browse, people to meet and lovely views of the recreation ground at the community coffee shop.

We participated in the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in September, and raised £385 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to all who kindly donated raffle prizes. Local author Denise Barnes very kindly came along and donated a selection of her books, which were sold for donations to Macmillan.

We are coming up to our 5th anniversary. This year we are delighted to be able to donate a total of £600 back into our local community.

This year we would like to support the youth in our village. We are delighted to be able to donate £300 to the Pembury Cricket Club. Most of this money will be going to the Junior Cricket Club who will be able to buy safety helmets for the children. We are also pleased to be able to donate £300 to the Pembury Football Club. As volunteers ourselves we would like to

say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who give so much of their time to helping and encouraging the younger generation in our village, it is very much appreciated by us all.

We have also been able to fund our community planting, and have planted spring bulbs at the War Memorial and the chemist corner. Hopefully you will see the benefits of this in the springtime.

We are holding our Christmas coffee shop on Monday 9th December, when our cheques will be presented to the Cricket and Football Club. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us. Purchasing drinks and cakes enables us to help local good causes in your village.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and many thanks for your support throughout the year.

Pembury Community Coffee Shop is open every Monday from 9.30-12pm at the Pavilion, Lower Green Road. A warm welcome awaits you!

If you would like any further information about our coffee shop please contact Christine Snow on 01892-825428 or Heather Purdy on 01892-824940

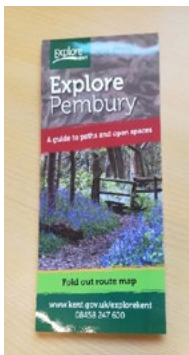
Footpath Maps

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Memorial Wall

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.

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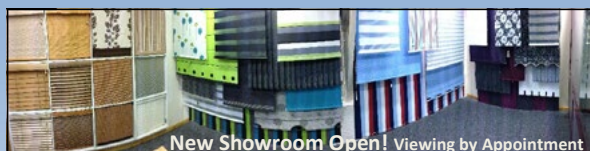
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VILLAGE QUIZ 2019

With a total of 18 teams competing, the Pembury Village Quiz 2019 was a busy evening.

The winners were 'Been There' who have now won four of the last five years. Well done to them. They were presented with the Parish Council Cup by Katy Brooks, in one of her first duties as Chair of the Parish Council, and a cheque to donate to a charity of their choice.

Many thanks to our Question Master Keith Merrin who organised the questions and kept

everything running smoothly.

We would like to thank all the leaders who came to help run the quiz, which raised nearly £600 for Pembury Scouts and Guides. The money will go towards the upkeep of their hall. With over 200 children using the hall each week there is always plenty to do.

The 2020 quiz will be held on Friday 15th May – pop the date in your diary now!

Moira Allan



PEMBURY PANTO - SLEEPING BEAUTY

The petulant, pouting Princess Briar Rose's birthday party has been sabotaged by an evil ogre called Carbolic. To the rescue come a handsome hero, a Jester, three agents and a host of fairies! Bearing in mind she's a teenager (so she might sleep for ever), will they be able to rescue her?

This year's production, ably directed by the enigmatic Laurence Plumb with help from Graham Hazelden, is much more youth driven than previous pantos. Some major parts are being bravely played by some of our younger members with the "oldies" taking more minor roles. Everyone has worked really hard to give you an evening of fun and I hope you will turn out in droves to support them.

Don't miss Pembury Players epic(ish) production

of Sleeping Beauty at the Village Hall on 9th, 10th January at 7.30pm and at 2.00pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 11th. Tickets are £10.00 for adults £8.00 for children and concessions, or £30.00 for a family ticket i.e. 2 adults and 2 children. Pembury Players always need new members in many capacities. Right now, we need someone to help with costumes and props and somebody kind to help run the bar and serve tea at the Saturday matinee. If you'd like to help or join as an actor in our future productions, please call me on 01892 824362, I'd love to hear from you.

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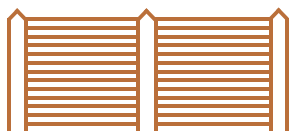
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MALE VOICE CHOIR

This is a picture of the Kent Male Voice Choir in the Upper Church on 2nd November. This was an interesting and varied programme performed by a talented choir. The choir perform for charitable organisations to help them raise money. On this occasion it was to help St. Peter's with their fundraising for a proposed community building. I'm pleased to say that we raised £1350 which was great! Our next event is on 25 April 2020 – so look out for the advert in the Spring edition.



THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

We had a packed meeting in October, when Dr Andrew Cameron (retired senior partner at Waterfield House Practice) gave us a most interesting talk on the subject of "Pembury; a provision of purpose, personal and professional", as he moves on from being a medical practitioner to training for the Priesthood of the Church of England.

