

# **PEMBURY**

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## **YOU'RE WELCOME**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th March. This gives an opportunity to all parishioners to ask questions of members of the Parish Council on any matter connected with the affairs of the village. The parish rate, the possibility of a supermarket in Pembury and the recurrent gipsy question are only three of the topics likely to be discussed.

Remember, only parishes have the right to such question-and-answer sessions with their elected councils.

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# VIEWPOINT

## THAT SUPERMARKET

The possibility of a supermarket on what has become known as the Royal Oak site has caused a stir in the village. Or has it?

The last Newsletter carried a questionnaire about aspects of village life, which included the question "Do you favour the idea of a supermarket in Pembury?" The Newsletter goes into more than 2,100 homes. There were 222 replies—a fraction over ten per cent of households canvassed.

Of that 222 a total of 124 said "Yes" to a supermarket and 98 said "No".

On October 28th a public meeting to discuss the question was held in the Primary School, attended by nearly 300 people. When a vote was taken the margin was narrower; 107 voted "Yes" and 101 "No".

Short of a time-consuming series of house-to-house visits, how does one assess village opinion on a burning topic?

Following these two soundings of public opinion the Parish Council has said that, on balance, it favours the building of a supermarket on the last important undeveloped site in Pembury.

Ideally the council would like to see a smaller supermarket than the one for which application was made to—and refused by—Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. It would have preferred a supermarket development allied to the building of a number of small shops. But no applicant has come forward with the ideal suggestion. Supermarket chains are in business to get the maximum return from their investment and they presumably do not see this return from a mixed development.

At present the matter is in abeyance. The applicants, Countryside Properties, Ltd., have not yet said if they intend appealing against the refusal. But if they do the Parish Council has said it would give its support to any appeal. This is a majority decision. Councillor Theobald has consistently spoken against any supermarket development in Pembury and, as a borough councillor, voted against the application when it came before the Borough's planning committee.

However, to make its position clear, the Parish Council has authorised the following statement:—

"Why is Pembury Parish Council in favour of a supermarket? The answer is simple. The majority of members believe the proposal is in the best long-term interests of the village as a whole. We have come to this decision because:—

The soundings we have taken reveal that more residents are for the project than against it, which we believe is a strong indication of local need.



We are not convinced that a supermarket will damage the livelihood of existing private traders in the village. Undoubtedly they will lose some sales to a supermarket, but they are sufficiently enterprising to alter their service and/or product range to improve overall village amenities.

The current application is for outline planning consent only, and if granted would have been for the principle only. At this stage details of roads and access are premature. If eventually outline planning consent is given, detailed plans will come up for discussion and if Pembury Parish Council is not satisfied that the traffic problem is properly solved, it is likely it will recommend refusal of the application.

All members of the Council would like to see a smaller project. However, neither the supermarket operators nor the property developers will entertain such a scheme as it would not be economically viable in Pembury or anywhere else. The Council is therefore backing this project, as the alternatives would be either for the site to be left derelict or turned into another housing estate. These alternatives are totally against the long-term interests of Pembury.

The project would have a beneficial effect on the domestic rate and on employment."

The Parish Council is to include a public question period in council meetings, starting at the next full council meeting on February 1st. If you feel strongly on the supermarket question or any other topic your views would be welcome at that meeting. The session will begin at 8.30 p.m. and will be repeated at each full council meeting throughout 1982.

## ON THE AIR !!



Pembury will be featured in Radio Medway's "Home in Kent" programme on January 3rd. The programme, which lasts 45 minutes, is similar to the well-known "Down Your Way" feature broadcast nationally.

Six local residents have been interviewed, asked for details of their careers and about the parts they play in village life—and, of course, asked to name a piece of music they would like to hear. The aim of the programme is to give some idea to listeners of the flavour of the village or community covered.

"Home in Kent" is broadcast at 10.30 a.m. and for those of you who may not listen regularly to Radio Medway, the wave length is 1035 kHz (or 290 metres) medium wave, or 96.7 MHz on VHF.







Mr. Arthur Penn, a lifelong resident of Pembury and a member of the Parish Council from 1928 until his retirement in 1979, died in October at the age of 75.

