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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the spring edition of the Pembury Village News. As I write this the early blooms are starting to poke through, and it won't be long before there are daffodils and crocuses aplenty! I love seeing the splash of colour they add to gardens and verges, and knowing that they are just the start of the wonderful array of flora this area has to offer.

The Covid cloud is still hanging over us, but life seems to be fairly normal for most, and I hope that you managed to see or spend time with your friends and family a bit more than this time last year.... I know that for some, times are still difficult. But please remember that there are people and groups out there to help you. You can call Samaritans on 116 123, or send a free text "SHOUT" to 85258 and someone will call you back within 5 minutes. Alternatively, you can call the local NHS urgent mental health helpline, Kent and Medway on 0800 783 9111. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please do seek help if you are struggling.

Looking forward to the Summer - to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee this year we have moved the Picnic on the Green at the beginning of July, to Picnic in the Park on Sunday 5th June. Well, technically it's Picnic in the Recreation Ground,

but that doesn't sound as catchy...... It will be bigger and better than previous years, will run from 2pm to 8pm and will have 3 bands! We are working with Hope Churches together and other organisations in the village to put



on side stalls such as a coconut shy and beer tents, and tea and cakes in the Pavilion, and hope to have representation from many other village groups and organisations. So put Sunday 5th June, 2-8pm in your diary for a village gettogether!!

We have our Annual Parish Public Meeting on Thursday 28th April, which will be at 8pm at the Village Hall as usual. If you are not able to attend but would like to ask either the Parish Council, or our Borough and County Councillors a question please email the Clerk. More details about the agenda will be published soon, but I hope that you are able to join us.

Cllr Katy Brooks

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been busy considering the comments received from the community and using these to finalise the Pre-Submission Version Neighbourhood Plan. As the formal lead on the neighbourhood planning process, the Parish Council will be discussing the draft document at their next council meeting.

After this, we anticipate starting the first round of formal community consultation on the document in the Spring.

Have your say on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan

Once the community consultation is officially launched, there will be lots of opportunities to read the Pembury Neighbourhood Plan and submit your feedback:

- The Plan will be available on the Parish Council website to read in bitesize chunks
 https://pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/ neighbourhood-plan
- There will be paper copies available on request and placed at various locations around the village for you to have a look at.
- We will be launching a quick questionnaire to make it easier for you to submit your comments.
- We will be hosting local meetings to talk about the Plan, take questions, and gain feedback.
- The Plan will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting – open to all – on the evening of Thursday 28 April.
- We will be sending information to everyone on the Neighbourhood Plan mailing list – if you would like to be added to the list, please email: ndp@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

What happens next?

This formal consultation is a big milestone in the process. Not only will we be gaining feedback from the community, but also from a range of statutory consultees including Historic England, Natural England, the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit and the Environment Agency.

All of the comments received will need to be carefully considered by the Steering Group and the Plan amended accordingly. It will then be formally submitted to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, who will then undertake a second round of formal consultation. After this, an independent examiner will be reviewing the document to make sure that it meets the legislative requirements.

We will then hold a local referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan which, if successful, will mean that the policies contained in the Plan will be used to help determine planning applications in the Parish.

Please keep an eye out for the launch of the Pre-Submission consultation – this is YOUR Plan and will help to determine the future of Pembury.

Pembury Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2038



Pre-Submission Version Document for consultation at Regulation 14





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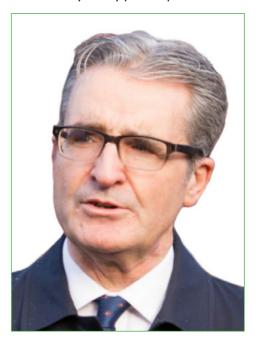
INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR DAVID REILLY

In 2011 I left city life behind in search of green space, a more rural setting and a change in career. I arrived in Pembury where I set up my own property maintenance business — my previous career in the Finance Sector in London very quickly became a distant memory!

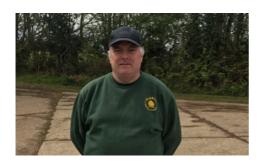
Why Pembury? Well for me Pembury is not only a very friendly and desirable place to live and work but has a great community spirit. Since arriving I have enjoyed the many walks through the undulating fields and woodland in and around the village – normally ending in a pint or two in one of our excellent pubs - visiting the many National Trust properties on our doorstep as well as participating in events organised by the local Churches, Parish Council and Pembury Society. I enjoy cycling and can often be spotted pedalling around the village or Tunbridge Wells in bright lycra!

From 2016 to 2021 I was proud to represent Pembury as a Borough Councillor. As the bridge between the Pembury community and the Council, I built strong relationships with other councillors and representatives of local organisations, interest groups and businesses and worked with them and residents to resolve issues that affected their lives. I served as a Cabinet member for two years where I completed two budget cycles and championed the introduction of new services and council policy changes.

