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Winning picture! Sent in by Harriet, age $6\frac{1}{2}$ See middle pages for the other entries. Thank you to all!

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Winter edition of Pembury Village News. I hope you are all keeping as well as possible at the moment, this seems to be never-ending! I hope that the booster vaccination programme, along with us all being aware that this virus is still around us and we need to keep safe, will help us minimise the impact this Winter as we need to ensure our NHS can cope. They, along with all the other support services, are still doing a fantastic job and deserve our appreciation. There are so many other groups and organisations in this village and the Borough still supporting our residents, and I am very thankful to them.

Speaking of which.... as you read this, Jennifer and her fabulous team at the Baptist Church will be busy packing up Christmas food hampers for those in the village that have used the Food Bank this year, so like Old Mother Hubbard, their cupboards need replenishing! They would be very grateful for meals, meat, fruit or vegetables in cans (including tomatoes), UHT milk (preferably full or semi-skimmed), rice puddings or custard in tins, microwavable single rice packets, shampoo, shower gel and antiperspirant. They will still have plenty of stock of beans and soup (they have "gallons" at the moment) so would much rather people focused on the suggestions above. Thank you all to those who can help them re-stock in January.

We are hurtling towards the shortest day of the year, then Christmas and the days getting longer. Ok, it will probably be cold and rainy, but I always feel a bit more joyful when the evenings start getting



lighter again.... We have lots to look forward to in the village in December – the lights ceremony and the Pembury Christmas Fair which should have happened by the time you get this, and carol services if allowed for those with children. Here's hoping we can have as normal a Christmas as possible, albeit one that might just be the new normal...!!

My final word needs to be a HUGE thank you to the team that decorated the Green for our Remembrance Day service. Their work amazes me each year, and this year they gave us the best display this village has seen, very fitting for the 100th anniversary of the War Memorial. Thank you for giving our village a fantastic visual remembrance for those that fell for us.

Kind regards Katy

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR PEMBURY - UPDATE



Excellent response to the second community survey and mapping workshop

We launched our second community survey just before the summer to gather detailed information on specific topic areas and, in total, we received 160 responses. We also held a community mapping workshop with over 20 people attending. The information gathered will help the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group volunteers to finalise the evidence base for the Plan. A full report of the findings is available on our website: pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/.



In summary:



Housing: Of those wishing to move within the next 5 to 10 years, most of you said that you would like to stay in Pembury, either to set up a new home or be able to downsize, with two and three bedroom houses or bungalows being cited as the most sought after. The main challenges faced, though, include the lack of affordable homes in Pembury and the fact that most homes tend to be on the larger side. We plan to address this in the Neighbourhood Plan by supporting the provision of smaller homes, in terms of number of bedrooms, within new developments. We will also push for a greater number of

affordable homes as part of the sites allocated in the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan, particularly for first time buyers, those with a local link to Pembury and key workers in the parish.

Design of new houses: We commissioned a Design Guide for Pembury to provide information about what new housing in the parish should look like, the styles and materials to incorporate and how to ensure it is environmentally friendly. You can read the guide on the Parish Council website: pemburyparishcouncil. gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Local facilities: While older people and younger children are well catered for in the parish, you told us that we need to offer more for teenagers and younger people. The sorts of facilities requested include somewhere for teenagers to spend time and socialise, a café and toilets at the recreation ground, a community garden, and facilities like a skatepark. We will use the Neighbourhood Plan to try and achieve some of these ideas.

Green spaces and nature: Most of you told us that having access to natural green spaces in and around Pembury was very important. Many of you mentioned the woods, the village green and the recreation ground. Our Neighbourhood Plan will help us to protect particularly special green spaces (for instance, ones which are used for recreation, or which are particularly beautiful). We will also identify areas that can be improved for plants and wildlife, such as the ponds and orchards. Finally, you pointed out numerous views and viewpoints that are special including views across the Weald to the North Downs, views of the village green and views of the sunset from the ridge at the south of the village, and we will use the Neighbourhood Plan to protect these.

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The village centre – Whilst the local shops and independent businesses are very much valued, many of you raised concerns about the lack of parking spaces in and around the village centre and the need for more usable cycle paths. The Neighbourhood Plan will include support for better cycling routes and there may be opportunities to extend parking provision near to the village hall.

Getting around - Our footpaths are very popular, and the Parish Council is currently updating the Pembury Footpath Map. There are areas, however, where improvements can be made to paths and new linkages formed between paths. Our Neighbourhood Plan will help to achieve this.

Views from Pembury School Children - We asked the primary school children to share their top three wishes for Pembury and received some fantastic ideas:

What happens next?

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and volunteers are now finalising the Neighbourhood Plan document. When ready, we will be consulting on it with the community so that we can get feedback on the proposed policies.