The affection and regard for one of the village's most popular and respected residents was shown at the service in his memory held at the Upper Church on October 18th. The church was filled to capacity with those anxious to pay tribute to a man who for all his adult life had worked for the good of Pembury and who had also played a leading part in its sporting life.

The service in the church at which he had been a regular worshipper was conducted by the Vicar of

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Pembury the Rev. Christopher Hodgson. The address was given by Mr. Peter Williamson who stressed that while there was mourning for the loss of a friend there should also be thanksgiving for a full life and one lived in the service of the community in which Mr. Penn had played a leading part for so long.

Arthur Penn was born in 1906, when the population of Pembury was under 1,000, when hop gardens and orchards occupied much of either side of Lower Green Road and there was no bus to make the three-mile journey into Tunbridge Wells.

Already his family had made a mark in the village. In 1862 his grandfather and great uncle had set up a building business and several of the well-known buildings in Pembury—among them the Free Church, the old Methodist chapel in Hastings Road—and private houses and council estates were built by the firm.

After being educated at the Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells Arthur Penn naturally joined the family business, being apprenticed as a carpenter and joiner to his father, by then head of the firm. This skill remained with Arthur Penn all his life and after his retirement he used it for the benefit of the Seven Springs Cheshire Home, where he was a voluntary helper for many years.

Four years after he joined the family firm his father died and at the age of 21 Arthur Penn found himself on the board of the newly-formed limited company. About the same time he followed the family tradition by being elected to the Parish Council.

When parish councils were established in 1894 Arthur Penn's grandfather became the first clerk of Pembury Parish Council. Later his father took over the post. Arthur Penn himself served on the council for 51 years—including two spells as chairman between 1947 and 1958 and 1976 to 1979—giving a total of 85 years unbroken parish service by his family. During his time on the council the recreation ground, allotments, a new burial ground and, latest of all, the Woodside Recreation Ground were projects successfully undertaken. The building of the pavilion at the Woodside ground was started during his last chairmanship and it bears his name.

On his retirement from the council Mr. Penn presented a badge of office to be worn by the chairman on ceremonial occasions.

A few years ago he was appointed a trustee of the fund set up to undertake much-needed repairs to Pembury's ancient parish church of St. Peter and it was a source of gratification to him that the money needed to put right many of the grievous faults that had developed was so readily subscribed in the village.

He played football and cricket for the village teams, being captain of the cricket team for more than 20 years and continuing to play until about 20 years ago. At the time of his death he was the club's president. He had also been the club's treasurer, a post he also held for the football club and the village branch of the Royal British Legion.

In 1942 Mr. Penn was called up into the Royal Engineers. His unit was engaged in experiments with the Pluto oil pipe line which fuelled the Normandy invasion force. Despite taking part in landing trials in England and Wales it never, in the end, took part in operating the pipe line although it was later involved in the invasion when it restored water and electricity supplies in towns in France, Belgium and Holland liberated by the Allied forces.

In the mid-seventies Mr. Penn retired from the building firm, which by that time had expanded to undertake large-scale developments outside the village.

But in his retirement he was still active. There was the parish council, his voluntary work at Seven Springs and, an abiding interest, his work for the residents at Camden Court.

It is intended to erect a seat and plant a tree in his memory in the grounds of Camden Court so that future generations will have a reminder of a quiet, friendly man who sought his fulfilment in helping to make the community a better place in which to live.

# **Canterbury Road—PUBLIC MEETING**

Considering the amount of interest generated in the petition asking for something to be done to alleviate traffic hazards and congestion in Canterbury Road, it was disappointing that only five residents turned up to a special parish meeting to consider the matter on September 22nd.

In fact they were heavily outnumbered by the "official" attenders at the meeting organised by the Parish Council. These were Mrs. Sarah Clarke, Parish Council Chairman; Mr. John Barnes our County Councillor; two officials from the county's Surveyor's Department; three Borough Councillors and five Parish Councillors.