As a Parish Councillor I want to continue to play my part in shaping the future of Pembury and make a difference to the quality of life for people in this area. I will fight unwanted development, play my part in protecting the countryside as well as help shape Pembury's response to the Climate Change debate. I have joined a great team of councillors who are all determined to make Pembury a really pleasant place to live.



SEASONAL GROUNDSMAN



Early April will see Darren Bowen re-joining the Groundsmen's team for the fourth year running. He will be working alongside Ryan and Darrell until late autumn. You will probably have seen him around the village in his distinctive green top grass cutting, litter-picking and anything else he's asked to do. He's proved to be a real asset to the team, so we are all very pleased to have him back!





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INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR JON WEBSTER

My wife and I moved to Pembury in April 1993 with a 6-month baby daughter, who has since been joined by two brothers, both born at the old Pembury Hospital. I was then a police officer in the Metropolitan Police, from which I retired after 30 years service in 2007. Very shortly afterwards I graduated to be an Operations and Maintenance manager on the M25 motorway – a position from which I have now fully retired.

Pembury seemed a good village to reside in, balancing a semi rural existence, with plenty of woods and good walks, with the proximity of Tunbridge Wells for other amenities. So, it wasn't a difficult decision to move here! It was certainly a good place for the children to grow up in with plenty of sport and other clubs. Both my sons have played for Pembury football and cricket clubs, and I regularly umpire at the cricket club. I still watch both sons either at Tunbridge Wells rugby or football clubs, and enjoy cycling, yoga, walking our dog and playing golf.

I have a strong interest in environmental and sustainability issues and I am keen to lead the village in the best, most effective direction in this area. The village has changed quite considerably in



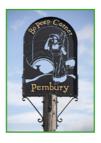
our nearly 29 years here, some for the better and some, in my opinion, not. Now that I have a lot of spare time available, I am keen to make an effective contribution to the village, and all the residents, to make Pembury as good a place as possible to live, work and play. There are clearly plenty of positive and enthusiastic people within the village, and with help from the whole community it would be great to achieve the aim of progressing Pembury forward as the residents would like it to be.

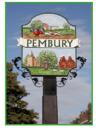
THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

The Pembury Society welcomes members and all residents to come to its half-yearly meeting at 7.45pm on Wednesday 20th April, in St Peter's Upper Church, when John Wotton, Chairman of CPRE Kent (Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England) is our speaker.

This is in contrast to our recent thinking about the Local Plan and what to many would seem to be one of development, of changes being imposed on villages and towns, and house building seemingly without regard to infrastructure or the rural environment.

Much is being said currently about the state of our rivers, sustainability of our countryside, and proposals for building on AONB, and CPRE, like us watch and comment on the vision and strategy of the Local Plan, down to individual planning applications.





The committee thought we should hear what CPRE represents and is campaigning for in the context of such changes, and to consider what action, if any, might be appropriate for us in Pembury, and for our environment.

It should be a very interesting evening, and I look forward to seeing everyone on 20th April.

David Hanes - Chairman



Parish Councillor Vacancy

Could you provide a voice for people living in Pembury?

If so, why not think about joining the Parish Council as we currently have a vacancy. We are an active council looking for enthusiastic people to join us!

What does a Parish Councillor do?

A councillor's primary role is to represent their parish and the people who live in it. As part of a local Council, you will work with Council staff to run local services, influence the long-term development policy and improve the quality of life and the environment in our local area.

If you have some time to spare and want to get involved in the future of Pembury, then please consider the role!

An application form and more information is available from the Parish Council website:

www.pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

or please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. <u>clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>





JUBILEE PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday 5 June 2022 2pm to 8pm

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The Parish Council has 'done its bit' by planting a tree at Bo-Peep and another in the children's playground in the Recreation Ground.

At the end of February, thirty saplings were also planted at Pembury Burial Ground with members of Pembury Primary School's Gardening Club helping.









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REPAIR CAFE

As to what a Repair Café is, the main goal is for it to be somewhere where you can get items fixed that might otherwise have been thrown away. The goal is to extend the life of items, reduce landfill and encourage a (fix it) culture rather than simply buy a new one.

The Repair Café movement started in Holland about 12 years ago. It was only supposed to be a single event but everyone said, when is the next one. This enthusiasm from both repairers and customers alike has meant that there are now over 2200 Repair Cafés around the world and one of those is in Tunbridge Wells.

We started in March 2020 and as you might expect with lockdown, we shut soon after. We returned in September 2021 and have held one monthly since then at Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells. The repairs are carried out by volunteers with skills in different areas. The repair stations we offer include household and garden electrical, clothing / textiles, computers, jewellery, bicycles, wood and small furniture, knife sharpening, mechanical and a miscellaneous station.