We will then update the document and hand it to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, who will run a second consultation, before the Plan is reviewed by an independent examiner.



We hope to have a local referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan next year which, if successful, will mean that the Plan will be used to help determine planning applications in the Parish.

It's not too late to get in touch with us if you want to have your say on the future of Pembury or find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan. Please contact us at: ndp@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk





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The over-riding objective of the Kent Community Warden Service (KCSW) is 'to create safer and stronger communities'. The role of the Community Warden is ever-evolving, prompted by the changing needs of our communities and other strategic requirements placed upon our Service.

During the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, our duties were re-aligned to best serve our communities during that unchartered period. We have since transitioned to a recovery/ 'business as usual' footing, where it is envisaged we will remain. Current priorities are defined by our Community Safety Business Plan 2020-21:

- Delivery of core KCWS priorities providing a reassuring presence / support for our residents; responding to community needs; facilitating solutions to local concerns and addressing issues of loneliness & social isolation.
- Undertake Community Safety Unit (CSU) tasks with / on behalf of partners to address local issues and concerns (inc. supporting community hubs during the Covid-19 response and recovery period).
- Deliver the Trading Standards scams project through support of individual scam victims and strengthening communities' resilience to scams.
- Working with partners, inc. Adult Social Care, to safeguard and support vulnerable individuals, enabling them to live safely and independently in their own homes.
- Provide an operational and welfare response for communities in the event of an emergency e.g., surge testing in MEI5 (February).

Community-Based Activities

Upon joining KCWS this summer, the main focus of my work has involved extending support to those most in need. Other strands of work have also kept me gainfully occupied. Examples include:

Working with Kent Police and other



Community Safety partners to share information on, and help resolve issues raised by residents.

- As community-based groups (coffee mornings, Mother & Toddler, Youth Clubs) have resumed as Covid restrictions eased, I have met residents, and where needed, have offered advice and signposted to specialist support.
- Assisting vulnerable residents to access services is a major part of my working day e.g., I liaise with GP surgeries and other professionals to support those living with dementia, poor mental health, mobility difficulties etc.
- Working with a range of other agency partners e.g., conducting welfare checks on residents brought to my attention by Adult Social Care; helping to arrange befriending support for those who are socially isolated and lonely.
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We are delighted to announce that Pembury Cricket Club has been successful in their application for Community Funding from Pembury Parish Council! The club has been awarded $\pounds I$,000 towards work required to repair the outfield of the cricket ground as it has suffered significantly from an infestation of leatherjackets, resulting in a considerable number of large areas where grass had literally ceased to grow. The club has over 40 adult and 70 junior members who will benefit from the improvements. Andrew Dawes (PCC Chairman) said "The grant from the Parish Council comes at an incredibly important time for the cricket club and is so gratefully received. The infestation of leatherjackets in the ground destroyed much of our outfield and the money has been put towards environmentally friendly treatments that will hopefully see the grass regrowing and ensuring that cricket can be played safely for many years to come".



PICNIC ON THE GREEN

This year, the Picnic on the Green was held in September. It was very well attended and the Parish Council received great comments about it. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and had lots of fun! The music was fabulous and it was lovely to see the children dancing and playing.

We raised £478.75 which goes towards village projects. Thank you to everyone!

Stop press: As more people than ever came this year, the Parish Council has decided that next year it will be held on the first Saturday in July and will take place in the Recreation Ground. It is to be a bigger and even better event with food stalls, more music and hopefully a beer tent!

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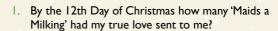


CHRISTMAS QUIZ









- In the film Home and Away, Kevin is left behind when his family go on a trip. Where did they go?
- 3. Under which star sign are you born if your birthday is Christmas Day?
- 4. In which year did the Queen make her first Christmas Day speech?
- 5. Who sings the first line of 'Do They Know it's Christmas Time'?
- 6. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?
- 7. How many Christmas number I's did The Beatles have? What were they?
- 8. Who sang White Christmas?
- Which silent screen actor died on 25th December 1972?
- 10. What word is missing from the carol.....'Still through the - - skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled'?
- 11. Which Saint's Day falls on 31st December?
- 12. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?

















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MACMILLAN MORNING AT COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP



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A magnificent sum of £450 was raised! Our very grateful thanks go to all those who donated raffle prizes and to the pavilion management committee who also supported the morning.

We are delighted to welcome some new volunteers to our team – Amanda, who helps us to set up and clear away; Meg, who provides

the gluten-free cakes; Deborah, Janet and Dianne, who have added their baking expertise.

And just a word in praise of our volunteers. On Sunday afternoons, you will find us in our kitchens, crying over sunken middles and soggy bottoms! And then there's the problems with the cakes! Fortunately, we forget all that as soon as our first customers walk through the door on a Monday morning - the atmosphere, laughter and camaraderie make it all truly worthwhile. The Coffee Shop has gone from strength to strength and we couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers and lovely customers!

