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CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Pembury Village News. The crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils are now brightening up our countryside, and hopefully there will be more colourful flora on display soon! As you've read on our website, we are sowing wildflower seeds at the Bo-Peep entrance to the village, and I hope they will bring a burst of cheerfulness to that end of Pembury. The evenings are getting lighter, and we can all look forward to some warmer and drier days!

Though it seems ages ago, I hope you all enjoyed the festive season, and had the opportunity to catch up with friends and family. The next main event in the Parish Calendar is the Pembury in the Park, which is scheduled for the 15th July so as not to clash with Pub in the Park in Dunorlan! More on that in the next issue.....

Our prayers and thoughts go out to those in Turkey who have been affected by the devastating earthquake, and hope the relief effort is continuing. We also should remember those in Ukraine who have now suffered for over a year after the invasion. Most of you will be aware of the brilliant work the TN2 centre in Sherwood is doing to help the war effort; you may not realise that it has become the main relief hub for the whole country. They have just sent a lorry off to Poland, absolutely full to the gunnels, but still desperately require certain items. The priority is for medical supplies and aids



such as crutches, sticks and Zimmer frames, then sanitary items, toiletries, baby products including nappies, formula and baby food, and any dried, tinned or packet food, including herbs and spices. All would be gratefully received at the TN2 centre – Wednesday 2pm to 8pm, or Saturday 10am to 2pm.

The Annual Parish Public Meeting will be on Thursday 11th May at the Village. I hope you can join us to meet your Parish Councillors and hear our reports – we have some new faces this year! The agenda and timings will be out nearer the date.

Don't forget all the warm spaces that are available around the village whilst the sun is still warming up.... the Freedom café at the Baptist Church has the added attraction of a Parish Councillor or two to answer questions or listen to your concerns!

I would like to wish you all a Happy Spring and Easter as we look forward to sunnier days!

Kind regards, Katy

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MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR VIVEK GAUTAM

"Hi Pembury! My wife and I moved to the village three years ago from Orpington with our two children just before the Covid lockdown and we have witnessed such a fantastic community spirit. With no family in the area, we have had so much support from our wonderful neighbours, from help with tree work, walking routes in the woods, spreading salt on my driveway during the snow, jump-starting my car battery, to borrowing all sorts of power tools for our home renovations. Although I've only been here a few years, I already love this village and the people in it and I am chuffed to call it home.

Local politics is something I've always been drawn to and it's an honour to have been accepted onto



Pembury Parish Council. I am currently on the Planning & Highways Committee which are two areas of interest to me. We already have some brilliant houses and roads in the village and I'm excited to work with local residents to help them further by improving roads and pavements.

I am originally from India and have been in Kent for the last 11 years. I am a Chartered Mechanical Engineer in the energy sector. My wife is a maths teacher as we are strong believers in education. I have a passion for working with the local community on a number of issues including: road safety, controlling development, securing investment in services and amenities, and keeping our village a tidy place to live and work – so watch this space!"

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NEW OAK TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

A big thank you to everyone who joined us on the Village Green on a very cold Wednesday in January and helped us plant the oak tree in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II.



Special thanks go to the children from Pembury Primary School who entered our poetry competition and wrote poems about the Queen and the Oak tree. The winner was Isabelle and this is her poem:

The Big Oak Tree

The big oak Standing alone In the cold Waiting for a miracle, Birds sit in every branch The lark sings The horse grazes in the shade of the leaves Now happy The tree sways At the trunk sits a little girl reading Waiting Waiting to be gueen The queen we now call Queen Elizabeth Ruled from 1952 to 2022 The lark still sings The horse still grazes As she sprinkled peace all over the world.

We will be organising a plaque to go by the tree which will contain a few lines from Isabelle's poem.

THE KINGS CORONATION - FRUIT TREE AVENUE

Pembury Parish Council have been discussing ideas for a fitting tribute to mark the occasion of the King's Coronation.

An 'avenue of fruit trees' is the favoured choice. The idea came from an apple tree avenue which is situated in the grounds of Penshurst Place, which was planted in recognition of the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

If it goes ahead, the 'Fruit Tree Avenue' would be situated in the recreation ground on the grass area near the tennis courts. The trees will be a mix of fruit (apples/ pears) which could be picked by residents from the village, hopefully encouraging children to eat and enjoy the fruit.We felt that King Charles would approve of such a project, with his keen interest in the environment and horticulture.

We are in the process of taking advice on the type of trees, planting, future maintenance and all this project will entail from David Knight of Pippins Farm, who has been extremely helpful.

The correct time for planting the trees will be in November so more details to follow in the next edition of the Pembury Village News.

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Since we wrote to you all in July 2022, there have been lots of changes here at Waterfield House and with the wider NHS that affect you one way or the other. On a positive note, we wanted to share with you all that we have Dr Jennifer Stainfield who has joined us as a GP Partner from 31st October. She took over all the patients that were managed by Dr Chinwe Okechukwu. Dr Stainfield is part-time and works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Ross Smith, our Clinical (Paramedic) Practitioner, is now working four days a week instead of two days from January. Tina Walters joined us as our new Health Care Assistant in November and Diana Taylor as a Practice Nurse from January.

We have also introduced eConsult as an 'interim aid' to check symptoms, receive medical advice or consult with GP/ clinicians at Waterfield House. This can be accessed from our website. We are aware that quite a few of you who have tried this are happy with the service. However, we are still looking out for a better solution that is more equitable (especially for those who are unable to access the internet) than eConsult and hence we are saying it is an interim aid.

