

PEMBURY

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*For years and years, these trees
have stood,
The trials of time and tide,
Silently they stand aloof,
Like giants above so high –
They've outlived 'landings on the
moon',
Dictatorships, Queens and Kings,
For decades yet they'll still be there
Well in the 21st Century.*

*And if you travel along 239,
The footpath rugged and old,
Deep down below the Pembury vales
Come sleet, or snow, or cold –
'Tis then you'll feel or sense some
time
As in the days of yore,
When villagers still walked this way
A thousand times before.*

*Terrence St John
17 Belfield Road*

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VIEWPOINT

now's your chance

On February 1st the Parish Council held its first public question session at the end of business at the full meeting of the Council. Or rather, when the business of the evening was concluded at 8.30 p.m. members waited for the public to arrive bursting with questions—and none arrived.

To be fair one member of the public attended the meeting but he did not wish to ask anything afterwards so, after waiting perhaps 20 minutes, the meeting broke up.

Now this piece is not intended as criticism of parishioners for lack of interest. Although the intention of holding public question sessions was published in the December Newsletter, maybe people didn't take any particular note.

But the point needs to be made that it is the interests of everybody in Pembury that the jobs for which the Parish Council is responsible are properly carried out and subject to democratic scrutiny.

Parish Councils do not have extensive powers. But the spheres in which they exercise control are those which tend to make the village a village and not just a collection of houses served by

roads, cleansed by dustmen and paying rates which mostly go to a distant county authority.

Recreation grounds, allotments, churchyards, street lighting except on the A21, the Village Hall are among the matters for which the Parish Council is responsible. They are, if you like, parish pump matters but without such amenities the village would be a poorer place to live in.

And it is only right that if a parishioner feels there is room for improvement in, or a new approach to, the management of such matters he or she should have the opportunity of saying so and asking those responsible for their views and, maybe, their justification of certain actions.

Such question and answer sessions could also have the advantage of making clear to the public what the limits of Parish Council authority are. That is not to say, however, that the Council cannot make its views known higher up the administrative scale. Parish Councils, for instance, do not have planning powers but their opinions are sought by District and County Councils. They have no jurisdiction over roads but they can draw attention to traffic hazards.

So if parishioners come along to ask questions at a Parish Council meeting they will not be wasting their time. If it is a matter of simple Parish Council responsibility the question can be answered there and then. If it concerns an authority higher up the ladder the comments can be passed to those with the power of decision.

Parish Council meetings are held at roughly six-week intervals, subject to interruption by Bank Holidays or the summer break. The dates are in the Diary at the end of this Newsletter.

They start at 8 p.m. and the public question session is timed for 8.30 p.m. Committee meetings, also noted in the Diary, are held at fortnightly intervals between full Parish Council meetings. They are also open to the public although they do not include a public question time. But if a committee is discussing something of importance to you, you can see how it arrives at its decision and, as that decision comes up for ratification at the next full Parish Council meeting, then is the time to ask your question.

HORTICULTURE



PEMBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GIVES NEW CUPS

This year the Society has taken steps to encourage young people in Pembury to exhibit at its two annual shows. Two members have donated challenge cups for competition in these classes, which are open to boys and girls up to the age of 16.

Honorary Secretary Mr. Maurice Mepham writes:—

To encourage young people of the village to exhibit in our Flower and Produce Shows, the committee has made an addition of four classes, for those aged 16 and under, to each of the two shows to be held this year.

There will be two classes of Cookery and two of Floral Art. Prize money will be 75p, 50p and 25p in each class. The overall points winner will receive—in the Summer Show on July 10th—the Maurice S. Mepham Cup and in the Autumn Show on September 11th the Arthur Bromwich Cup. **Entry is free.**

Schedules for both Shows can be obtained from either the Show Secretary, 38 Lower Green Road, telephone 2714, or from the Hon. Secretary, 16 The Paddock, telephone 2703.

YOUR CLERK REPORTS

The Annual Parish Meeting of Pembury Parish Council takes place this year on Wednesday, March 17th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity as a parishioner to question your parish councillors on decisions taken on your behalf during the past year.

