



PEMBURY MATTERS

The Pembury Society Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear Members,

Our coming meeting is on Thursday 18th October, at 7.45 pm, in St. Peter's Upper Church, when we shall have our AGM, followed by our guest speaker Dr Ian Beavis who will be speaking to us as part of "Pembury Remembers", on

Tunbridge Wells in the First World War

Dr Beavis has been a regular speaker to the Society, and as Curator of the Tunbridge Wells Museum brings a wealth of knowledge, as well as a pictorial feast. Our usual Q & A will follow his talk.

Our evening is part of the theme of marking the centenary of the end of WW1. Events include the special Remembrance Day service on 11th November commemorating the refurbished stone plaques on the War Memorial by St Peter's Upper Church, and films around the theme of "Pembury Remembers", (Full details below in Publicity Officer's Report).

At the short Annual General Meeting (agenda and accounts attached) I commend the Committee to you for re-election. They all work hard in their different roles and interests, but there's always room for others to join us. Do let me know if you are interested in joining with us.

Annual Subscriptions

Thank you for the many standing order subscriptions which were set up since the last meeting. I would like to encourage other members who have not yet done so, to join with us on a regular basis through setting up a standing order. This makes the collection of subscriptions so much easier, and ensuring the continuity of all members, even if you would like the Newsletter delivered to your door in hard copy form. Standing order forms are still available, and we can help you to complete these at the meeting, or take it away to complete later.

April 2019 meeting

Unfortunately the Rt Hon Greg Clark had to postpone his visit to us at this meeting, due to engagements in the North of England, but he has promised to come and speak at our meeting on Thursday 25th April 2019.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 18th October**. Put the date in the diary!

David Hanes - Chairman

Publicity Officer's Report

The Centenary of the end of the First World War

To mark the centenary there are some special events in Pembury to which everyone is invited. Our Society evening on 18th October focuses our thoughts on "Tunbridge Wells in the First World War", with Dr Ian Beavis, at which there will also be the opportunity to purchase copies of my book "Ten Brave Men and True" which tells the life stories of the ten Victoria Cross holders associated with the Borough. Profits will be donated to "Help for Heroes".

Remembrance Day service – 11th November

To mark the Centenary of WW1 and the date being Armistice Day, Pembury will be organising a very special outdoor service starting at around 10.40am. Lord Colgrain, Deputy Lieutenant of Kent will be unveiling the refurbished stone plaques on the War Memorial in Hastings Road. Richard Snow discovered that 8 of the names had been misspelt. Weather permitting a 1930's Tiger Moth will drop 10,000 Poppies. We hope that as many people as possible will attend this historic occasion, which will be filmed by David Doré and his team. The Society is laying a wreath at the service.

'Pembury Remembers' - Film show - 6th December

At 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th December there will be a showing of two films at Pembury Baptist Church, Romford Road. (NB Change of venue). Local film maker, David Doré will be showing "Pembury Remembers" to include scenes from Tyne Cot, Langemarck and the Menin Gate. There will also be interviews with relatives of Pembury men killed in action in both World Wars. Film of the carving of the new stone plaques by Burslem of Tunbridge Wells is also included. There will also be film from the Remembrance Day service including aerial shots from the Tiger Moth.

A DVD, priced at £10, will be available on the night with proceeds being donated to the Royal British Legion. It will also be available from Barnes Kingsnorth, Estate Agents in the High Street (Cash or cheque only).

As a prelude to "Pembury Remembers" David will also be showing "A Damned Dirty Business". This 26 minute film tells the sad and unvarnished story of the sinking of RMS Lusitania by a German submarine, the U-20, in 1915. In addition to the dreadful loss of life, this tragic event would lead to the United States entry into the Great War and the destruction of the reputation of Captain William Turner...a decent and entirely innocent man.

All are welcome to attend.

Richard Snow – Publicity Officer

Planning Officer's report

The last six months have been very quiet in planning terms, but two of the three applications for major developments mentioned in our last newsletter have now been approved by TWBC. These are the doubling in size of Cornford House care home and the re-development of Sturgeon's yard for housing. We can assume they will proceed in due course.

Then there was the application to build a care home and sheltered housing at Owlsnest Wood. This had been dragging on for nearly 3 years, but, despite various and significant alterations to the original plans, it has been refused. This was primarily on environmental grounds as it was considered inappropriate development in the Greenbelt, was so large as to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area and would result in loss of ancient woodland. There were also other issues on which the application failed.

The new Local Plan for Tunbridge Wells Borough is by far the most important issue to affect the future of Pembury since the extensive development of the 1970s. As you will have seen from the comments made by the Chairman of the Parish Council in the recent edition of the PVN, this is

progressing very slowly and in complete secrecy with no public consultation expected until next March at the earliest. The Parish Council have, however, vowed to keep us all informed when there is anything to report and your committee will also be working hard to ensure that any development in the village is suitable and proportionate. Given the directives from Westminster we clearly cannot expect no development here however much we would like that.

Kathryn Franklin - Planning Officer

PS – Pembury Remembers:

From 'Kellys' 1916 Directory for Pembury – New word of the year – U-boat

AGM Resolutions:

1 To confirm the re-election of the Committee (see below)

(We would appeal to any who may be interested in joining the committee in the future to contact the Chairman.)

2 To approve the Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2018

(see page 4)

Current Committee

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Financial Commentary:

Income and expenses were similar to last year except that we had a one-off cost of setting up the database, communicating with members and stationery in connection with the subscriptions.

We were able to transfer £300 to the Project Fund, and from this we made a contribution to the Parish Council for the bench at the Burial Ground by the new commemorative wall for cremations, and also a contribution towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial by St Peter's Upper Church.

Our thanks go to John Franks for being our Independent Examiner.

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

GENERAL FUND	2018	2017
INCOME, from subscriptions and other income	<u>1,092</u>	<u>1,133</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Meetings and activities	182	108
Newsletters and posters	130	116
Stationery and postage	229	
Insurance	184	183
Subscriptions to other Societies	35	35
Notelet purchases		240
Total Expenditure	<u>759</u>	<u>682</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	333	451
Less: Transfer to Project Fund	<u>-300</u>	<u>-500</u>
General Fund balance for the year after transfer to Project Fund	33	-49
General Fund balance brought forward	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,701</u>
General Fund balance carried forward	<u>1,685</u>	<u>1,652</u>
PROJECT FUND		
Transfer from General Fund	300	500
Bench at Burial Ground and War Memorial restoration	-600	-644
Project Fund balance brought forward	<u>434</u>	<u>578</u>
Project Fund balance carried forward	<u>134</u>	<u>434</u>
TOTAL FUNDS at 31 JULY 2018	<u>£1,819</u>	<u>£2,086</u>

The Financial Statement for the year ended 31 July 2018 has been approved by the Committee and by the Independent Examiner.

The Pembury Society



Thursday 18th October
St Peter's Church, Hastings Road at 7.45pm

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Ian Beavis

on

'Tunbridge Wells

in

The First World War'

Open to members and non-members. £3 admission for non-members