A note for your diaries – we will be holding a special Christmas morning on 20th December when we will again have a raffle, a Christmas quiz and will be donating our profits for the year to a local cause. Do join us – the kettle is always on!

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- 1. Pre heat the oven to 190/ Gas. 5/ fan oven 170.
- Melt the butter, sugar and syrup in a saucepan. Stir frequently but don't let it boil. Stir in the oats
 and cinnamon and mix well. Press half the mixture into an 18cm/7ins shallow square tin, spread
 the mincemeat on top then cover with the rest of the mixture. Bake for 25 minutes or until
 golden.
- 3. Remove from the oven, cut into squares and leave in tin to cool.

Sloe Gin

500g ripe sloes 250g golden caster sugar I litre gin (I use the cheapest!)



- 1. Rinse, pick over and pat dry the sloes. Prick with a cocktail stick and pour them into either a 2 litre glass jar or divide into smaller ones.
- 2. Add sugar and gin and seal the jar. Give the jar a good shake once a day for 7 days then store in a cool, dark place for 2/3 months.

Sloe Gin Jelly with Homemade Clotted Cream (Serves 8)

Soak the gelatine in cold water to soften. While it's soaking, measure out the gin, sugar and 150ml water. Bring the sugar and water to the boil, remove the soaked gelatine from the cold water and dissolve it in the sugar and water. Once the gelatine has dissolved, remove the pan from the



heat and let it sit for a couple of minutes. Pour the sloe gin into the syrup, give it a quick mix, pour into a jelly mould and chill immediately. It will need at least 4 hours to set but overnight is better.

To make the clotted cream (which you can do in advance), pour a layer of double cream into a 25cm baking tin or an ovenproof dish at least 3cm deep and place in the oven for 40 minutes at 120c/ gas mark 1/2. Once it's cooked, pass the cream through a fine sieve and chill until it sets.



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Step 4: The defibrillator will assess whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. Do not touch the patient while they are being shocked.

Step 5: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6: Continue with chest compressions and rescue breaths until the patient shows signs of life, the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again or professional medical help arrives.

The defibs in Pembury are located at:

- a) The wall outside the chemist;
- b) The primary school;
- c) The doctors' surgery;
- d) Tescos (at customer services)
- e) The Pavilion (Recreation Ground).

PEMBURY FIREWORKS

Weren't the fireworks fantastic???

We had a fabulous turnout to the Parish Council firework event held on Friday 5 November in the Recreation Ground – more people than ever enjoyed the spectacular display, the Marvel themed music and of course, the hot dogs provided by volunteers at the Pavilion. Just over £4250 was collected in donations and this will go towards village projects.

Many thanks to all of you who came along!

Many thanks to Pembury resident – Luke Taplin for sending in these photos

















DRAWING COMPETITION































These are some of the fabulous entries we received for the children's Christmas drawing competition



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – LEST WE FORGET

Another moving service outside the War Memorial. Listening to the names being read out by Hugh Boorman and the laying of wreaths is always particularly poignant. It was lovely to see so many people from the village there.

From left to right. Richard Davis – he makes the fabulous figures, Angela Mason, Val Coombes, Jenny and Ray Lambert, Margaret White and Susan Sharp

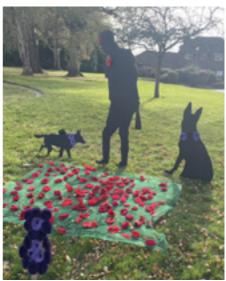
Special thanks go to Val Coombes and her team of volunteers for providing the fantastic poppy display on the Village Green and surroundings. A generous donation of wood to make the amazing figures was offered by Pembury resident David Barham and his boss Neil Tate of Tate Fencing so a huge thanks to them too.



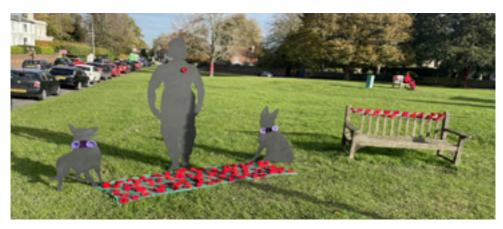














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ENJOYABLE SUMMER AT THE CRICKET CLUB





The 2021 season drew to a close in September after a wet, but successful summer for PCC!

This year saw all formats return to pretty much the normal structure post the Covid season of 2020 and we enjoyed a busy schedule of matches. The senior section saw the Ist XI compete well finishing the season in a creditable 5th place, the 2nd XI also had some particularly strong performances finishing 3rd and ultimately securing promotion. A particular highlight was the integration of younger players graduating from the junior section into senior cricket, a theme that continues to be successfully implemented within the Sunday XI which is very encouraging for the seasons ahead.