Everyone is a volunteer and we run on donations made by those using the Repair Café, any money we raise over our running costs goes to charity.

We have seen a huge range of different items come through the doors. Common items include kettles, toasters, clocks, clothing and soft toys right through to food mixers, garden chairs, handbags, hoovers, prams, laptops, teddy bears and wind chimes!

Like BBC's The Repair Shop, we have had a few lovely stories, lots of smiles and tears of joy. A music box belonging to a lady's late mother was fixed and brought back happy memories. More recently, repairing a mechanical dancing clown belonging to an unwell lady was a real team effort; the textile team sorted the clothing, and the mechanical team cured its Saturday Night Fever! In no time at all, it was dancing away again and is now keeping the lady company as she recovers.

With a team of over 60 volunteers and 27 repair stations we aim to help as many people as we can. We are lucky to be supported by Trinity Theatre where the café runs. We are also keen to hear from anyone who would like to help out, especially anyone with repair skills. Spreading the word is vital so please come and see us and then tell anyone you know about it and if you can help us publicise it please contact us.

For more details, please see our website. This is new so will be growing over the coming months – https://tunbridgewellsrepaircafe.co.uk/ If you have any questions or you'd like to know more please email us on twellsrepaircafe@gmail.com

Upcoming dates are all Saturdays, and they are 19th March, 30th April, 21st May, 25th June and 16th July. We open at 10am and close at 1pm. Last repair is accepted at 12.30pm or when capacity for a particular station has been reached, whichever is sooner.

Chris



PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

"FANCY A ROLL ON THE GREEN?"

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed the sign on the entrance gate to the bowls club last summer, with an invitation to join a roll-up on a Friday afternoon.

We are a small, friendly club playing bowls on a lovely, well-tended green in the Recreation Ground from May to September: We have regular internal competitions and friendly matches against other local clubs at weekends. We are also in the Tunbridge Wells League.

Apart from bowls, regular social activities are held such as barbecues, presentation nights with fish and chips, quizzes and Christmas parties (Covid rules permitting).

If you fancy having a go, why not come along to our Open Day on Saturday 23rd April between 10am and 2pm, where you can try out some bowls in a fun situation? Tea and coffee with cakes to be provided in the clubhouse.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Bidder Club Secretary





PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY 2022

Saturday 23rd April

10.00am to 2.00pm

The Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, TN2 4DZ

YOUNG and OLD WELCOME

(including children of all ages)

COME AND HAVE A GO!

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PEMBURY GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Society is planning a full programme of activities for 2022 and would welcome all those who have discovered their gardening skills and the pleasure of 'growing your own' during the pandemic.

Dates of events:

Spring (Daffodil) Show	Saturday 26 March – Village Hall at 2pm
AGM	Thursday 5 May – Baptist Church Hall at 8pm
Plant Sale	Saturday 21 May – Village Green at 9am
Summer (Sweet Pea) Show	Saturday 18 June – Village Hall at 2pm
Autumn (Dahlia & Chrysanthemum) Show	Saturday 10 September – Village Hall at 2pm

The Floral Art Group meets on the second Monday of the month in the Baptist Church Hall at 8pm. The first meeting this year will be on Monday 14 March.





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ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22



After an unprecedented year in 2020, we were able to begin to return to normal and managed to hold many of our usual events again! We have had another busy year maintaining our facilities and delivering services to the village. Here is a snapshot of our work this year:

FULL COUNCIL

- We sadly said goodbye to Alan Gaukroger, Susan Sharp, Heather Eastoe-Kirby and Annie Partridge who served as councillors for 6½, 6, 3 & 5 years respectively.
- We also welcomed David Reilly and Jon Webster to the Council in 2021/22. David sits on the Planning & Highways, Open Spaces and Finance & HR Committees. Jon sits on the Planning & Highways Committee.

COMMUNICATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE

- The Pembury Village News delivered to every house in the village
- We held the Picnic on the Green, Fireworks, litter pick and Carols on the Green events and Pembury in Bloom and Scarecrow competitions in 2021.
- Our Christmas Lights display, and Christmas Tree were well received.

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

- We continue to manage the Lower Green Recreation Ground, Woodside Playing Fields, Henwood Green Road allotments, burial grounds, Village Green, Old Coach Road, War Memorial and other open spaces in the village.
- We have seen a large increase in burial enquiries which has had a big impact on staff workload.

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

- The committee meets monthly and reviewed and responded to over 75 planning applications in the year.
- The Committee met residents about their concerns about rat running from the A21 and continue to lobby Greg Clark, MP, KCC and National Highways for a solution.
- We have arranged 3 speed surveys in the village to gather evidence of the problem. Once we
 have the relevant data, we will consider the next steps.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

 Volunteers have worked hard on various projects throughout the village and the Draft Plan is almost complete.