On the other hand, we have lost Amelia Green, our Physician Associate, who left us at the end of November. Over the summer, we lost quite a few staff at the reception desk, which put a lot of pressure on our already stretched resources. Though we are fully staffed at the moment, we are aware that it takes around a year for the new staff to come up to full-speed, which can result in a longer wait time on the phone for you.

The number of patients registered with us has steadily climbed up and we are at nearly 6500 patients, an increase of around 5% compared to 2018. This includes the patients from nursing homes and other residential care homes we serve.

Though recruitment is very tough at the moment, we are continuing to seek an additional part-time GP Partner which will bring stability to the surgery and will also solidify our future. Likewise, we are recruiting General Practice Assistants and Medical Receptionists. We are trying to do these with the constraint of space!

As the wider NHS evolves, it has an impact on General Practice and you as a patient. E.g., because of fewer numbers of staff across the system and the country, the wait-time for hospital appointments has increased, leading to further care necessitated because of this wait. These patients approach the GP for further care/treatment which otherwise would not have been necessary. This effect has led to huge strain on the health system, fuelled by patient demand, lack of staff, lack of certain medication, and a general squeeze on resources. Unfortunately, this can't be fixed overnight and will take a strong political will and determination to fix it over the next few years.

In the meanwhile, we ask you to be aware of the situation as we all navigate the troubled waters of the health system. Please continue to be kind and respectful to our staff who are doing all that they can do to help you. We are stretching our resources as much as we can but are conscious of burning out or creating a stressful environment for our staff which will have a detrimental effect on us and you too. If we are unable to offer you an appointment, we will guide you to the local pharmacy, NHS 111 or an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC).

We wish you a healthy 2023.

Dr R Justice, Dr V Minkah and Dr J Stainfield On behalf of Waterfield House Surgery

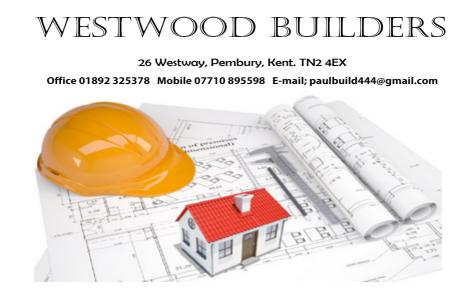
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My visit to the allotments by Amelia - Year 5, Pembury School

On Thursday 12th January Year 5 of Pembury School walked to Woodside allotments to begin our new project "Sow, Grow and Farm". We arrived at school and then left soon after registration. When our class got outside it was pouring with rain so we hurried to a shelter and waited until the other class got outside with us.



Halfway on the journey to the allotment everyone was already drenched and my notes and questions were ruined.

As soon as we got there, we all ran to the driest place possible for the teachers to give instructions: only walk on the grass and always stay close to your partner. It took a while to walk around the whole allotment because the ground was so wet, muddy, and slippery. We saw a lot of things like fruit, vegetables, water supplies and compost bins.

On the last part of the walk around the allotment there was a massive hill that we had to go down. Loads of people slipped over due to the wet grass. Luckily, I managed to stay on my feet on the ground, which was like an ice rink, below.

Finally, we met Sarah Burnham. She is an allotment holder who told us a lot about this and other allotments. She told us about the horses who supply the manure to help the plants grow, that allotments were encouraged during World War II due to hunger and other food not coming from abroad, and about animals like chickens and pigs as well predators like foxes, snails and slugs. After we finished talking to Sarah, it was time to walk back to school in the horrible weather. I enjoyed visiting the allotment and I hope I come back soon.

My visit to the allotments by Molly - Year 5, Pembury School

Last week, on Thursday 12th January, both vear five classes from Pembury Primary School walked to our local allotments. We went to Pembury Allotments to begin our new project - Sow, Grow and Farm. When we began the walk from school both classes were really excited about what they would look like. We were given a clipboard to write down what we could see. We met up with Ms Sarah Burnham (an allotment holder) to ask her about the allotment. All of us loved to hear about the animals you can find there. I was surprised to hear that the rabbits only lived on the other side of the road and never came to eat the vegetables! It was very peaceful there and the plants all looked amazing. Sarah said it was "very good exercise to be pushing a wheelbarrow up and down the hill". We spotted many plants when we were walking around the allotments including brussels sprouts, kale, strawberries and peas. As it often rains, water butts are around the allotments meaning there is rarely a shortage of water. The soil there was perfect for digging and planting seeds. After we had finished looking around, we had a wet, rainy walk home and were all relieved when we got back to school.







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NATURE NOTES

As I write this, winter is over half-way through and the temperatures generally have been above average. This does make life a little easier for the local birdlife and small mammals. If you can try and install some sort of RSPB recommended birdfeeder in your garden – it's surprising what you will attract to it on cold days, and often a delight to watch. I've had sparrows, robins, blue tits, dunnocks, wrens and great tits on mine taking on the seeds within, and wood pigeons and collared doves lurking underneath for the seeds that get dropped. It does help more birds survive the winter and I spend about £15 a year on seed.

It's rather paradoxical that wandering around the village, some of the highest bird activity is amongst the trees along Lower Green Road and in the Recreation Ground on the Woodhill Park side rather than the local woodland – the robins having song duels are a treat to hear.

There are two types of frog native to the UK - the Common Frog and the much rarer Pool Frog, the latter has been reintroduced having gone extinct. Additionally, there are two types of toad, the Common Toad and similarly to the frogs the much rarer Natterjack Toad. Both the common frog and toads will regularly be seen in gardens in Pembury and should be welcomed as they are natural predators of slugs and snails. Like most UK animal species, habitat for these creatures is under some pressure, and they will have started to emerge from hibernation in February, so if you are thinking about a water feature in your garden you will be providing a valuable home for these creatures which spawn during the springtime. One can tell the spawn apart quite easily - toad spawn is laid in long double rows around



aquatic plants and frogspawn is laid in larger masses or rafts.