On the final Saturday of the season, we held our "Senior Awards Evening" and congratulations to the following winners:

Cricketer of the Year: Zeeshan Toor Performance of the Year: Josh Knight 2nd XI Player of the Year: Neil Mobbs Sunday Player of the Year: Gavin Richardson Young Player of the Year: Ben Parsons Chairman's Award: Jake Stairmand

The junior season was another huge success, with good attendance at "All Stars", the softball introduction to cricket for ages 5-9, plus we ran competitive hardball teams at ages ull, ul3 & ul5 in the Invicta Cricket Leagues.

The ull (Steelers) and the ull (Blue Caps) both won their respective leagues, and the ull (Colts) team gained some valuable experience for their progression into adult cricket.

Plans are already afoot for 2022 with indoor hardball coaching for juniors beginning in January,









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plus adult nets starting in February to lead nicely into the season. New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome, and if you would like to get involved with PCC, please feel free to get in touch through the variety of methods of communication listed below.

Finally, we were once again very humbled with the level of sponsorships that we received in 2021 from local business and supporters, particularly generous in these uncertain times. We are, of course very keen to continue to forge further links to help us continue to evolve and indeed fulfil our ambitious plans for the Cricket Club, details of the various sponsorship packages we offer can be found via our website.

Roll on next summer! Richard Dawes (Club Captain - Pembury CC) - http://pembury.play-cricket.com



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KINGDOM CAFÉ AT PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

After nearly 20 months, Pembury Baptist Church re-opened their popular community project "Kingdom Café" on 7 October, BUT instead of just once a month, it now opens two days a week.



Tracy Gregory, PBC's Hospitality Deacon said "We wanted to fill some of the gap that has been left by the closure of Nana's in the village. Kingdom Café is a place to come and sit, read, meet with friends or just watch the world go by. We serve hot and cold drinks, delicious home-made cakes, hot buttered crumpets and a light lunch. There are no fixed prices, instead we are asking for donations which, each month will go to a local charity or community project. The café is run entirely by volunteers from the church and local community, and we are really excited at getting this project off the ground and opening the doors to old and new friends."

The café is open every Thursday and Friday between 9am and 4.30pm, at Pembury Baptist Church. All are welcome.

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB



So, our season has come to an end. A coronavirus affected season but at least we got some bowling in. The local Tunbridge Wells leagues were not played, a few friendlies were, along with some of our internal competitions.

Danny Harris was triumphant in the two woods and led 'Danny's Donuts' to a clear victory in the Monday Night League, losing just two of the fifteen games played. Phil Griffin, Jenny Egan and Wendy Bidder won the council triples with Malcolm Rhodes, Arthur Storey, Jenny Egan and David Bidder winners of the Fantastic Four competition.

Our year concluded with the AGM on November 7th (some 40 members attended!). This was preceded by a tree planting ceremony. Two 'Wedding Cake Trees' (Cornus controversa 'Variegata) were planted, one to celebrate the





Queen's Platinum Jubilee (our President, Len Birnie and Chairman, Malcolm Rhodes presiding) [see photo above] and the second in memory of Rod Jackson, a much-loved member of the club, his widow Jane and daughter Emma wielding the spades.

After the AGM, Life Membership was presented to our retiring secretary Phil Griffin (see photo left) followed by cheese and wine to thank him for all his work over many years and to wish him well in his 'new' life back home in Yorkshire.

We now look forward to a FULL bowling year in 2022 and to welcoming new members to the fold (corona-virus permitting?)

SCOUTS



From the start of the new term in September, all our Sections were meeting face-to-face at the hut, despite some controls remaining in place. It certainly felt like a return to some form of Scouting normality. It was great to see our young people back together and returning to many familiar Scouting traditions! My thanks again go to a terrific group of volunteer leaders who continue to freely give up their time to create and run terrific Scouting programmes for our young people. A special shout out



goes to Nigel Dresman, who received his 5 years' service award from the District Commissioner a few weeks ago. Here's to the next 5 years Nigel!

The Beavers spent the first few meetings outdoors around the campfire and building dens for teddy bears. The colony is now the largest it's been in a few years. Excitingly, we had our first trip out since Covid began; a guided tour of Pippins Farm orchards, thanks to David Knight for hosting us. The Beavers have been working hard towards the Cook badge, making autumn leaf lanterns, learning new campfire songs as well as having loads of fun at our Halloween games night.