The County Council had already decided that the imposition of a one-way system in Canterbury Road—which the petitioners had requested—could not be justified. The members of the county team explained the reasons behind this decision, chief among them that one-way traffic would tend to drive faster than traffic in a normal road and that imposition of a one-way system would involve motorists in the road in longer journeys to the village and towards Tunbridge Wells.

Cllr. Theobald spoke of the difficulties stemming from the fact that no houses in the road had garages and that residents naturally enough wished to park their vehicles as close to their homes as possible with the result that in the evenings and at weekends parked cars were nearly solid on both sides of the road. He also stressed that because of parking right up to the Hastings Road junction it sometimes happened that cars driving up the road and those turning out of Hastings Road came face to face—a hazardous situation which could at least be alleviated by banning parking within, say, 15 yards of the junction.

Mrs. Pankhurst, one of the petition's organisers, spoke of morning traffic jams and the use of the road as a motor cycle speed track. She said that although at a previous meeting the then County Councillor, Mr. Heath, had been asked to raise the question of a one-way system for a six-month trial period, this had not been raised at the K.C.C. meeting as far as she could ascertain.

Councillor Hawes-Richards, who lives near the junction, pointed out that many minor accidents happened in its neighbourhood which were never reported to the police and so never appeared in statistics which had been quoted by county officials as showing there was nothing abnormal about the Canterbury Road-Hastings Road junction.

The matter was discussed at the Parish Council's Highways Committee meeting following the public meeting, when it was decided, in view of the fact that the K.C.C. was unwilling to sanction a one-way system, to ask for a "No Right Turn" sign at the upper end of Canterbury Road in an attempt to minimise the risk of accidents with vehicles turning into the A21 across the flow of traffic. It has since learned that the K.C.C. has vetoed this suggestion but the Council is to press for a solution to the problem.



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On behalf of the Club I thank you for the congratulations and report of our victory in the Courier Shield. We were delighted at the response from the village and would like through the Newsletter to thank the Parish Councillors and everyone who not only came to the final but telephoned their congratulations afterwards.

The Club is at present engaged on rebuilding and development of the pavilion at an estimated cost of over £12,000 which we intend to raise as far as possible by our efforts, although I would add that any donations would be very welcome. This effort, together with the purchase of the freehold has given the Club the greater ability required to ensure our standard of accommodation will now match our Club spirit and ensure next season we will be able to offer facilities second to none, coupled with coaching for juniors aged 11 to 16 years that will be on a par to that offered by the two senior clubs in Tunbridge Wells.

The Club welcomes any new playing or non-playing members, who should contact either our Chairman Ray Kemp at Pembury Florists or myself.

Yours sincerely,  
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In the September issue of the Newsletter you raise a point and ask for opinions on a subject dear to my heart. I refer to the lack of buses to and from Pembury on a Sunday.

You suggest a car service. I am slowly becoming more crippled with arthritis and find shopping more and more difficult, especially as Pembury is one long hill from Maidstone Road to the Camden.

So far I have managed this to the detriment of my knees but have recently been brought up with a jolt with a fortnight of intense crippledom. The buses are adequate during the week although even a short walk carrying shopping is now getting beyond me. But my biggest grievance is the Sunday buses.

I would dearly love to attend some of the Sunday afternoon Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra concerts on the first Sunday in each month from October until April, but the only buses in are at 12.24 p.m. and 3.54 p.m.! And a wait of three-quarters of an hour afterwards. I once walked to the Camden and caught the 297 at 2.30 p.m. but that is beyond me now.

Try as I may I cannot find another soul in Pembury who is musically-minded, with a car. I hope this will not be the only plea for help that you receive.

To my idea Pembury folk seem to be such an apathetic lot. They don't even attend the Pembury Musical Society, which is excellent, and it has now moved elsewhere.

**(Miss) Ruth Gower**

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# IN BRIEF



- \* As the result of a recent change-round in the organisation of Pembury Mums and Tiny Tots Club, there is an urgent need for helpers. The new organiser, Mrs. Porter of 28 Woodhill Park, says the club will resume its meetings in the Catholic Hall after Christmas. Because some of those who at present help with organising cannot continue, she is asking for willing volunteers to take their place.