Lastly a plea to cat owners. Domestic cats, according to reliable academic research, kill up to 270 million birds, small mammals and amphibians each year in the UK alone. This is a shocking statistic; I understand they are much loved pets, but could owners try to keep them indoors at night or at least fit them with a bell to give wildlife a chance please.

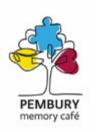
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PEMBURY MEMORY CAFE

'Pembury Memory Café opened at Pembury Baptist Church Hall on Friday 20 January with Sophie - Pembury Community Warden, representatives from Alzheimer's Research, Dementia Friendly Communities and eight volunteers. We were thrilled with the turnout - there were 16 people with dementia, Alzheimer's or acquired brain injury with their carers, friends and family all adding up to around 40 people at our first event! Word searches and adult colouring were provided - in the future there will be more activities but this first time was designated specifically to getting to know everyone! Greg Clark, our local MP came along to



chat to everyone and was welcomed by all. I was very thankful for all the volunteers who came to help because if they hadn't all come, we wouldn't have been able to get to speak to everyone!

Pembury Memory Café will continue on the third Friday of every month in Pembury Baptist Church Hall from 1pm-3pm. Our next dates are 17 March, 21 April and 18 May. If you would like any further information, please call Jennifer Roberts on 01892 825590. Please leave a message if no-one answers and I will return your call as soon as possible.'

Jennifer Roberts

VOTER ID

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WATERFIELD HOUSE PPG



Waterfield House Patients Participation Group (PPG) is fundraising to supply additional medical equipment for the surgery.

Our Medical Centre - Waterfield House. works tirelessly for the residents of Pembury. There are around 6400 of us. Waterfield House is feeling the same financial pressures as the NHS is experiencing. The centre is strugaling to increase its number of 24-hour blood pressure monitors. Each of the two monitors help two people a week to collect continuous data on their blood pressure. The centre currently has many patients on the waiting list, which exceeds 13 weeks. If we can provide the funds to purchase two additional monitors the waiting list can be halved, helping many more villagers to receive earlier treatment for their health condition.

A crowd funding page has been established on the JustGiving website, search under Waterfield House PPG. All donations will be very much appreciated. Justgiving. com/crowdfunding/waterfieldhouseppg

For additional information on the role of the PPG and to express an interest in joining the group please go to the Waterfield House webpage: www.waterfieldhousepractice.nhs.uk/

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Thank you in advance. Trudy Donachie, Chair of PPG





AA MILITARY ROAD RUN THROUGH PEMBURY -SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023 by Richard Snow

Around 60 privately owned historic military vehicles and veteran, vintage and classic cars will be travelling down the A21 from Sevenoaks to Hastings to commemorate the 114th Anniversary of the Guards Dash 1909.

On the March 17th 1909 a procession of cars, packed with Guardsmen, set off from London, travelling down the A21 to Hastings. This was the very first time that motor vehicles were used to transport troops operationally. It was an exercise organised by the War Office (now the MOD) and the Automobile Association (now the AA) to assess the effectiveness of moving a battalion of troops by car to the coast 'in the event of a threat of invasion!" It was christened by the press as the 'Guards Dash to Hastings'. Full details and pictures appear on p.154 of "Bygone Pembury".

This event has been organised by the Invicta-Military Vehicle Preservation Society (IMPS) and the AA, in conjunction with members of the Veteran Car Club, and will be raising money for the military charity, Combat Stress. https://events.combatstress. org.uk/fundraisers/jamesbaxter/aacommemorative-road-run.

The vehicles will leave the A21 at the North Farm Roundabout and drive down the High Street and Hastings Road to rejoin the A21 at Bo-Peep corner. They will be travelling through Pembury between about 10:00am and 11:30am and can best be seen from the Green or outside the Camden Arms.

We hope to have a bucket collection in aid of Combat Stress, and it would be lovely to see you as the event passes through the village. After the event we would love to receive any photos taken from above street level to put alongside those of the 1909 Dash.

Full details of the run, and entry forms to take part, if you own a military vehicle (not armoured), or pre 1945 veteran, vintage or classic car, can be found at: AA Military Road Run – Invicta Military-Vehicle Preservation Society (imps. org.uk) - closing date 8th April - or by emailing the organiser, James Baxter at: jac.baxter46@gmail.com.





A SELECTION OF WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS BEEN DOING...



Created a community working group to help address climate change



Quotes to refurbish the tennis courts

...since the last PVN was published



Cleaned and repaired notice boards Represented the Parish Council on Village Hall, Pavilion & Almshouse Committees

Councillors held various drop in sessions in the village



Bulb planting



Neighbourhood Development Plan Public consultation



Working for Pembury People

Annual Report 2022-23

Pembury Parish Council operates and looks after a wide range of facilities including Lower Green Recreation Ground, Henwood Green allotment site, the Village Green, bus shelters, benches and burial grounds. We also run our regular programme of successful events including the annual Fireworks Display, Picnic in the Park and Carols on the Green!

The Parish Council is mainly funded by the Precept collected by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council as part of your Council Tax.

Other income is received from burials, allotments and advertising in the PVN.

The Parish Council has set its precept of £247,504 for 2023-24. Despite rising costs affecting all services, some difficult decisions were made to minimise increases to residents. An 0.08% increase to the Parish Council element of your council tax bills was agreed. The increase equates to an extra 8 pence per year per Band D property

Some of the functions and facilities the Parish Council provides



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Where does the £311,490 Parish Council budget come from?