Our Cub Scouts have enjoyed being back in the hut this term, which has allowed us to be back in our sixes practising teamwork. The Cubs have earned their Money Skills Activity Badge. This is a new badge to Scouting and covers budgeting, spending habits, foreign currencies and the currencies of the future. We then held a successful Trading Post, where the Cubs could put their new budgeting skills to the test. We have practised Air Rifle Shooting and held campfires under starlight, cooking sausages, roasting marshmallows and singing campfire classics. We rounded off last half term with a challenge night loosely themed around Halloween.

The Scouts have enjoyed getting back to traditional skills, like using axes and saws, lighting campfires using birch bark and putting up tents. In addition to this, they played a wide-game in the forest, attempted to play rounders in the dark (turns out that's quite difficult!) and they've been working towards the science badge by making exploding sandwich bags, full of baking soda and vinegar...yep, as foul as it sounds...great fun!



2ND PEMBURY BROWNIES



They have had a wonderful term - but it is hard work for the leader!









RAINBOWS



The autumn term has brought all manner of fun and games for the Rainbows. We were able to spend many of the meetings outside enjoying our Indian summer. But what was quite a shock was the fact that all of my girls (apart from I) had never stepped foot in the Guide and Scout HQ. It was quite a moment for them, but bless them all, they adapted and took on the new environment completely in their stride.

The unit is blooming with girls whose confidence grows stronger with each Monday. I can already see the potential of these amazing individuals and my leadership team love spending time with them, including our fantastic Duke of Edinburgh local young student.

Our meetings have included work on the Rainbow programme, but we have also ventured into Our Amazing Animal World, with a visit from the wonderful Jerry and Kate who brought along Ozzie the bearded dragon and Barry the blue-tongued skink, amongst others. We are looking at new heights with a visit to Clip N Climb, Christmas challenges and the pantomime over the next few months!

With lots more adventures planned for 2022, Rainbows are ready, willing and able.

If your daughter would like to join Rainbows, please register your interest on https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/







On Wednesday I 5th September members of the Out and About Club, plus invited guests, enjoyed a wonderful day's visit to the Weald & Downland Living Museum, near Singleton in West Sussex. Many followers of the hugely popular TV show The Repair Shop will be aware that the programme is broadcast from the famous barn which stands within the museum grounds. My wife Su and I never expected to see any of the 'stars' of the show, but in the event were delighted to actually meet three of them during their lunch break. Having spotted our little group, very generously they came over to where we were standing to exchange a few words, and, luckily for us, had no objections to an impromptu

photocall. We thought it was a lovely touch.

The two ladies pictured are, starting left, Amanda Middleditch and Julie Tatchell - known collectively as the 'Teddy Bear Ladies'. The gentleman in the middle is silversmith and historic camera repairer Brenton West.

Phillip Murrell

Out and About Club packs for next year's trips will be available early in 2022

Pauline Hawker



PEMBURY WILDLIFE GROUP

The Pembury Wildlife Group was formed this year in response to a request from the Pembury Neighbourhood Development Group and has occasional meetings to discuss the natural history of the area.

The aim of the group is to carry out a survey and produce a report on the wildlife around the village and within the parish.

We want to know what birds and animals we have and where they roost, nest, travel and make their homes. Some parts of the parish have moles, but others do not. Similarly with foxes,

badgers, squirrels, hedgehogs, mice, amphibians, insects and all sorts of critters. Wildlife is under increasing attack from development and pollution, and it would be good to record what we have and where it is. The results may help to deter some future development schemes or limit their scope for environmental destruction.

If you are interested in this kind of project and would like to participate in the recording of our village's wildlife, please contact David Knight at pemburywildlifegroup@gmail.com

Tony Nicholls









Photos taken by Anne Nicholls

PEMBURY WILDLIFE GROUP - CONTINUED



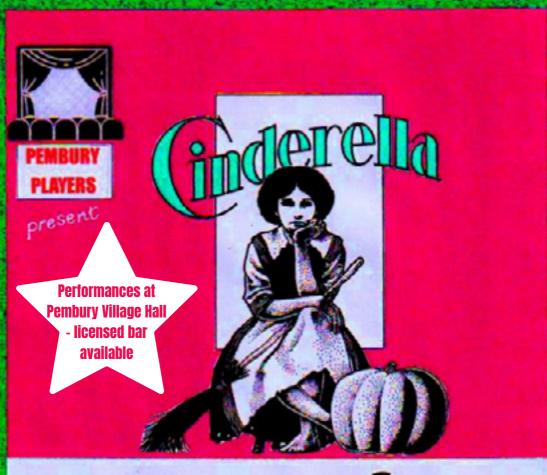














Thurs 6th & Fri 7th Jan at 7.30pm Sat 8th Jan at 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Tickets available on the door only cash/card
Thurs/Fri/Sat Mat Adults: £8 Child: £5 Sat Eve All tickets £10

A NIGHT OUT FOR THE FAMILY!