Sue Nuttall and Sarah Clark also spoke concerning the Tesco's site planning application for a car dealership by Henty, and the Local Plan, which brought us up to date with consultation dates and actions being taken. Details of these, with pictures and plans are on the Pembury Society website. www.pembury.org/society

Details of the setting up of a Parish working party to consider a Neighbourhood Development Plan were given, and this is being organised by the Parish Council. Members interested in being part of this should contact the Parish Office.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd April 2020, 7.45pm at St Peter's Upper Church.

David Hanes, Chairman



EARLY MORNING EXERCISE

In my early teens, like several other boys in the village, we did early morning paper rounds before we went to school. My dad, who was an electrician at Pembury Hospital used to go into the paper shop, which is now also the Post Office to help them set up the newspapers before he went to work and to earn a few extra bob.

One morning I cycled up there only to find the papers had been late and weren't ready. Having waited about half an hour, I jumped on my bike when they were ready and dashed off with the intention of starting my round which was the top of Church Road. However, when I got to the Village Green to go back down Lower Green Road, I was stopped by the village Constable - Harry Edmondson.

He had also stopped Roger, one of the other paper boys. There on the village Green were eleven bullocks contentedly grazing with the farmer Mr Roberts wringing his hands in despair. They must have followed me up the road because they evidently came from the field entrance at the top of Church Road as it comes out onto the main road.

We were instructed to leave our bikes and papers where they were and were then organised by Harry to get behind and at the side of the bullocks and try and get them back down Lower Green Road.



Mr Edmondson also commandeered the services of Mr Fred Beech, the village Groundsman who was on his way to work in the Rec. We gradually moved them down the road, dashing here and there to stop them going up peoples' driveways and Amberleaze Drive. We had to prevent them entering the slip road by the Free Church; thankfully the Ridgeway and the Forstal had not been built at that stage. This was all woodland and fields. There were several lucky escapes because once a bullock had gone up someone's driveway, it was very difficult to get them out!

The goal eventually came into view but we had to stop them going down Church Road or going further down Lower Green Road.

Trying to get the bullocks back through the gate was a work of art because some just did not want to go in. The noise of the gate slamming was like music to our ears but we all then had to walk back to the top of the village, including Harry to get our bikes and do our paper rounds, get changed and then get to school. I do not know what the situation would have been like if the traffic had been like it is today.. Phew!

Hugh Boorman.

PEMBURY SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL - AGM

The AGM for the Scout and Guide Hall is held every January, and all leaders, parents and others interested in the Hall are invited to attend on Thursday 30th January 2020, at 7.30pm.

The Hall is used every week by over 200 children in Scouting and Guiding, as well as interest groups organised by the U3A (University of the Third Age). It is also used by a local Forest School during school holidays and by other local Scout and Guide groups as a base for outdoor activities.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Hall, please come and join us on the evening, or email us – pemburyscoutandguidehq@hotmail.co.uk

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Pembury Scout and Guide Hall



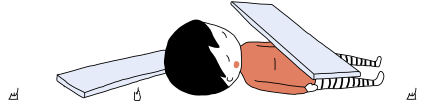
How to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

1

Danger

Assess the situation

- Remove any hazards
- Do not move the casualty (unless necessary)



2

Response

Check to see if the casualty is responsive by asking "are you alright?"



3

Help

Shout "help!" and do not leave the casualty

Ask someone to call 999 / 112



4

Airway and Breathing

If there is no response, open the airway by tilting the head and lifting the chin.

Casualty Breathing Normally?

Place in the Recovery Position and wait for medical attention

Casualty Not Breathing Normally?

Send for an ambulance, ask for an AED and begin CPR



5

CPR

Give 30 chest compressions followed by 2 rescue breaths

Chest Compressions

- Place heel of hand over the other in centre of casualty's chest
- Compress the chest 30 times

Rescue Breaths

- Keep head tilted back
- Lightly pinch nose and blow steadily until chest rises twice



6

Using an AED

- Switch on the AED and follow the voice and visual prompts
- Remove clothing and jewellery from the casualty's chest
- Place the electrode pads on casualty's bare chest – DO NOT TOUCH THEM WHILE THE AED IS ANALYSING
- The AED will advise SHOCK or NO SHOCK - if a shock is advised, stand clear
- Continue with CPR for 2 minutes, then AED will re-analyse casualty
- Repeat until an ambulance arrives or casualty becomes responsive



Universal Credit Update

Universal Credit (UC) was first launched in 2013 and the rollout of the 'Full Service' to all Jobcentres, including to our area, was completed just over a year ago. UC replaces six 'legacy' benefits and tax credits for working-age households and the migration of all households claiming legacy benefits and tax credits across to UC is currently expected to be completed by 2023, through natural or managed migration. Government figures¹ report that, as of May 2019, 1,152 households in Tunbridge Wells Borough claimed UC, of which 39% were households with children, whilst around 5,470 claimed legacy benefits.