FOOTPATH WORKING GROUP

 Volunteers are progressing with the new design of footpath map which will include historic information and details of how accessible the footpaths are.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

- A wildflower meadow has been created and new trees planted to help with biodiversity.
- The working group has recently been set up to assess the carbon footprint of the parish council.

FINANCE & HR COMMITTEE

- The Finance and HR Committee oversees the Council finances and Human Resources function.
- Our internal and external auditors have again given us a clean bill of health to our accounts and governance arrangements once again.

ANNUAL COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/23

Working for Pembury People



TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET£283,525



£243,62586% of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayers in Pembury. The Parish Council does not receive any portion of business rates nor government grants.



£33,250 12% of the budget comes from fees and services such as burials, advertising and sports pitch hire



£5,3002% of the budget comes from donations and grants for projects

What it will cost Pembury residents per average Band D household?



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£2.04

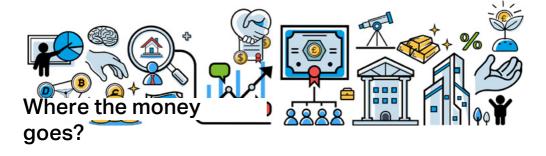
per year

per week

An increase of £5.05 per year or 10p per week compared with 2021/22.

We save up some of our money for future projects in the same way you would. These are called "earmarked reserves". We get these reserves either by including them in the precept or by using any surplus at the end of the year. We also have a "General Reserve" as a contingency against future unknown occurrences. As the owner of several large buildings and a huge number of trees throughout the parish we cannot leave anything to chance. Below is a summary of the current reserves held:

Total Earmarked Reserves	£30,997
Ring-fenced reserve: Donation to Pembury Scouts for disabled access to scout hut	£3,214
Covid-19 Hardship Fund	£1,908
General Reserves projection at year end	£80,057



We maintain public open spaces throughout the village as well as the play area in the Rec, which do not generate income as they are free for the public to use. We also organise various free community events throughout the year and provide the

Christmas lights display on the Village Green. We have been working on our Neighbourhood Development Plan and the draft plan is almost ready to go out for public consultation.

SERVICES £45K (NET COST £23.5K)	COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION £127K (NET COST £126K)	OPEN SPACES £95K (NET COST £86K)	COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS £20.5K (NET COST £8.5K)
Cemetery & burials £27k (net cost £9k)	Council Administration £92k (net cost £91k)	Building costs £6.5k (net cost £6.5k)	Newsletter £7k (net cost £2k)
Allotments £3.5k (net cost £2k)	Council offices £8.5k	Open Spaces £84k (net cost £79k)	Christmas Display £6.5k
Streetlights & street furniture £3k	Professional Fees £2k		Events / Competitions £7k (net cost £4k)
Planning & Highway Costs £2.5k	Loan & bank charges £4k		
Dog bins £3.5k	Grants & Donations £3k		
Neighborhood Plan £5k (net cost £3k)	Reserves £18k (net cost £17k)		

If you have any queries or comments regarding the budget please contact **Helen Munro**, **Clerk**, **Pembury Parish Council**, **Lower Green Recreation Ground**, **Pembury**, **TN2 4DZ** or email **clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk**.

ASPENS

Pembury Charity Aspens welcomes Tessa, Tony and Rufus to their Animal Family!

Next time you visit local charity Aspens' lovely Bluebell Café and site on Cornford Lane, be sure to stop by for a visit to the three new additions to their animal family - Tessa and Tony the Shetland ponies and Rufus the Cob horse!

The three recently moved to the charity's Pembury site on Cornford Lane, where they joined the other resident animals which include donkeys, sheep, pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Tessa is a three year old Shetland pony who came from a riding school in Essex, where disabled children enjoyed riding and grooming her. Tony the Pony is an eleven-month-old miniature Shetland pony (viewers of Channel 5's Our Yorkshire Farm might recognise the name!). Tony likes to be near Tessa even though they are different breeds of pony.

After a little more handling from the team, Aspens are hoping the people they support can interact with Tessa and Tony as therapy horses.

Rufus is a six-year-old Shire/Cob cross who stands at sixteen hands tall. He is a gentle giant and the charity hope he can become an RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) horse.

Aspens provides high quality care and support



to people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities.

The charity's Cornford Lane site makes a lovely spot for a spring day out. The Bluebell Café offers a delicious selection of meals, cakes and snacks, there are lots of animals in their animal barn and outside enclosures to visit and they have a children's play area set in a beautiful woodland setting.

The views of the countryside are also stunning! The charity doesn't charge an entrance fee but asks that visitors consider supporting their work by making a donation either at the boxes on site or through their website.