ANNUAL PRECEPT £247,504	INCOME FROM SERVICES £45,450	grants & reserves £18,536
79% of the budget	15% of the budget	6% of the budget

2023/24 Expenditure

SERVICES £46.5K	COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION £119K	OPEN SPACES £119.6K	COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS £26K
Cemetery & Burials £30.5k	Council Admin & buildings £103k	Open Spaces & playgrounds £116k	Newsletter £7.1k
Allotments £5k	Loan & bank charges £4.2k	Dog bin emptying £3.6k	Events £9k
Streetlights & street furniture £10k	Grants & Donations £4.1k		Christmas Display £7k
Neighbourhood Plan £1k	Reserves £8k		New notice boards £3k

Committee and Working Group Chairs' Reports







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Graham

Astra

Parish Council

We've sadly said goodbye to 2 councillors, Louise Mills who has moved out of the area, and Joe Pearce due to work pressures but we are delighted to welcome Astra and Vivek to our Council, and I look forward to working with them. There are still vacancies if you feel you can make a difference to our village!

Over the last year, I am pleased we have entertained you at the Picnic in the Park, the Fireworks display, and the Christmas Tree light switch on, but I am particularly delighted that we listened to the village, and now have an oak tree on the Green in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II.

Planning & Highways Committee

The committee meets monthly to review and respond to all the planning applications submitted to TWBC. We have introduced a scheme of allocating individual councillors to focus on specific applications in order to raise issues with the committee. This is working very efficiently.

Recently, we have invited the new Head of Planning TWBC, Carlos Hone, to discuss a variety of concerns we have with the planning process. He attended our February meeting to give us feedback and discuss our concerns further.

We continue to welcome residents to our committee meetings in order to discuss their concerns about planning and highways issues.

Speeding, parking, the A21, trees, conservation area, inappropriate development and potholes continue to be some of the issues of concern.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

We finalised the draft plan and put it out for Regulation 14 consultation to local residents last summer. We considered the responses received and drew up a schedule of those comments and discussed them with the Planning Department at TWBC.

The NDP Steering Committee met and agreed the terms of the Amended Plan which was approved by the Parish Council at the beginning of October. We prepared the Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement and in early November, submitted the Draft Plan to TWBC for the Regulation 16 Consultation. This ended on 30th January 2023.

We have now agreed the appointment of an "Examiner" to move the plan to the next stage.

Open Spaces Committee

The committee is responsible for the management of Parish Council services and facilities. We are responsible for allotments and we recently met with allotment holders to discuss their concerns. This was a fruitful meeting over tea/coffee and biscuits at the Pavilion. Recent actions include upgrades to taps and pipework.

Council staff, volunteers and contractors have been undertaking tree work following a recent tree survey. Work had been split between the financial years and was scheduled in two phases as there was significant work to be done.

We planted a native oak tree on the village green in memory of Queen Elizabeth II after consultation with the local community. The children from Pembury primary school entered our poetry competition and a section of the winner's entry will be engraved on the plaque. The winner was Isabella D. from Cherry Class but it was a hard choice as all the children's poems were wonderful!

The Parish Council has worked hard to find a suitable location for a new dog bin in Henwood Green Road. This is ongoing however due to opposition from residents about where it is placed we are researching other options.

We plan to refurbish the tennis courts in the summer and quotes are being obtained.

Finance & HR Committee

We reviewed and agreed a new Pavilion Joint Management Agreement. We considered how the Council's reserves should be invested for the future, including looking at online platforms, to obtain better financial returns. We carried out a full review of the Council's Financial Regulations; updated and tightened up provisions and prepared a checklist to ensure compliance for the future. We also investigated and purchased card reading machines for use at Council events.

Communications Working Group

This group looks at ways and means to improve our engagement within the local community. For a number of months some of our councillors have been available for residents to raise their queries at the Kingdom Café at the Baptist Church. Sometimes we can answer their queries straight away, sometimes we get back to them once we've double checked and at other times we can add an item onto an agenda to move the matter forward. Look out for dates when we're available via social media.

Climate & Environmental Action Working Group

A Working Group was set up to look at various aspects of Environmental problems and climate change in September 2022. A strategy was drawn up for the Council.

Proposed actions include:

- Carbon Audit of Parish Council properties and operations.
- Change from Sodium Street Lights to LED for the lights PPC is responsible for.
- Production of a Local Business Directory to encourage the use of local services to help minimise energy usage.
- The setting up of a community working group to co-ordinate and enhance Environmental groups already active and consider new initiatives.
- The publication of regular local nature notes on our website and in the Pembury Village News.

Community Events Working Group

The committee oversaw the organisation of the community events in the village, including the annual fireworks, the Picnic in the Park and Carols on The Green. We are starting to work on this year's programme of events and we will share details of progress via social media and our website.

Pembury Village Hall

High Street, Pembury

Thursday 11 May 2023

Doors open at 7:30pm

Please check our social media channels, website and notice boards for more details

NNUAL PARISH MEETING

PUPPY RAISING FOR GUIDE DOGS UK

This is Aspen, a yellow Labrador X Golden Retriever Guide Dog puppy. She came to live with us when she was 11 weeks old and you may have seen her growing up around the village, in Tescos or running around the woods normally getting absolutely filthy!

She is an absolutely delightful house guest and will live with us as our family pet until she is 12-18 months old depending on when Guide Dogs UK think she is ready for the next part of her amazing life. She comes everywhere with us, as she would as a qualified Guide Dog.

