



PEMBURY MATTERS

The Pembury Society Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Members,

Our coming meeting is on Thursday 25th April, at 7.45 pm, in St. Peter's Upper Church, when our guest speaker is Rt Hon Greg Clark, our own MP, Business Secretary and member of the Cabinet. Busy engagements prevented him coming to our last October meeting, so we are delighted that he can come this April in the midst of very difficult Government business. His illustrated talk is entitled "My life as an MP" and no doubt some of those difficulties will become apparent.

There will be our usual question and answer time afterwards.

Annual Subscriptions - due April for 2019

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.

October 2019 meeting – 9th October

We have been looking forward to a visit from Dr Andy Cameron after his retirement from the Pembury practice. Since then he has been in training for the Anglican Church ministry, so from serving us as our medical practitioner for many years, he is going to serve a community through ordination. He will be reflecting on his journey "through medicine to ministry".

As the **Local Plan** comes forward for consultation during this year, we will be looking at the consequences for Pembury, and it is possible we might need an extra meeting this year, to consider together those consequences and what members' views are about the proposals.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 25th April**. Put the date in the diary!

David Hanes - Chairman

Promotions Officer's Report

Following the dedication last November of the new War memorial plaques, the old 1949 metal plaques of WW1 and WW2 were mounted on a wall at Pembury School Playground by Burslems on February 19th. You can be clearly see them on an outside wall facing the path down to the Old Cemetery, remembering that many who died attended the School. I was pleased to be able to attend the school and give a talk to the children about their significance.

£785 has been raised for the Royal British Legion from the sale of DVD's of "Pembury Remembers" and Film Show takings. All DVD's have now been sold. Many thanks to all who bought copies. Pembury Library has a copy of the DVD available to borrow.

Richard Snow – Promotions Officer

Planning Officer's report

Very little of note has happened on the planning front in the last 6 months, but here is a round-up:

1) Tescos site – Hendy car dealership

Back in the Autumn the car dealership Hendy held an exhibition at the Mercure Hotel to explain (or sell the idea) to the people of Pembury their plans for moving to the vacant part of the Tesco site at Woodsgate. Six months on, the planning application on which we can comment has still not been submitted to the authorities. However, certain plans have been published on the Hendy website which, apart from all our original concerns, seem to show that they will be wanting a lot more of the site than originally indicated and this would leave Tescos with a much smaller car park and that could render the store unviable.

2) High Street - The Green

Following permission to replace the garage next to The Camden with a block of flats the garage has been demolished, but the replacement building is progressing very slowly, due to contamination. Currently work seems to have stopped altogether, while certain issues are resolved.

3) Henwood Green Road – Sturgeons site

Similarly, despite permission having been granted for a development of 19 residential units at Sturgeons in Henwood Green Road, work has yet to commence.

4) Local Plan

As you will have seen in the most recent PVN, we are still waiting for TWBC to publish their Local Plan, with all its implications for Pembury. You can be assured that your committee will be working hard to ensure that any development in Pembury is proportionate and suitable, and that the pros and cons of each proposal will be considered individually.

Kathryn Franklin - Planning Officer

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SPRING MEETING

The Pembury Society



Thursday 25th April

St Peter's Church, Hastings Road at 7.45pm

GUEST SPEAKER

Rt. Hon. Greg Clark, MP

“My life as an MP”

Open to members and non-members, non-members £3 at the door