Those willing to help would be asked to be at the hall at 1.15 p.m. on Wednesdays to help set out, or to stay after 3.45 p.m. to help clear away. With the temporary closure because of difficulties with the floor Mrs. Porter has been unable to meet other members to ask for their help. If you can help, please phone Mrs. Porter on Pembury 4290.

- \* The Parish Council has agreed to purchase commemorative plaques for the four trees planted in the village to mark important events and which, for some reason, bear no indication to show why they were planted. They are the trees planted on the Green to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935, the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and the initiation of the By-Pass campaign in 1976 and a fourth tree, planted earlier this year outside Camden Court to mark the Queen Mother's eightieth birthday. Incidentally this tree, which has died, is to be replaced. As far as humanly possible the plaques will be made vandal-proof.

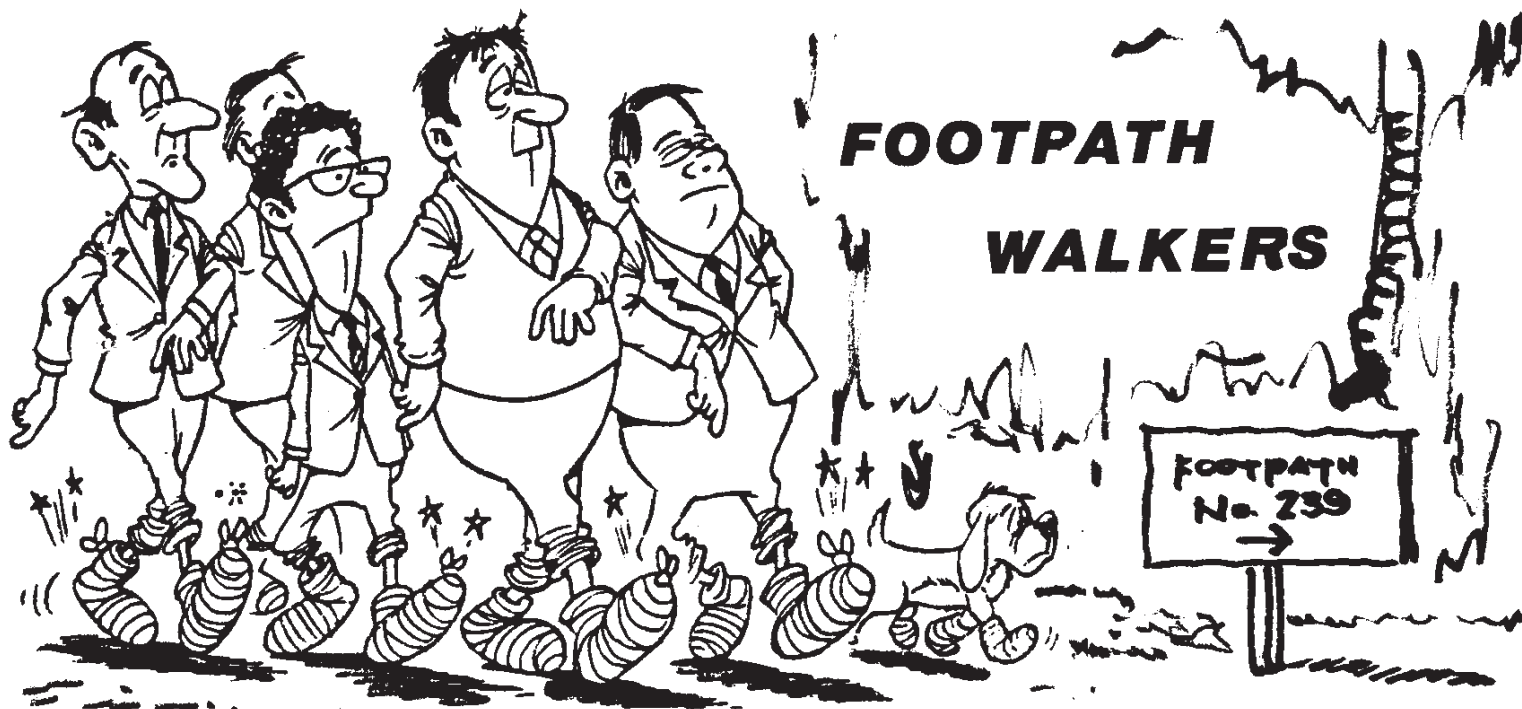
- \* Four new notice boards provided by the Parish Council are shortly to be erected. They will be sited at Bo-Peep Corner, outside the Village Hall, at the entrance to the Lower Green recreation ground and on a new site at the junction of The Meadow and Lower Green Road almost opposite the Primary School.