We decided to become puppy raisers as a family after we lost both of our greyhounds. Like so many people we desperately missed canine company but didn't want the commitment (and cost!) of another dog for 10+ years. Yes, we have to give her up but she is going to change someone's life in the future and that seems a small price to pay. In the meantime, we have the pleasure and privilege to bring her up, enjoy her puppyhood and send her on her way as a well-rounded, polite and well-mannered young dog.

Currently there is a 15.5 month waiting list for anyone needing a guide dog – this could be someone new to the service or someone whose dog has retired. I've been told it's like losing your sight all over again when they retire - so when people say to us that they wouldn't be able to give her up, I try to remember what a little life changer she could be.

Only approx 50% of puppies qualify. Health, temperament and a whole host of factors are taken into account – most importantly the welfare and wellbeing of the dog. Puppies can also go on to be



buddy dogs to children with sight loss - they are not used as a guide dog but there to support and help the children live their lives and have the same access rights as qualified guide dogs.

As puppy raisers, Guide Dogs UK pay for pretty much everything. In the early days you have a lot of one-to-one training at home. It's basic puppy training but done the Guide Dogs way so when she finally goes to 'big' school, all the puppies know the same commands! We attend 2 group classes a month and also regularly meet up with the other local puppy raisers (and dogs of course) for lunch, trips to London, theatre etc. It's very social if you want it to be.

This is our first puppy and we can honestly say it's been one of the most rewarding experiences we've had as a family. Please get in touch with Guide Dogs UK if you would like further information on

PUPPY RAISING FOR GUIDE DOGS UK continued

becoming a puppy raiser – it's a volunteer role and full time so you definitely need to be committed. The support from 'Guide Dogs UK' is excellent and they will care for the dog if you are away on holiday or need the odd dog free day! Alternatively, if you would like to support Guide Dogs UK in another way, please consider sponsoring a pup – it costs the charity £55,000 to support and train a dog over its lifetime.

The time will soon come when Aspen will leave for big school - she will take a piece of our hearts with her but what better way to heal that than with the arrival of another bundle of fur, love and licks!

The James Family (& Aspen)

PEMBURY SOCIETY

Our next meeting entitled "Serving the Community" is to be held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 7.45pm at St. Peter's Upper Church, when we shall have some of our representatives from the Parish, Borough and County Councils speaking about their respective roles and how they seek to serve our community. Our usual Q and A will no doubt be lively! All members and visitors (£3) are welcome at the meeting.

Membership details and much more can be found on our website: www.pemburysociety.org. have a community interest, or which we have felt we should send in a comment. We include the link to the TWBC Planning Portal together with copies of the application and plans, and you can read the Pembury Society comment.

Our book "Bygone Pembury" sold out of its first print run before Christmas, and in anticipation we restocked with a further supply. They are available as usual at Barnes Kingsnorth and The Black Horse.

We look forward to seeing you on 19 April.

We now include details on the website of those planning applications which may

David Hanes (Chairman)



PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY 2023 OPEN DAY 2023 DAY 202

COMMUNITY GRANT 2022

We are delighted to announce that Pembury Bowls Club has been successful in its application for Community Funding from Pembury Parish Council! The club has been awarded £700 towards equipment for their new junior section. Due to a large number of juniors showing interest in the game, the club is starting Junior Sessions this year on Saturday mornings, hopefully starting from 6 May. This would not be possible without this new equipment. Tony Partridge said: "We couldn't believe the enthusiasm the youngsters had for the game and the new smaller, brightly coloured woods, will make it easier and more fun for them!"



What a year 2022 was for our Bowls Club!

Our new members have breathed new life into the Club. Most, despite not having played previously, were soon playing in internal competitions and friendly matches against other clubs.

Internal club competition winners were presented with trophies at an end of season lunch at the London Beach Hotel. There were some hard-fought matches in the run up to the Finals, with some new members providing a significant challenge to established members.

On the social side we held a very successful barbecue on a very hot day in August, with over 50 members and friends enjoying the excellent food.

As the new bowling year starts, we look forward to sign-up day on 15 April, followed by our Open Day on Saturday 22 April. As last year, all are welcome to try their hand at bowls. Last year we had a number of keen families, and it was good to see some very promising youngsters having a go.

We are intending to hold new Junior sessions on Saturday mornings, starting on 6 May, with our new colourful Junior woods.

Bowls is a sport for all ages!

Wendy Bidder Hon Secretary Pembury Bowls Club

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WINES FOR BRIGHTER WEATHER

As winter draws to an end and brighter spring days will shortly be with us – our thoughts turned to wines to accompany the food we may be eating around Easter and the period either side.

wBy the time this comes to print, the shelves will be stocked with promotions for something fresh, lively, and white; a nod to celebrate spring, Easter and 'budbreak' - a time when the vines wake and begin working towards this year's crop. However, the chill and memories of a cold January, assuming no snap frosts, will still be a vivid memory; thankfully deals on big, bold reds will still be around.

So, who are we and what's in our glasses as we write this piece you may be asking? As a duo of wine enthusiasts comprising 1 part Spanish Wine Scholar and educator with another part avid consumer, it would be remiss if it wasn't something Spanish. But a note to the wine styles highlighted: each are, excluding stock levels, available from local retailers priced \pounds 7-12 per bottle.

