



October 2024

Dear Members

### 50 YEARS AS A SOCIETY!

First of all thank you for your membership of the Society. This is our 50<sup>th</sup> Year since the Society was founded! Originally a campaigning organisation, we have continued to represent our members and the village in many ways over the years, and contributed to various of the landmarks around the village that you probably pass each day. We have also built up a considerable history archive on our website which is open to you to browse through, and of course we have published "Bygone Pembury".

I am pleased to be able to let you know of our coming meeting on **Wednesday 23rd October at 7.45pm at St Peters Upper Church** when we shall be considering the Local Plan and the implications for over 300 new houses in Pembury. The first Application for 99 houses at Hubbles Farm has been submitted to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for approval, and we shall consider this in some detail, together with the political context and some ideas for mitigation. It looks as if change is on the way, even if the reality is some years ahead. As always there will be time for discussion and raising points of view, so do come and be aware of what could be considerable changes for our village.

The October meeting is always our AGM too, and this is the opportunity to re-elect the members of the committee, who are all willing to stand for a further year. We shall be asking you to confirm the election of the current members, but we would welcome new committee members – do ask what this involves – and hopefully join us!

The accounts for last year are also attached for information. Our thanks go to John Franks who is our independent examiner. In 2022/23 we published "Bygone Pembury" and sales have continued in this last year. Copies are still available for those Christmas presents! We are currently working on a second book to publish in 2025,

While our general fund has decreased slightly during the year, having made some donations we felt were for worthy village amenities, the project fund has increased and is ready for the publication cost of the new book. Overall, our total funds have increased £3,180.88.

We are continuing to monitor all planning applications and commenting as necessary on those we feel might have a public interest for residents of Pembury, and our Planning Officer's report follows.

Our Membership had a small decline in the year from members moving away or deaths, and I would like to feel you would recommend joining the Society to your friends and

neighbours. We have a leaflet that explains what we do, and the benefits we feel we give to the village. Please do ask for one to give away.

We look forward to seeing you at the 23<sup>rd</sup> October meeting. As always we value any suggestions for speakers at our two meetings a year.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to the committee who have been very active in the work of the Society during this last year,

Every good wish     David Hanes

#### **Planning matters - Planning Report - Autumn 2024**

Enough has been said over the last month or so about the proposed development at Hubbles Farm. The Society has objected to the application in very strong terms, as has the Parish Council and, as advertised elsewhere, we are devoting our meeting on 23 October to that and all the other development that is proposed for Pembury. Do come along and have your say so that your committee know how you think Pembury should evolve and can put forward your thoughts in any future representations. Unfortunately, we have to accept that 'no development' is not an option and all we can do is fight for the best compromise.

In the meantime, there are the 'run of the mill' planning applications that continue to appear and need monitoring. These are not numerous and most are not controversial, although a significant proportion are for tree work and the number of applications for the conversion of redundant farm buildings remains high. Most of the rest are domestic extensions.

Tesco have submitted their plans for extending the store but the proposals are quite modest and once the building phase is finished things will probably continue much as they are now.

Remember that if you see a yellow planning notice on a lamppost and the details give you cause for concern further information can be found at TWBC and follow the links to planning.

Kathryn Franklin  
Planning Officer

#### **Current Committee**

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# THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

GENERAL FUND	Year ended 31 July 2024	Year ended 31 July 2023
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	737.00	733.00
Interest income	7.35	4.49
Other income	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>744.35</u>	<u>737.49</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Meetings and activities	410.00	80.00
Donations made	202.98	-
Insurance	257.36	223.22
Subscriptions to other Societies	25.00	25.00
Sundries	25.00	45.58
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>920.34</u>	<u>373.80</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	- 175.99	363.69
Less: Transfer to Project Fund	-	- 300.00
General Fund balance for the year after transfer to Project Fund	- 175.79	63.69
General Fund balance brought forward	1,619.41	1,555.72
General Fund balance carried forward	<u>1,443.62</u>	<u>1,619.41</u>
<b>PROJECT FUND</b>		
Transfer from General Fund	-	300.00
Donations for "Bygone Pembury"	-	-
Sales of books	<u>675.50</u>	<u>5,041.50</u>
	675.50	5,341.50
Book project expenses	- 27.69	- 2,965.85
	<u>647.81</u>	<u>2,375.65</u>
Project Fund balance brought forward	1,089.45	- 1,286.20
Project Fund balance carried forward	<u>1,737.26</u>	<u>1,089.45</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS at 31 JULY 2024</b>	<u><b>£ 3,180.88</b></u>	<u><b>£ 2,708.86</b></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Bank Current account	2,656.64	2,191.97
Bank Deposit account	511.24	503.89
Cash in hand	<u>13.00</u>	<u>13.00</u>
	<u>3,180.88</u>	<u>2,708.86</u>
Less: Loans for Project Fund - Bygone Pembury	-	-
	<u><b>£ 3,180.88</b></u>	<u><b>£ 2,708.86</b></u>

The Financial Statement for the year ended 31 July 2024 has been approved by the Committee and signed on their behalf by

David Hanes (Chairman)

Date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

I confirm that Financial Statement for the year ended 31 July 2024 has been prepared in accordance with the books, records and information supplied to me.

John Franks ACIS  
44 Ridgeway, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Date 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024

**THE PEMBURY SOCIETY**  
**AUTUMN**  
**MEETING**

**300 NEW**  
**HOUSES**  
**WHY, WHAT, WHERE?**

**23<sup>rd</sup> OCT 7:45<sup>PM</sup>**  
**ST PETER'S UPPER CHURCH**

- HEAR WHAT IS PLANNED
- HAVE YOUR SAY
- ALL WELCOME

**MEMBERS FREE - £3 ON THE DOOR**