It has been decided that apart from Parish Council notices and statutory notices, the boards may be used for advertising functions by any established non-political organisation in the village. These organisations should apply to the Clerk for permission to put up notices. This will be given provided space is available and on condition that the notices are removed immediately after the advertised event has been held.

- \* Negotiations are afoot to re-align the Old Coach Road footpath (officially known as Footpath 239) back to its original route between the picnic site and Dundle Lane. For several years the path has diverged south-eastwards across farmland from a point opposite the picnic site, a route more difficult to follow than the "logical" continuation of the old road. As part of the proposed new route lies in East Sussex, negotiations are going on with Wealden District Council and with local landowners but there is hope of ultimate success. Watch this space. Incidentally it is planned to erect a gate and stile across the path near the entrance to Roughlands Shaw to prevent the use of the footpath and the Sandpits area alongside by motorcyclists. Recently a team of volunteers planted 25 trees along the side of the Old Coach Road. Mr. Bill Godwin, forward planning officer with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, who headed the volunteer team, has asked to be notified of any vandalism to the newly-planted trees. Any information on this should be passed to the Clerk.

\* None of us is perfect, a remark which is usually the prelude to an admission of error, but we do try to keep as up to date as possible with the list of village organisations and their contacts so as to present as complete a list to our readers as possible. So it really didn't help when someone attached to their questionnaire from the last Newsletter an unsigned note pointing out that we had the wrong names and addresses for the Mums and Tiny Tots Club and for St. Peter's Women's Fellowship -- but omitted to say what the right ones were. It so happened that by the time this ill-natured note reached us, the new contact for these organisations -- the same lady in each case -- had herself been kind enough to write informing us of the changes.

\* Pembury Players, who are putting on an Old-Time Music Hall entertainment in the Village Hall on February 12th and 13th, would be glad to hear from anyone in the village willing to act, make props, sew costumes or undertake any of the jobs inseparable from the staging of any form of drama production. As you will see from the Clerk's report, representatives of the Players have consulted the Parish Council about the type of lighting and other equipment they would like to see installed in the Village Hall.



Pembury Footpath Walkers, who celebrated a year's existence in November, are without a secretary.

At the organisation's annual general meeting on November 17th, Mike Tompsett announced that although he was willing to continue as a committee member he was unable to continue as secretary. And no one else came forward to volunteer.

It is hoped this set-back will be only temporary because the Walkers' chairman, Mr. Adrian Stuart-Robson reported a successful year, during which there had been a monthly footpath walk and a number of successful clearance parties.

During the evening Mr. Charles Farmer presented an illustrated talk on footpaths.

The programme for 1982 has been finalised. Walks are arranged for the first Saturday of each month and further clearance parties will be organised. Two members of the organisation offered themselves at the meeting as leaders of future walks.

The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. K. Jury. The others are:-- Adrian Stuart-Robson (chairman), David Parry (treasurer), Mike Tompsett and Robert Saunders (Pembury Society), Charles Farmer and Neil Franklin (Ramblers Association), Richard Miles (Parish Council).



# village survey



The 12-item questionnaire issued with the last Newsletter brought in 222 replies—just over ten per cent of the total distribution. However, this gives Pembury 2000 some basis on which to frame the new village survey to be undertaken in the New Year.

A large majority, 181 to 31, wanted no new houses in Pembury. A supermarket was wanted by 124, with 98 against the scheme. What other kinds of shops would you like? Well, 99 spoke up in favour of a baker's, with a fishmonger's claiming 84 supporters, a launderette 54 and a fish and chip shop 49. A total of 34 wanted a chemist's at Lower Green and 13 wanted a newsagent's in the same area. Food takeaway shops got 23 votes, a cafe and men's hairdresser 15 votes each and only a do-it-yourself shop (10) was wanted by more than eight people.