Further information can be found on Aspens' website: aspens.org.uk



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

New Chief Executive appointed to lead Hospice in the Weald with the community at heart of exciting plans for future

Hospice in the Weald, which provides care completely free of charge for terminally ill patients and their loved ones across West Kent and northern East Sussex, has announced the appointment of Nick Farthing as Chief Executive.

Nick, who has been Acting Chief Executive for the last nine months, has held various leadership roles at the Hospice since 2011. Having previously worked in healthcare and retail, Nick has a Masters degree in Hospice Leadership from Lancaster University.

"It's such a privilege to be given this opportunity," said Nick. "Given the challenges we've all faced during the pandemic, hospice and end-of-life care has never been more important. As Chief Executive, you are only a custodian of this special place for a short period of time, and my aim is to make a difference during the time I lead the organisation and leave it in a better position for the future.

Our Hospice is rooted in the community and we want to ensure that everyone is aware of how we can support them or their loved one not just in their final weeks, but in the last year of their life. We want to help people get the most out of the time they have left, so that they can celebrate their life and plan for their death.

I'm looking forward to working with our exceptional staff and volunteers to continue to deliver outstanding end of life care and want to take this opportunity to thank our valued supporters who help to raise over £8 million every year to ensure we can care for local families."

Nick will lead the development of a new Children's Hospice Service which will provide support, care and advice for children with life



limiting conditions and their families much closer to home. Working in collaboration with other local and national providers of care for children, the new service aims to reduce the need for hospital trips and ease the strain on families at an already difficult time.

Patients and families adjusting to a diagnosis of terminal illness will also be welcomed back to the Hospice in person in the coming months, with tailored programmes of support as part of the new Living Well Service (formerly known as Hospice Day Service).

As former Development and Income Generation Director, Nick oversaw the creation of the pioneering Cottage Hospice, the first of its kind in the UK where patients are cared for by their loved ones in a home from home environment, with support from Hospice staff and trained volunteers. Cottage Hospice was awarded 'Outstanding' from the Care Quality Commission in its first inspection last year.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD continued

"Having grown up near Five Ashes I've long appreciated the beautiful view of the Weald where Cottage Hospice now stands. It brings me tremendous pride to see the incredible care and support that Cottage Hospice has brought to families since its launch, and we want to continue to ensure families choose Cottage Hospice when it is right for them."

Looking to the future, Nick said: "One of our key challenges is to encourage open conversations about death and dying, and the care and support we all hope to receive. Death is going to happen to us all but with the right support, at the right time, we can all plan for a 'good death' which is what everyone deserves."

Gary Withers, the Hospice's Chairman of Trustees, said: "We asked Nick Farthing to take on the role of Acting Chief Executive in April and he has worked diligently and successfully over the last nine months. I would like to thank Nick for his hard work in the last few months and he will continue to have the full support of Trustees as he steps into the Chief Executive role on a permanent basis."

For more information contact: Sue Massey, Hospice in the Weald Communications and PR Manager at sue.massey@hospiceintheweald.org.uk or 07563 382427.

RUBBISH AND PEMBURY VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Please do not be offended by this notice but it is aimed at the people, thankfully they are in the minority, who cannot walk our footpaths without leaving their rubbish behind. We (the volunteer Environmental Group) recently walked the footpaths WT 237 and WT 239 with the intention of fitting a new seat on WT 239 built by our team member John Boakes, and installed by the other team members Neil and Sarah.

Unfortunately, it was ruined by the amount of rubbish, ie, paper and polythene bags, cigarette packets, one broken sheet of glass, bits of rubber etc., that the team picked up and took away with them.

To those concerned with this fouling of the footpaths, please take it home with you.

There is also the ongoing problem of the layby on the A21 adjacent to footpath WT 239 which is and has been a dumping ground with every kind of rubbish imaginable and something only the authorities can handle.

Hugh Boorman



CRICKET SEASON FAST APPROACHING

At the time of writing, cricket has just restarted again with our indoor winter nets for both adults and juniors, and we look forward to another enjoyable summer of Cricket.

In January, we held our AGM when new captains were appointed for the 2022 Season. Congratulations to Daniel Meijles (1st XI) and Riaan Kruger (2nd XI) on their new roles, all other officers remained unchanged.

It promises to be a busy season at Chalket Lane, with three senior and four junior sides set to take the field, in addition to coaching throughout the summer.

We are always looking for new members of all ages and abilities, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are interested.

It was with great sadness to report that our Club President Cliff Smith (pictured below) passed away on 23rd November. Cliff was an incredible servant to the club and a great friend to all members and guests - his face recognisable to everyone associated with the club.

In his fifteen-year tenure as President, Cliff played

a significant role in establishing a relationship with a number of our Club Sponsors, producing a healthy income stream to assist the club in providing improved amenities and playing equipment. He also personally sponsored the junior section on an annual basis, contributing to the purchase of trophies and medals awarded to our younger playing members.