White wines: Instead of the typical Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Grigio staples, why not reach for something Spanish. A trendy Albariño from Rias Baixas in Galicia, with its lively acidity, crisp minerality, clean texture, and notes of zesty citrus and ripe stone fruits, will welcome in the spring warmth. Whispers have it vineyards in the UK are experimenting with this variety too - be sure to keep your eyes peeled. Alternatively, with Easter just around the corner, sample an unoaked, young white Rioja - a magical combination of grape varieties that add complexity to the Viura-dominant blend. These styles are all about purity of ripe aromas (typically orchard and stone fruits), bright acidity, and drink-ability - en vogue on the Iberian Peninsula. However, for a new experience alongside your Easter feast, opt for an oaked version with some age (look for crianza or reserva on the labels). Discover how the balanced acidity and richness, and additional vanilla/nutty notes, compliment the delicate spring lamb roast. White Burgundy lovers - give it a go, you may be surprised!

Red wines: It goes without saying, though, a classic red Rioja will always be a perfect winner for Easter. However, for those who need a red that packs a punch, seek out a new friendship and potential love-affair with Zinfandel, aka Primitivo in Italy. Zinfandel is the muscular US cousin and offers greater red/ black fruit ripeness and body, but with lower acidity and higher alcohol. Normally a negative, but clever winemakers create balance through blending, with young zinfandels being wonderful partners to steaks, burgers, and other rich foods; a hint of BBQ weather on the horizon perhaps?



For more insightful suggestions look out for the next edition of the Pembury Village News or seek out your local wine school or society for events and tastings. Drinking wine is an experience best shared. As always, drink responsibly. Cheers!

Dr Daniel Meijles - SWS & Cllr Jon Webster

Two Potato Cake

- ½ pint dry cider
- 1 tspn dried cloves
- 1oz butter
- Chopped chives (optional)
- 1lb baking potatoes
- 1lb sweet potatoes
- Salt & pepper

Peel and thinly slice all the potatoes. Pour the cider into a saucepan and sprinkle in the salt and pepper and cloves and boil gently for about 5 minutes until the cider is reduced by ½ and leave to one side.

Brush a non-stick frying pan with the melted butter; cover the bottom with 1/3 of the potatoes and trickle a teaspoon of the butter and 1½ tablespoons of the cider; cover that layer with 1/3 of the sweet potatoes and the same of butter and cider. Repeat the layers until the potatoes are used up and pour on any remaining butter and cider.

Cook for about 5 minutes over a moderate heat until it starts to sizzle then turn



the heat down, cover the pan and simmer for another 20 minutes.

Take the lid off the pan, turn up the heat and cook for 5 more minutes until the potatoes are tender and the liquid absorbed. (Keep giving the pan a shake to stop it sticking).

Now, wearing oven gloves, cover the pan with a heatproof plate and turn them both over together to turn out the cake. Put the cake under a hot grill to give it a crisp finish. (I sometimes put a little cheese on top) and sprinkle on chives if you want to impress!

Tuscan Bean Soup

I often wonder why so many people don't like making soup. It's the easiest and possibly the oldest type of hot food there is. You don't need many ingredients but you do need one strong one such as onions or leeks. Most recipes recommend home-made stock to enhance the flavour but I find that supermarket varieties are almost as good. With a nice chunk of French bread and butter, this makes a lovely warming and filling meal.

- 1 large onion
- ¹/₄ bottle red wine
- 1/2 red pepper
- Tin haricot beans
- A carrot
- Tin chilli beans
- Few sticks of celery
- Stock
- Few mushrooms
- Seasoning
- A courgette



Just simmer all the ingredients with the stock and water until soft. Take half of the quantity out and liquidise then re-add it to the other half. Stir well and season to taste – simples!!



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COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

The community coffee shop has been undaunted and came to the end of 2022 with aplomb, despite being beset by snow, wind and rain and attempts at sabotage by the water board!

On 14 November the annual Remembrance morning was held and we were pleased to welcome to the pavilion, Bob Groom who organises the local poppy collection for the British Legion. The morning raised £177.61 that went to the Royal British Legion. Well done to Pembury community for helping to support such a worthy cause.

The Christmas morning event was wet and windy outside and inside the power was briefly interrupted, but soon sorted. With decorations up, cakes and raffle table at the ready and everyone sporting Christmas jumpers, we were able to open the doors for a splendid morning that raised $\pounds 209$ for Kent Air Ambulance, a great achievement! Well done to all who came to join us.



We also presented cheques of $\pounds400$ each to Caro on behalf of Pembury School PSA who will use it towards creating a music/



sensory garden and to Hilary from the Baptist Church who will split it between Little Rascals playgroup and the Tuesday Club for which they will be able to buy some torches, fleeces and microwaveable hot bottles.

It's great to know that our coffee mornings are not only giving people somewhere to come and be among friends, eat lovely home-made cakes and keep warm on Monday mornings, but also helping to fund projects in and around the village.

Doors were briefly closed for the Christmas holidays but we were back open on 9 January 2023 welcoming all to a new year and a safe and warm place to be every Monday 9.30am-12noon.

Do come and join us. If you have begun the year by cutting out sugar that's not a problem, we have toasted tea cakes, hot crumpets or cheese scones every week and frequently there are sausage rolls and quiches. We look forward to seeing you all.

Meg Milne

PEMBURY SCOUTS

Pembury Scout Group and Girl Guiding units came together once again back in November to parade and pay our respects at the village Remembrance Service at the war memorial. I was especially proud of our young people taking an active part in the service itself, not only as flag bearers, but this year also delivering the prayers and the reading of the roll of honour.

This winter I've also been proud to see some of our leaders rewarded for their hard work and dedication; Jo Brown (Scout Leader) and Becca Durrant (Beaver Leader) both received their Wood Badge, which is a prestigious award for completing a number of Scout Association set training modules. Jo Alfieri has also been awarded her 5 years' service award.