A health centre or clinic got 145 votes although 58 did not want either. 142 answers indicated the hope that the by-passes would produce a quieter, safer and more integrated village. A further 19 said they hoped for this, but were doubtful.

Nearly half those replying—98 in all—favoured retaining any fringe land left after building the by-passes in a natural state, or landscaped with trees. A further 27 thought the land could be used for sport or recreation areas, while 23 thought the land suitable for light industry.

Those who replied were pretty evenly divided on the question of more employment in Pembury—127 in favour, 75 against and 20 expressing no opinion.

Strangely, 73 people did not answer the question on improvements to the Village Hall, but 62 wanted better parking there, 42 were satisfied with the building while 15

wanted improved heating (which is likely to come in the New Year).

The question on pre- or nursery school facilities brought 75 "Yes's" and 59 "Noes", with the rest making no comment.

One-third of those who replied expressed no opinions on further amenities for Pembury and a further 20 said they were satisfied. Of the rest, most favoured a sports centre or more sports facilities (14), a community centre (13) and more facilities for young people (13).

Altogether 116 people either found nothing to dislike in Pembury or gave no opinion. Of the remainder 30 said traffic was the worst aspect, ten declared it was not a village, nine thought the worst features were dirty footpaths or apathy and eight disliked party politics on the Parish Council.

The question on village danger spots brought a wide variety of replies. Lower Green Road was voted dangerous in one way or another by 87 people and the A21 was considered dangerous, mostly in the High Street section, by 51. The crossing of Lower Green Road from the Green to the shops was regarded as dangerous by 18 people on account of the marked disinclination of many motorists to indicate their intention to turn into Lower Green Road. Henwood Green Road, despite the recent improvements, was rated dangerous by 24 people, Canterbury Road by 17 and the Romford Road/Henwood Green Road junction by 16.

Parking in the Ridgeway by parents of school children and by an ice cream van near the school drew unfavourable comment from eight people and the junction of Lower Green Road with the other end of the Ridgeway was thought dangerous by another seven.



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# Making our views known



November 25th saw the first of a series of meetings—planned to take place once a quarter—between representatives of Kent County Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the Parish Council.

Those attending these meetings will be known as the Three Councils Liaison Group which has come into being on the initiative of the Parish Council. Parish Council reasoning was that although it might be on the lowest tier of local government, nevertheless it had occasion to consult with the county authority without necessarily dealing with Tunbridge Wells on the way.

Attending the inaugural meeting were Mrs. Sarah Clarke and Mr. Brian Sands for Pembury, Mr. John Barnes, our County Councillor and two of our three Borough Councillors, Mrs. Hazel Hawes-Richards and Mrs. Hilde Swinden. The third Borough Councillor, Mr. Geoffrey Theobald, was unable to attend.

Parish Council representatives spoke of the desirability of a borough and county liaison officer for parish councils, a suggestion that Mr. Barnes accepted. The case was also put to Mr. Barnes for more agency (i.e. sub-contract) work from the K.C.C. to parish councils and for Pembury in particular. The example was given of grass cutting in the village—roadside verges by the county, housing estates and Camden Court by the borough and the recreation grounds, village green and burial grounds by the parish. Mr. Barnes agreed with the view that all these tasks would be better performed by the parish on an agency basis and promised to back this view when any decisions came to be made. Mr. Barnes also agreed to see what county officers could suggest to relieve Pembury of some of the burden of street lighting costs.

The second main item discussed concerned roads. The meeting endorsed the suggestion for a "No Right Turn" sign at the A21 junction with Canterbury Road and went on to discuss the obstruction to Pembury Close complained about by some residents. Although it is not within the parish boundary, the meeting discussed the K.C.C.'s decision not to make provision for traffic lights at the Pembury Road/Blackhurst Lane junction where the junction is a frequent source of hold-ups and the congestion at Woodsgate Corner at peak times. Mr. Barnes promised to take up both these matters at County Hall.