Equally, Cliff was ever present at virtually all club matches, whether league, Sunday or junior games, and was very well liked by everyone. The bar will certainly not seem the same without him!

Rest in peace Cliff, you will long be remembered. From all of us at Pembury Cricket Club.

Pembury CC – http://pembury.play-cricket.com



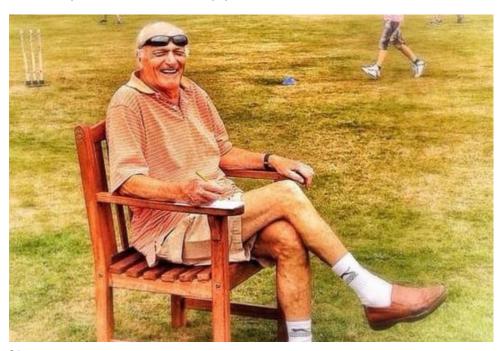
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DEFIBRILLATORS IN PEMBURY

There are six defibrillators in Pembury. If you are ever in the position of having to use one, you must dial 999 and the ambulance operator will give you the code for the specific defibrillator cabinet. You must then put in the code to open it. The machine will give clear oral instructions all you have to do is follow them. Don't worry you CANNOT give someone a shock if that is not what is needed.

- Step I: Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.
- Step 2: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.
- Step 3: Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then analyse the patient's heart rhythm.

- 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);
- f) Outside The King Will Hastings Road.



BACK TO GUIDING

It's great to be back – not that we ever left, really! From September 2021, Guiding units in Pembury have been able to meet face-to-face, observing current Covid regulations. Planning activities indoors and out has been a challenge, but with some creative thinking from leaders it has been possible.

Rainbows have enjoyed a Penguin evening while Brownies made lots of Robins – including edible ones. Brownies and Guides have celebrated Chinese New Year – Year of the Tiger in case you were wondering.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides started 2022 with a 'Welcome to 2022' Challenge.

22 Challenges which lasted for 22 seconds or something which had to be done for 22 seconds. 22 star jumps, hula-hoop for 22 seconds, how many pasta pieces can you thread in 22 seconds ... you get the idea It was silly, and great fun. We have around 100 girls involved in Guiding in Pembury, and we are always happy to welcome new leaders. If you are interested, please email us at pemburydistrict@btinternet.com or register your interest through the Girlguiding UK website: https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/

Moira Allan

Ist Pembury Brownies



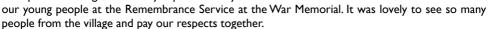




IST PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

All our Sections continued to meet face-to-face at the hut, despite the rise of the Omicron variant of Covid leading up to the Christmas break. We adorned our trusty masks once more and carried on. We are all hoping some level of normality returns as we move into spring and summer and look forward to the outdoors activities that Scouting is so famous for. Once again, thanks go to our terrific group of volunteer leaders.

On Sunday 14th November Pembury Scout Group was once again brilliantly represented by



Our Beaver meetings continue to see a mix of badge-work, playing games and trying new skills. Before Christmas, we had a fabulous party and made cards from fir trees. One of our Beaver's



parents visited to talk about a Czech Christmas. We decorated biscuits and created lots of artwork. Donations for the Pembury community larder were collected, and we completed the communicator badge, learning morse code, sign language and modern ways of communicating. More recently we designed and made our own robots for the Builder badge and played endless games, including our new favourite - chair football. New members have been invested, whilst others have moved up to Cubs.

Pembury Cubs Scouts have had a busy few weeks. We have welcomed some new members from Beavers and said goodbye to some who moved on to Scouts. Skills learnt during the term included how to tie different types of knots and which knots were best to use for various situations. We had an evening learning about Guy Fawkes and made our own Guys to burn on our campfire. In December, we embarked on some Christmas fun. We made sock snowmen and visited Temper Temper in Southborough to make some chocolate goodies, which the Cubs were able to take home to enjoy.





The Scouts will grab any opportunity to light a camp fire, and Guy Fawkes night is an open invitation. We made some dough twists and baked them on sticks over the fire. The innovative attempted 'pizza' cooked on tin foil between sticks did not work out so well, however...many scouts went home with more dough on their clothes than in their bellies (sorry parents!). We rounded the night off with the burning of our Guys and a mass investiture round the fire (a first!). We spent some time learning about signals for survival, with a morse code rendition by Musa that none of us will forget in a hurry!! We also went cross-eyed trying to make paracord woggles... which we did eventually. The term was rounded off with a Christmas quiz, at which all teams did very well. We have kicked off this spring term with some reminders on knots and lashings, including the obligatory chariot racing with their A-frames. We are looking forward to some warmer weather now.