Again, my thanks to all our Scouting Leaders and helpers, as well as the Group Executive Committee, for making Scouting in Pembury possible and such a great organisation to be part of.

Beaver Colony

In the Autumn term, we learned about interests and hobbies other Beavers have. Over three weeks the Beavers took turns to speak in front of the Colony, which of course went towards some welldeserved activity badges. There were so many fantastic speeches and they should be very pleased with their courage to speak in front of us all. The Beavers also took part in various reflective Remembrance activities, including making and drawing beautiful poppies and of course doing themselves so very proud at the village Remembrance Parade. Towards the festive season, the Beavers donated a large amount of food to the Pembury community larder and played some fabulously silly games to round off the term.



Cub Pack

Our Cubs have been busy this winter; building and then burning Guys for Bonfire Night and then rehearsing and putting on a Christmas Show for parents, as well as the usual fun and games! Since Christmas the programme has included a quiz night and celebrating Chinese New Year. Over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to a visit from a Taekwondo instructor to put us through our paces and the Cubs will be working on their first aid badge as well as completing a treasure hunt around the village and some air rifle shooting. We are also looking forward to our annual St George's Activity Day at the District Scout campsite at Adamswell in April and our Cub camp in July.



Scout Troop

The Scouts excelled themselves this year at the Remembrance Parade; they should all be proud of themselves. They finished the model-makers badge and had a night of air-rifle shooting, followed by a bit of fun at the last meet before Christmas. They have now started on the meteorologist badge, learning about cloud formations and tools that can be used to measure the weather. They managed to make clouds in plastic bottles using pressure. The Troop has also welcomed a number of cubs.

PEMBURY GIRLGUIDING

The first term of the year brings lots of events and excitement. We've had a beautiful Remembrance Service, a district pantomime trip, and a special Girlguiding screening of Mathilda the Musical at the cinema – just to name a few! I had the pleasure of watching the new oak tree being planted on the Village Green too which was very special.

Rainbows:

Monday Rainbows made the most of the weather at the start of term, getting out onto the Rec to learn about different dangers and making some fab sundials! Later in the term they decorated bird feeders, made puppets for their Storyteller badge, and had a visit from Our Amazing Animal World.

Thursday Rainbows have continued to learn skills for their future this term, with activities looking at how to fix things and how to budget their pocket money. They've also been learning about our four world centres in England, Switzerland, Mexico and India. They finished the term with lots of Christmas crafts and a Christmas jumper night!

Brownies:

Monday Brownies had a badge night with lots of activities going on all at once! Excitingly there were more girls achieving their Gold Award (the highest award in Brownies), giving great presentations on what they have done during their Brownie journey. The girls painted rocks to place ahead of Remembrance and finished the term with crafts, gingerbread and Christmas carols!

Wednesday Brownies had a busy term. At their circus sleepover the girls practised plate spinning and juggling. They discussed the meaning of service, ahead of attending the Remembrance Service. Before it got too cold, the girls had a campfire and toasted marshmallows which is always fun. As a Christmas treat there was a trip to Temper Temper in Southborough, where chocolate was the only thing the Brownies were interested in!





Guides:

Tuesday Guides put their life-skills to the test by planning and cooking a 2-course meal – it went down very well! They also did their Mixology badge, creating some interesting mocktails and smoothies. At the end of term, they created some edible snowmen and took a trip to the Ice Skating as a Christmas treat!

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, giving as much or as little time as you can spare. If you think you'd like to get involved, please get in touch with Beci Guarino (Pembury District Commissioner) using the email guidingwithfluffy@hotmail.com.

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 all officers remained unchanged. Daniel Meijles will lead the 1st XI into the KCVL Division 2 in 2023 after promotion last summer and Riaan Kruger the 2nd XI.

Sundays will once again be under the charismatic tutelage of Grant Peters with a mix of youth and experience in the ranks with plenty of humour thrown in!





It promises to be a very busy season again at Chalket Lane with, in addition to the senior teams, three junior sides which will compete in the Invicta Junior Leagues (u-11, u-13 & u-15) plus coaching throughout the summer, including once again the "All Stars" initiative for ages 5 - 9. More details to follow on that in the coming weeks via the dedicated website and the various forms of social media.

We are always looking for new members of all ages and abilities, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are interested. Plus, we are of course very keen to forge further links within the community 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 the summer!

Richard Dawes (Club Captain - Pembury CC)

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PEMBURY U3A

Pembury u3a is a lively group of local people all of whom are either semi-retired or fully retired. There are over 60 Interest Groups to join and take part in and here are just two photos to give you a flavour of what we can offer. If you are interested in finding out more about us, then please contact: membership@pemburyu3a.org.

Maggie Hall



A few people who are members of the Kurling Group.

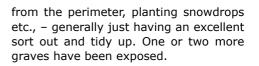


A group of u3a members enjoying a holiday.

OLD CHURCH

The Environment Volunteer Group have been extremely busy working in the grounds of the Old Church – next to Kent College.

Every Thursday morning for the past few weeks, they – Hugh, Johnny, Neil, Sarah and newish recruit David have been cutting back hedgerows, clearing leaves



I think they all secretly enjoy themselves (!) but grateful thanks to them all. Below is a selection of photos taken by Sarah Pomfrett of what they have been doing:





PEMBURY GARDENERS

The Gardeners Society has been in existence, formerly as Pembury Horticultural Society, for at least 75 years. It was founded by a group of members, not connected with the allotments, who wanted to help those who were starting out in some of the then new houses being built in Pembury. These first members were people who had a background in professional exhibiting and growing; and so started the first village shows, then held in the old British Legion Hall – replaced by the Village Hall, now 3 times a year.