Other topics of discussion were gipsies—on which the county has issued a new report—and the B2015 by-pass which, the meeting was told, would go into the County Council's draft budget to ensure a start early in 1983.

The meeting ended with Mr. Barnes discussing with members the possible closure of the Weald of Kent School in Tonbridge and his views and possible solutions of this complicated problem.

It was felt that the comparatively informal atmosphere of the meeting helped greatly towards the airing of opinions and points of view from both sides. The next meeting is fixed for February.

# YOUR CLERK REPORTS .....

You may remember that in the September issue the Editor raised the subject of the provision of a community car scheme in Pembury for those villagers who are without the use of a car, but who need occasional help with transport. He asked to hear from those who would appreciate such a service.

Unhappily, only one reply was received, from Miss Gower, whose letter to the Editor is printed on Page 9. I am positive that the lack of response from those without the use of a car was not because there is not a need, but rather because of a real sense of independence.

There must be many residents who have to make essential trips to doctors, dentists, hospitals, etc, who would welcome assistance, just as there are many parishioners who would welcome giving a little of their spare time to help others. May I therefore repeat the Editor's request, that if you fit in either of these categories, would you please contact either the Editor or myself to see whether such a service can be started in Pembury.

Miss Gower's letter raises another point. She intimated that one music lover with a car—and two or three empty seats—could help those not so fortunate in health to enjoy an occasional orchestral concert in Tunbridge Wells. I am sure in the very well-attended audiences at these concerts there must be more than one willing Pembury car driver.

I am also certain that there are other areas in which villagers could help the infirm or house-bound in so many ways. Again, the Editor or I would be more than pleased to learn if you need help or whether you wish to help others.

In ending this report, may I again take this opportunity of sending to our readers both my own and my members' best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. S. J. Plant



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# FOR YOUR DIARY

- Jan 2 Footpath Walkers — Walk, meet Stonecourt Lane, 2.15 p.m.  
 4 Parish Council — Amenities, Planning, Finance — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 7 Afternoon W.I. — The Shetland, Mrs. Beckwith — V. Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 8 Evening W.I. — All about Beef, Mr. Peter Speaigh — V. Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 12 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall, 2-4.30 p.m.  
 18 Parish Council — Highways, Planning, Public Relations — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 26 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall 2-4.30 p.m.
- Feb 1 Parish Council meeting — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 4 Afternoon W.I. — A Vet's Tales, Mr. Craig — V. Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 5 Evening W.I. — Flying High by a British Airways air hostess — V. Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 6 Footpath Walkers — Walk, meet Camden 2.15 p.m.  
 9 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall 2-4.30 p.m.  
 10 Outgrown Children's Wear — Sale, V. Hall 10.30 p.m. - 12 noon  
 13 Footpath Walkers — Clearance party, meet Stonecourt Lane 10 a.m.  
 15 Parish Council — Amenities, Planning, Finance — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 23 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall 2-4.30 p.m.  
 25 Horticultural Society — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — V. Hall 7.45 p.m.
- Mar 1 Parish Council — Highways, Planning, Public Relations — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 4 Afternoon W.I. — Music Quiz, Mrs. Hilden — V. Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 5 Evening W.I. — A Silversmith and his Trade — V. Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 6 Footpath Walkers — Walk, meet Bo-Peep corner 2.15 p.m.  
 8 Horticultural Society — Floral Art Group — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 9 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall 2-4.30 p.m.  
 15 Parish Council meeting — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 23 Darby & Joan Club — V. Hall 2-4.30 p.m.  
 25 Horticultural Society — Dahlias and Chrysanthemums, Mr. Julian Martin — V. Hall 8 p.m.  
 29 Parish Council — Amenities, Planning, Finance — V. Hall 8 p.m.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Upper Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion with Sermon  
 10.00 a.m. Family Communion (last Sunday)  
 11.30 a.m. Junior Church  
 4.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon  
 5.00 p.m. Shortened Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)

### Parish Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Second Sunday)  
 11.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon  
 11.15 a.m. Sung Communion with Sermon (4th Sunday)



Every Monday — Pembury Old Tyme and Modern Dance Club — R.C. Hall —

7.45-10.15 p.m. (35p)

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