RECIPES

Matthew's Moroccan lamb tagine Cooking time 2 1/2 hours.

- 2lb / 900g diced lamb
- I pint of chicken stock (you may not use all of it)
- 2 tablespoonfuls olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves chopped finely
- I teaspoon ground cumin
- I teaspoon ground coriander
- I teaspoon hot paprika
- I tin chopped tomatoes

- I cinnamon stick chopped into 2 pieces
- 175g / 6oz dried apricot or you could use dates but apricots are preferred
- Half a teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 pieces orange peel
- Fresh coriander to garnish
- Add a glass of white wine
- One teaspoon harissa paste
- I red onion



- Brown the meat in three batches, deglaze the pan at each stage with stock and preserve the enriched stock.
- 2. Splash in half a glass of white wine on the last deglaze
- 3. Sauté the onion in olive oil and add the dried spices for a minute or so then return the meat to the pan and add the remaining ingredients except the orange peel.
- 4. Add enough of the stock to just cover the meat. Place the lid on and simmer for 1 1/2 hours
- 5. Add the orange peel and cook for another 30 minutes.

Serve with rice or couscous and add a fresh garnish of coriander.

Optional.

You can add also sultanas, prunes and other fruits and why not sprinkle toasted pine nuts or almonds?

RECIPES

Leek Carbonara

- 2 large leeks
- 2/3cloves of garlic
- · Few sprigs of thyme
- Knob of butter

- 300g spaghetti
- 50g Pecorino or Parmesan plus a little extra to garnish
- I large egg



- 1. Slice garlic and place on a medium heat with the thyme, butter and a tablespoon of oil.
- When sizzling, add the leeks and 400ml water. Cover and simmer gently for 40 minutes until soft, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and black pepper.
- 3. When almost done, cook the spaghetti and drain keeping a mugful of the cooking water.
- 4. Toss pasta and leeks together, leave for two minutes while you grate the cheese and add to the beaten egg. (The 2 minutes is important because the egg will scramble if the pan's too hot).
- 5. Loosen the egg mixture with a splash of the cooking water then pour over the pasta and toss vigorously. The egg will cook in the heat. If it's a bit stodgy add more water a little at a time until it's just right.
- 6. Add loads of black pepper and top with the extra cheese.
- 7. Serve with chilled white wine....well I do!



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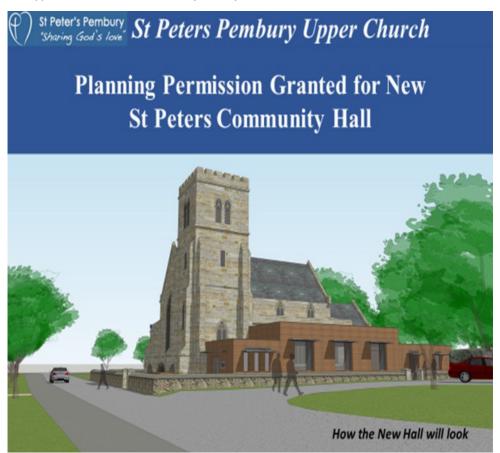
Proceeds to St Peter's Church

PROPOSED ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL

Many in the village will be aware of the proposed new hall to be built behind the Upper Church. There is a need in the village for additional community facilities, especially as the Local Plan proposes another 300-400 homes to be built in the Parish.

However, since obtaining planning permission in November 2020, fundraising for the community hall project has been hampered by the covid pandemic. In addition, a surveyor's report has shown that the Upper Church tower needs urgent stonemasonry attention. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has also had to raise funds for the upgrading of the audio visual systems in both churches to make Sunday services, and also services such as weddings and funerals, more accessible to all in these Covid times. Thanks to the generosity of church members and grant-making trusts, work on both the tower repairs and the AV upgrade will commence in the spring of this year.

Planning permission for the new community hall lasts for 3 years, during which time work has to be started. Once the remedial work on the tower is completed and the new AV system is installed, the PCC will be in a position to return to the proposed community hall. This is a project which is planned to bring benefit to the whole village. In order for it to become a reality, it will need to draw on support from the whole community and beyond.



PEMBURY SAYS FAREWELL TO DINESH AND DEEPIKA

After 24 years running the post office in Pembury, Dinesh and his wife Deepika have decided to retire! As well as their other businesses, they have been a lifeline to the village, always ready with a pleasant greeting mixed with Dinesh's wonderful sense of humour; very few of us would leave the post office without a smile on our faces!

A big cricket fan and member of Pembury cricket club, Dinesh will have some very fond memories from his time in Pembury. However, he has promised not to be too much of a stranger and will pop back from time to time for a quick game of cricket.