I don't know about you, but I certainly feel that dreadful though the pandemic was, it brought the people of Pembury closer as a village. People who didn't know each other would say hello as they passed at the proper distance in the street and, it's a fact, that many of us rallied round to help those less fortunate in many different ways.

Social media sites like Pembury Matters and Pembury Actually Matters have also got us all communicating with each other far more than before.

I'm hoping the village spirit will extend this year to the annual village pantomime. Having missed a year, Pembury Players are hoping to win you all over with their production of: - 'Cinderella and the Pantomime Thief'.

We chose this particular panto because we didn't know how many members would return after Covid and it has a very small cast...it's also very silly! There will be the usual dreadful jokes and some awful singing, something for everyone in fact.

Performance dates are Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th January at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets will be very reasonably priced at £8 for adults and £5 for children for the first three performances and £10 each on Saturday night. There will be no need to pre-book as tickets will only be sold at the door. We take payments by cash or card and there'll be plenty of room for all.

It will be staged, as always in the village hall, so you can leave the car at home which is another bonus as there's a licensed bar!

What more could you ask? A stroll to the hall, a wee drink and a fun night for the family!

Do come and support us and we'll do our best to entertain you. Who knows, you might even be inspired to join in next time!

Maggie Weaver

HOSPICE READY FOR WINTER WITH GENEROUS PPE DONATION

Kent housebuilder Barratt Homes has supported Pembury-based Hospice in the Weald by donating 25 boxes of personal protection equipment (PPE) to support the organisation and prevent a shortage of PPE going into winter.

Hospice in the Weald supports patients with a terminal illness and their families in West Kent. Their care is completely free, with the hospice needing to raise over £7 million every year to provide their dedicated care to the local community. The donation, which includes face masks, gloves and protective suits, has gone towards removing the financial stress of securing PPE for the forthcoming months to protect their patients and extended families.

Natalie Perry, Sales and Marketing Director for Barratt Kent, commented: "We have donated 100's of different types of PPE to the hospice to ensure that this is one less thing they need to worry about. We hope that this will help support the frontline workers, as well as give peace of mind to the patients that they will continue to be looked after in a safe and supported setting."

Leigh Poppy, Relationship Fundraising Manager at Hospice in the Weald, commented: "Despite lifting of general restrictions and encouraging reductions in infection rates, we are continuing to wear our PPE to protect our patients who are terminally ill and their families because of the remaining threat from Covid-19. We are extremely thankful for the generous donation and it all will be put to good use over the next few months."

To find out more about the Hospice in the Weald, please visit www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk.



SPEEDING IN PEMBURY



A number of Pembury residents have complained about the increase in traffic through Pembury, possibly as a result of congestion along the A21 and drivers using Pembury as a rat run to bypass the congestion.

Can you help our community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in Pembury?

The Pembury Speedwatch Scheme is looking for volunteers to support this initiative to reduce speed and improve road safety. Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record speeds of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around 90% of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months within Kent.

If you would like to join the group and help, please register www.communityspeedwatch.org



SHORT MAT BOWLING

The Parish Council office has had a telephone call telling us that the Short Mat Bowling Club in Pembury has sadly shut its doors. This was down to a lack of numbers and lack of people able to take on the running of it. The £3500 which was in the club's bank account will be donated to local charities.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN PEMBURY?

I was talking to a lady recently who told me that she was born and brought up in Pembury and married in the Old Church. She and her husband had to leave the village when they first married but moved back six years later and have stayed ever since.

This got me wondering, how many people have lived in our beautiful village that long? I'm guessing there might be quite a few.

Could you let me know if you or your parents or grandparents are lifelong Pembury people? It would be lovely to know what the record is. Perhaps we could arrange a get-together for those who have lived in the village for more than 40 years? I'm sure there would be lots of stories to tell! deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk / 01892 823193

Cllr Maggie Weaver

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Saturday 27 November - Thursday 23 December 2021

Opening times at aspens.org.uk

Help support our work empowering people with learning disabilities & on the autism spectrum



Aspens Charities
Cornford Lane, Pembury,
Tunbridge Wells,
TN2 40U

01892822168 enquiries@aspens.org.uk Charity No. 1171446

CHRISTMAS TREES AT ASPENS



Buy an Aspens Christmas tree this year and support local social care charity

Local charity Aspens will be selling Christmas trees once again from its site on Cornford Lane. A variety of sizes will be on sale throughout December and funds from the sales will help the social care charity in its work providing highly personalised support and care to people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities.