UC works differently from legacy benefits. The biggest differences are:

- you can get UC if you're unemployed but also if you're working
- you'll usually get a single payment each month, rather than weekly or fortnightly
- instead of getting a separate housing benefit, your rent will usually be paid directly to you as part of your monthly UC payment
- UC is made up of a basic monthly 'standard allowance' and extra payments if you:
 - look after one or more children
 - work and pay for childcare
 - need help with housing costs
 - are disabled or have a health condition
 - are a carer for a disabled person or you have a disabled child

You can claim UC at the same time as claiming Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Council Tax Reduction (CTR) or even alongside contribution-based or 'new style' Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) / Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

For more information about Universal Credit, Welfare Benefits or general advice, please contact Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre at 64 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6DP; Email info@pwadvice.org or call 01892838619.

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

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre would like to wish all of our Trustees, Volunteers, Clients, Funders, Stakeholders and Supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We will be closed between Christmas and the New Year as usual, please check our website for more information.



CHRISTMAS/WINTER WORDSEARCH

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CANDLES	SANTA CLAUS
SNOWMAN	TINSEL
TURKEY	NOEL
DECORATIONS	TREE
ADVENT CALENDAR	



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES 2019



St. Peters - Old and Upper Church	WHAT	WHEN
Upper Church	Candlelit Taize Service for Advent	Sunday 1 December - 6.00pm
Upper Church	Christingle Service	Sunday 8 December - 4.00pm
Upper Church	Civic Carol Service	Sunday 15 December - 6.00pm
Upper Church	Parish Communion with Nativity Play	Sunday 22 December - 9.45am
Old Church	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Sunday 22 December - 6.00pm
Upper Church	Crib Service	Christmas Eve - 4.00pm
Upper Church	Midnight Communion Service	Christmas Eve - 11.30pm
Upper Church	Christmas Communion Service	Christmas Day - 10.00am
Old Church	Christmas Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer)	Christmas Day - 10.00am
St. Anselms'	WHAT	WHEN
	Over 60s Xmas lunch (phone 822586 to book a place). Lifts can be arranged	Saturday December 14
	Advent carol service	Sunday 1 December - 6:30pm
	Service of 9 lessons and carols	Sunday 22 December - 6:30pm
	3pm children's crib service 5pm Vigil Mass 11:30pm - Midnight Mass	Tuesday 24 December
	Mass with Christmas carols	Christmas Day - 10am
Baptist Church	WHAT	WHEN
	Christmas is coming	Sundays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December at 10am
	Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 22 December - 4.30pm -
	Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 22 December - 6.30pm -
	Christmas Eve Communion	Tuesday 24 December - 11.30pm
	Christmas at Pembury Baptist Church	Christmas Day - 10am.

STREET SIGNS

Our County Councillor Paul Barrington-King has been busy replacing your old and battered street and road signs in the village. This significantly improves the street scene and encourages our pride of place in Pembury. If your road needs a new sign, please feel free to contact Paul via his details in this magazine.



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CRIME REPORT



We have just received our first Christmas present – the crime figures for July, August and September are the lowest they have been for a long time.

The previous quarter's figure was 137 but that has now come down to a total of 95 and it has shown a reduction in every category. Thankfully violent crime has shown a reduction of nearly 20 percent and theft offences (excluding motor vehicles) down from 30 to 20. Sadly, at this time of year when we are all dashing around, the security of our property or personal belongings do not always come top of the list, ie making sure the house and car are secure. Please also be aware of the increase in number of door to door callers.

I would also like nothing better than to see those who continually cause damage to facilities around the village punished, ie in the Recreation Ground, and those who pulled down two of the beautiful hanging baskets in the village. Some parts of the village are covered by CCTV, so you never know, you might just have been captured on camera!

There is another growing problem which is of national concern - that is the ease with which crooks are able to gain access to the information on your bank cards, especially when they are in your wallets in your back pocket. By scanning your wallet with a small scanner that you would not even notice, the crooks can gain access to your bank details. To prevent this, simply buy a credit card protector which will stop them in their tracks.

Please remember that there are many people who cannot rejoice and celebrate the festive period like most of us do; if you know of anyone who will be on their own and who are invalid please make sure they are okay and I am sure a short visit or a drink would make their day.

Have very Happy Christmas and New Year and please report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or online.

Kind Regards

Hugh Boorman

Reported Crime in Pembury

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	Other Offences	Total recorded crime
Jul-19	17	2	0	1	2	8	3	3	36
Aug-19	14	1	0	1	1	7	4	5	33
Sep-19	7	1	0			5	10	3	26
Jul to Sep 2019 total	38	4	0	2	3	20	17	11	95

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