Over the period of the Covid lockdown, the village had less activities, and like all other societies the Gardeners lost members and so is at risk of failing. The "Shed" which was used for the supply of compost, bird food, bean poles, and various loose pack of fertiliser and aids, had previously become less supported, and was eventually sold to the Parish Council. In historic times the shed was used as the collection point for newspapers which were then sold for re-cycling.

The Gardeners want to continue – and so would like to invite, members and nonmembers, to visit the committee meetings which are held in the Hall at the Baptist Church regularly for a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to ask for advice and help, a sort of "Pembury Gardeners Question Time". We hope that this will result in new members and also, new exhibitors to the shows, both young and old. The shows are open to anyone who grows, whether fruit or vegetables, flowers or shrubs, alpine and indoor pots plants and those who are interested in baking, sewing and other forms of crafts.

Come and meet the committee – the meetings dates are:

March 22, April 19, May 4 (AGM), June 21, September 6, and October 18 at the Baptist Church Hall, Romford Road, Pembury at 8.00 pm.

The shows this year are on March 25, June 24 and September 9 at the Village Hall – show schedules will be available at the March meeting, or if you would like a copy before then call Derek Parks on 01892 822804.

A plant sale will be held on the Village Green on May 27 in the morning.

Please do come and meet us between 8.00pm and 8.30pm before any meeting! Questions/queries maybe sent through before this by email – pemburygardeners@gmail.com

Sarah Clarke – President





DOG BIN

We have been working hard to find somewhere to install a new dog bin in Henwood Green Road. However, we have had trouble finding a suitable location! Either the landowners have refused permission or neighbours have strongly objected to having a dog bin so close to their homes. We are researching other options and will keep you updated.



Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre has enjoyed a strong reputation as a local alternative to Citizen's Advice since it opened 10 years ago.

Would you like to join our friendly client support team? If you have one morning per week to offer and either a legal background or just an appetite to learn, we have a number of different volunteer roles which may interest you. Thorough training and support will be provided.

Last year we advised over 800 people in our local area: with your help we can reach even more in 2023.

Millions of the lowest-income households across the UK will get up to £1,350 from the government in 2023/4 to help with the cost of living.



The new £900 cash boost for over eight million eligible means-tested benefits claimants, including

those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit, and tax credits, starts in Spring and will go direct to bank accounts in three payments over the course of the financial year.

There will also be a separate ± 150 for over six million disabled people and ± 300 for over eight million pensioners on top of their Winter Fuel Payments.

Exact payment windows will be announced closer to the time but are spread across a longer period to ensure a consistent support offering throughout the year.

They will be broadly as follows:

- £301 First Cost of Living Payment during Spring 2023
- £150 Disability Payment during Summer 2023
- £300 Second Cost of Living Payment during Autumn 2023
- £300 Pensioner Payment during Winter 2023/4
- £299 Third Cost of Living Payment during Spring 2024

These payments are on top of above inflation increases to working-age benefits and the Energy Price Guarantee. If individuals are eligible, they will be paid automatically, and there will be no need to apply. Claimants who are eligible for any of the Costof-Living Payments and receive tax credits, and no other means-tested benefits, will receive payment from HMRC shortly after DWP payments are issued.

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

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DEFIBRILLATORS IN PEMBURY

DEFIBRILLATORS IN PEMBURY ARE LOCATED AT:

CHEMIST - Public access PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL - Not public access DOCTORS' SURGERY - During opening hours TESCO, CUSTOMER SERVICES - During opening hours PEMBURY PAVILION - Only when open KING WILL PUB, HASTINGS RD - Public access PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH - Public access



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 1: 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.



CRIME REPORT

I just cannot believe how quickly Christmas came and went and I always feel quite sad when it is time to take the decorations down. When I received the figures for July, August and September, I felt that at last we were on a winning streak but when I received them for October, November and December, I felt totally dejected - the previous total being 84 and now it has rocketed up to 127, an increase of 50%.

The biggest increase was that of violent crime, from 43 up to 72, an increase of 29 but unfortunately, I'm not told whether this was domestic violence, drink related or whether some of it involved people coming into the village from outside. Residential burglary showed an increase from 2 to 3 and theft from a motor vehicle went up from 1 to 3. Theft, excluding that from motor vehicles, went up from 12 to 20, again, possibly the theft of proposed Christmas purchases but criminal damage came down from 14 to 12 and 'other offences' went up from 11 to 13.

Can I ask you all to be as careful as you can and beware of the scams that are still on the rampage. The other threat that has raised its head again is the theft of catalytic convertors from motor vehicles due to the high value of the internal metals. Hard one to avoid if your only parking facility is outside on the driveway or in the road.

Please be careful out there.

Regards Hugh Boorman.

Crime type by reported month (PEMBURY WARD)	Violent Crimes	Burglary-Business and Community	Burglary-Residential	Theft Offences (exc Vehicle Offences)	Theft from a motor vehicle	Criminal Damage	Other Offences	Total
Oct-22	28	0	0	7	1	3	3	42
Nov-22	20	2	3	5	3	4	5	42
Dec-22	24	1	0	8	0	5	5	43
Oct to Dec 2022 total	72	3	3	20	4	12	13	127

	Total recorded crime					
	Pembury	Capel	Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	Brenchley and Horsmonden	Sherwood	Park
Oct-22	42	7	14	9	69	56
Nov-22	42	11	15	17	37	60
Dec-22	43	10	8	16	61	77
Oct to Dec 2022 total	127	28	37	42	167	193

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