Robbie Shanahan, Aspens CEO, said: "Our Christmas tree sales are always very popular and we often see familiar local faces come back every year to buy their tree from us. They tell us buying

an Aspens Christmas tree has become something of a family tradition and they like to buy their tree from us as a way of supporting a local charity in the festive season. Our trees are excellent quality and we have a range of sizes available, so there's something for everyone. The trees are sold from outside our Bluebell Café, so locals often make an outing of it and treat themselves to a hot chocolate and mince pie in our café, a stroll through our beautiful woodland and a visit to our animals at the same time as buying their tree. We're looking forward to welcoming lots of Pembury residents again this year and are so grateful for their support of our charity. I take this opportunity to wish all a wonderful festive season and a very merry Christmas."

PEMBURY SOCIETY

The Pembury Society members were again able to meet together at the beginning of November after the periods of lockdown. We had an enjoyable evening in St Peter's Upper Church, hearing about the progress of the Pembury Neighbourhood Development Plan with a talk given by Nigel Stratton, one of our Pembury Parish Councillors, together with Alison Eardley one of the professional team assisting its production.

The Plan is coming together with research by working parties, covering topics such as housing, environment, transport, green spaces and much more, and is intended to be a document and policies defining the next 15-20 years of planning and decision making for the village. Once it has reached its first complete draft, it will go through periods of consultation, before a final village referendum to sign it off, some time in Autumn 2022. (Full details are on the Parish Council website.)





Members also had the opportunity to meet Emma Poole, Pembury's new Community Warden, who gave a short talk on her activities and responsibilities within the village. In summary, a warden's aim is to:

- improve community resilience
- · support the elderly and vulnerable
- · foster community cohesion and wellbeing
- assist with navigating community services

Emma can be contacted through the Baptist Church office (01892 825590)

The meeting proceeded with a short AGM, the accounts having been circulated to members, and the committee approved for the coming year. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 2022.

David Hanes - Chairman

MARGERY POLLEY (MARGARET MARTIN)

Following the arrival of Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer and the comforting of Margery, Nicholas then sat Margery on his horse and they all went back to Past Heap Farm. Margery asked if they would come in to meet her mother but Hugh looked at the darkening sky and said that sadly they would not have time that day but there would be another day. Margery was very happy that as they rode away, Nicholas turned and waved to her.

She found her mother looking anxiously out of the parlour window but Margery was too tired to explain and after a substantial meal, went to bed but in the morning explained to her mother that she had wandered further into the woods than intended and had forgotten that she had been told about the danger of wolves.

When she had woken in the morning, she helped her mother as she would normally do but informed her that she was going to walk

to Canterbury Manor at Henwood Green to explain to Mistress Ridley how Nicholas and Hugh had saved her from wolves and taken her home. When she arrived at the Manor, Mistress Ridley was sitting in the beautiful garden which was full of flowers.

Mistress Ridley said to her that it was not their normal day for meeting but sat her on the garden bench for Margery to explain regarding the wolves and Nicholas. Mistress Ridley then went on to explain about changes that were happening in the Church and about changes in the laws made by people in London Town at the Royal Court about their Church Worship and threats of foul punishment had been made to the worshippers who broke those laws.

When Mistress Ridley had finished, Margery asked her if it was because they were Pro-Testaments as they were then called but Margery went on to say that it was good to love our Lord and pray

MARGERY POLLEY (MARGARET MARTIN) - CONTINUED



to him as we do but Mistress Ridley advised her not to try and understand because she could see some very serious changes happening which could result in awful consequences.

The story has a long way to go and is a very important part of Pembury's history.

PS: I previously mentioned Canterbury Manor and Henwood Green and thankfully, my old friend Melvyn Cole came to my rescue as I could not find out where Canterbury Manor was. He spent some time going through old maps and on one going way back into the 1700s, he found

Henwood Green situated approximately in the area at the bottom of Canterbury Road and up to and including Stannam Road, possibly including part of Sturgeons and even part of Woodside Road.

I think therefore it is reasonably safe to accept that Canterbury Manor was in that area although Henwood Green Road goes from the top of the village down to meet Lower Green Road.

Hugh Boorman

HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS



Warm Home Discount Scheme

You might be able to get £140 off your electricity bill or a £140 voucher for your prepayment meter. You can get this under the Warm Home Discount Scheme if you're either, getting the guarantee credit part of Pension Credit or on a low income.

Winter Fuel Payment

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter. You can usually get a Winter Fuel Payment if you were born on or before 26 September 1955.

Cold Weather Payments

Cold Weather Payments are one-off payments to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold. You are eligible if you receive an income based benefit and you'll get paid automatically.

Grants to help pay off your energy debts

If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you

might be able to get a grant to help pay it off. You might also be able to find grants or schemes run by your local council.

Extra help from your supplier

You might be able to get extra help and support from your energy supplier by signing up to the Priority Services Register if you've reached state pension age, you're disabled or sick, or if your energy network considers you 'vulnerable'.