Both Dinesh and Deepika especially wanted to thank everyone in the village for supporting their business and for making them feel so much a part of the village. The new postmaster and postmistress will be Atanthan (Ajay) and his wife Kasthury, just newly married and starting a new life in Pembury! In the meantime, we say 'bon voyage' to Dinesh and Deepika and wish them both health and happiness as well as lots of lovely holidays, we will miss you both.



Patrick Gillan

POPPY APPEAL 2021

Hi, I'm the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Pembury. On behalf of the Royal British Legion and members of the Armed Forces past and present, we give you our heartfelt thanks for your donations and support. We have to commend the people of Pembury for their generosity. The totals added together amounted to an amazing achievement and certificates will be issued to all concerned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tesco Pembury, the manager Doug, and Jane Rabbetts - Tesco Pembury's Community Champion who run the whole show. The biggest praise goes to the amazing volunteers who gave so generously of their time no matter the weather. And now for the main event..... You amazing people of Pembury have raised the colossal sum of £17,710.19. Do give yourselves a big round of applause.



The Royal British Legion Salute You.

Bob Groom. (PAO) Pembury

Thanks too to Bob who spends two/three months a year coordinating the Poppy Appeal. Ed

MARGERY POLLEY continued from previous edition

When Mistress Ridley had finished warning Margery of the dangers involved in speaking out regarding the dangerous changes in the Church she said to Margery, "Sufficient unto the day is the Evil thereof," and then asked, "Do you know where that comes from?" to which Margery replied, "Yes, from the Bible."

Margery then said, "I will always ask our Lord to make me do the right thing always, but my mother says I am sometimes very foolish. Miss Ridley then said: "God may choose the foolish things of this world to confound the wise." Margery, at eighteen had grown into a tall, graceful young woman - thoughtful and less shy.

Since her father's death, her mother had confined herself more and more to the house and so a good deal of the outside work fell to Margery and her friends.

The farm now had a farm bailiff and a rather rough grown-up son named John who worked very hard at the farm.

Margery liked him well enough but did not like his attentions to her; he was clumsy, had a stubbly beard and Margery wished he would switch his attentions to Joan who also worked at the farm.

There was one day when John and Joan had gone together to the Fairing at Goudhurst and the farm seemed strangely quiet without them. However, she was happy to wander around doing the various jobs allocated to her, admiring the colourful autumn tints, late flowering plants and the colourful woods at the bottom of the farm.

Margery wondered how long her happiness would last with the troubled news coming from the big cities about the horrific punishment that was being inflicted on innocent Christian people who could not choose the right faith, Protestant or Catholic. Executions by burning at the stake were happening and hangings and beheadings were now commonplace. Dangerous times lay ahead.

To be continued.....

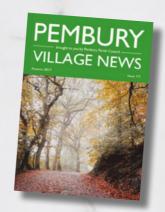
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David Coleby MTW's volunteer of the year 2021

CRIME REPORT

I have never known a Christmas come and go so fast as the one just gone, and I really hope that you all had a happy and peaceful one. Let us give our thoughts to those who had lost loved ones or were subject to this wretched virus.

The good news is that the overall village crime figures have marginally gone down but they are still too high and we have to fight crime together if we want to beat the criminals.

The total figure for July, August and September 2021 was 116, and for the last quarter of 2021 was 109, down by seven but nowhere near enough.

The figure for violent crime went up by one from 53 to 54 which is rather worrying and we do not know whether they were alcohol-related or not. Residential burglary went down by 3 from 9 to 6 and theft of motor vehicles went down by one. Theft offences, excluding motor vehicles, went up from 15 to 18 and criminal damage came down from 13 to 8 and 'other offences' came down from 23 to 15.

We can only get these figures down by working together and stopping these louts and criminals from ruining peoples' lives and making sure that we keep the police informed with any detail, suspicious or otherwise. I have to say that I do have the utmost sympathy with the police because with the shortage of numbers they have, it must be very difficult.

Please keep an eye on your neighbours and help them when you can. Let's hope we can see a further reduction in the next set of statistics.

Please everyone, don't make it easy for the perpetual scammers who have no worry about robbing people, and if you have any doubts, please seek advice regarding any suspicious attempt to commit you into any purchase or movement of your money.

Hugh Boorman.

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crime	Burglary-Business and Community	Burglary Residential	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	Theft Offences (exc vehicle offences)	Criminal Damage	Other Offences	Total
Oct-21	18	1	2	1	1	3	2	7	35
Nov-21	17	0	2	0	1	9	3	5	37
Dec-21	19	0	2	0	4	6	3	3	37
Oct to Dec 2021 total	54	1	6	1	6	18	8	15	109

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	Brenchley and Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
October	35	7	20	17	66	65
November	37	9	24	10	60	77
December	37	15	22	15	65	61
Oct to Dec 2021 total	109	31	66	42	191	203

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