PWCAC is OPEN for face-to-face advice (appointments and drop-ins) Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 1:30. If you need advice about the above or about housing and homelessness, debt, relationship breakdown, or anything else, do get in touch with us:

info@pwadvice.org | 01892 838619 94 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood,TN12 6DP

Quiz answers 1.40; 2. Paris; 3. Capricorn; 4. 1957; 5. Paul Young; 6. The Stone of Scone; 7. 4 (I Want To Hold Your Hand, I Feel Fine/Day Tripper. We Can Work it Out); 8. Bing Crosby; 9. Charlie Chaplin; 10. Cloven; 11. St Sylvester; 12. William the Conqueror.

PEMBURY CHURCHES AT CHRISTMAS

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WHERE	DATE/TIME	SERVICE
St. Anselm's	Advent Sunday: 6:30pm	Advent Carol Service
	Sunday December 19th: 6:30pm	Christmas Carol Service
	Christmas Eve: 3:00pm	Crib Service
	Christmas Eve: 5:00pm	Vigil Mass
	Christmas Eve: 11:30pm	Midnight Mass
	Christmas Day: 10am	Mass of Christmas morning
Pembury Baptist Church	Sunday 19th December: 4.30pm	Children's Crib Service (service followed by refreshments)
	Sunday 19th December: 6.30pm	Carol Service (service followed by refreshments)
	Christmas Eve: 11.30pm	Reflective Communion Service
	Christmas Day: 10:00am	All-Age Celebration
	Boxing Day: 10:00am	Reflective Service
St. Peter's Church	Sunday 28th November: 6:00pm	Taize Service for Advent Sunday at the Upper Church
If you would like to come to any of the services at St. Peter's, it would be very helpful if you could let us know by sending an e-mail to PemburyChurch@ outlook.com. For the welfare of all, we would also encourage the use of a lateral flow test before you come. Thank you for your help.	Sunday 12th December: 6:00pm	Civic Carol Service at the Upper Church
	Sunday 19th December: 9.30am	Christingle Service at the Upper Church
	Sunday 19th December: 6:00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols at the Old Church
	Christmas Eve: 4:00pm	Crib Service at the Upper Church
	Christmas Eve: 10:00pm	"Midnight in Bethlehem" – Communion Service for Christmas at the Upper Church
	Christmas Day: 10:00am	Christmas Communion at the Upper Church (Modern Language)
	Christmas Day: 10:00am	Christmas Communion at the Old Church (Traditional Language)

CRIME REPORT

Well, here we are again on the approach to Christmas and there is not too much to be jolly about at the moment. Unfortunately, when we look at the number of people still catching Coronavirus and the number of crimes being committed in the village, it makes me wonder where it will all end.

But we have to face it and do everything we can to beat and rise above it all and do what we can to help each other.

Whilst the crime figures for the village have gone down for the last quarter, they are still much too high. The most worrying figure is that of violent crime which, whilst it has gone down from 63 to 53, it is still an alarming statistic, and I will try and find out from Kent County Constabulary if they were committed by people within the village.

Burglary from residential homes has risen from 5 to 9 but thankfully most other offences have taken a slight drop. The crime listed as 'other offences' has also risen from 19 to 23.

We are coming to the darkest part of the year so please take every precaution to protect yourselves and your home and if you trust and respect your neighbours, please help each other by letting them know if you are going away or if you see any suspicious movements. I know I say this every year, but if you are going Christmas shopping, please put your goods out of sight in the boot of your car and let the police know of any suspicious activity.

Take a look at the other local villages on the list and you will see that they have also suffered ups and downs in their overall figures. May I alert you all if you have (hopefully) not already been a victim of the growing crime of scamming, please be totally alert to strange phone calls from unknown people or alleged companies claiming that they have spoken to your friends stating that you have committed sums of money to unknown charities etc., etc. Put the phone down and notify the Kent Fraud Squad and, if you know of anyone who you think maybe vulnerable, please let them know that this is becoming increasingly more common.

Let us do all we can to enjoy Christmas and look after all those who we know live on their own, even just to pop in and see them will mean a lot. And lastly, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Have a Happy Christmas and please do not forget those who have lost a loved one.

Hugh Boorman

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crime	Burglary-Business and Community	Burglary Residential	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage	Other Offences	Total
Jul-21	27	1	3	1	4	4	8	48
Aug-21	14	0	3	0	5	3	2	27
Sep-21	12	0	3	1	6	6	13	41
Jul to Sep 2021 total	53	1	9	2	15	13	23	116

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	Brenchley and Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
Jul-21	48	7	25	28	84	70
Aug-21	27	8	13	18	72	62
Sep-21	41	15	19	11	56	57
Jul to Sep 2021 total	116	30	57	57	212	189

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NURSERY	Headteacher: Mr N Pears. Tel: 820204
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