This opportunity is quite special to Parish Councils. Borough Councils such as Tunbridge Wells have no such machinery and therefore do not have to account personally to their electors each year. May I therefore extend an invitation to you to come to the Village Hall on March 17th?

One of my duties at that meeting will be to present a financial report for the year ending March 31st 1981, and as usual I am setting out below a copy of my formal statement so that you may have the opportunity of studying it before coming to the meeting. The statement will read:—

“It is my duty to submit the following particulars in respect of the Parish finances for the year ending March 31st 1981. For this period precepts amounting to £44,744 were demanded from the Rating Authority by your Parish Council. Receipts from burials, interest on capital and miscellaneous income amounted to £9,039.15 which together with loan monies of £4,000 made a total of £57,783.15. This sum, combined with a total of £9,639.72 brought forward from the financial year ended on March 31st 1980, totalled £67,422.87.

Expenditure for the same year amounted to £63,604.83, which left a surplus of £3,818.04 carried forward to the commencement of the current financial year 1981/82. This sum appears as a credit on the Burial Board account of £2,281.94, on the Allotments Account of £314.23, on the Public Lighting Account of £177.01 and on the General Account of £1,044.86.

Outstanding loans as at March 31st 1981 due to the Bank of England totalled £34,016.13. These comprised £280.22 in respect of the Burial Grounds, £234.54 in respect of Allotment land, £14,455.62 in respect of Woodside Playing Fields, £10,735.85 in respect of the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground improvements and £8,309.90 in respect of the Village Hall.

The major items of expenditure during 1980/81 were incurred by wages, graduated pensions, public lighting, repairs and renewals to machinery and parish property and the renovation and improvements to the Village Hall.

The accounts of Pembury Parish Council were audited and approved by the District Auditors on June 11th 1981.

The Parish Rate for the financial year 1982/83 is 8.4p in the £ which will produce the sum of £46,620. Last year the same rate in the £ produced £44,744, a difference accounted for by a slight increase in Pembury's rateable value.

I would with respect request that the Chairman of your Council submits this financial report for the year ended March 31st 1981 for adoption.”

As you will see the Parish Council has for the second year in succession been able to hold the parish element of your rates while it is anticipated that the Borough and County Councils are likely to announce increases in their parts of the make-up of your rates bill at around the inflation level of 11-12 per cent. As you will see from my financial statement the total amount required by Pembury Parish Council for the benefit of its own residents is £46,620 which works out at approximately £22 per year from every rateable property – 43 pence a week – while the Borough and County Councils take a staggering £558,000 from Pembury residents. This works out at £262 per property per year which is added to other monies they collect to run all the areas (including Pembury) which are administered by Tunbridge Wells Borough and Kent County Council respectively. It is worth bearing in mind that with the anticipated inflationary increase the combined Borough and County Council demands in the coming year are likely to rise to £625,000 while the Parish Council's demands remain the same. You will appreciate therefore that any increase in your rate bill this year is solely due to the increased financial requirements of the Borough and County Councils.

It is a sobering thought that even though Pembury has held its part of the rates stable, its element in the total bill could be reduced quite dramatically if the parish had the industry that Paddock Wood enjoys. To show you how industry would benefit Pembury, based on a comparison with Paddock Wood, your parish council would only have to precept for 4.6p in the £ instead of its present figure.

“Does Pembury need Industry?” would make an interesting debating point!

Community Transport

A few months ago the Parish Council decided to investigate the need for a community car service in Pembury. In fact only three people wrote in response to the council inquiry published in the Newsletter.

But as it happens sterling work in this connection is already being done by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in the village.

Apart from the Meals-on-Wheels service, which ensures that house-bound people receive meals (financed by the County Council), the WRVS organises much other transport work and service to the community. It covers Pembury, the Kent and Sussex, Hawkenbury and the Homeopathic Hospitals, and Highlands House, including out-patients' clinics, canteens, trolley shops and reception. Transport to and from these hospitals can also be arranged for relatives of patients. Visiting and shopping for the house-bound is also arranged where possible and other requests for help are met in other fields when the occasion arises.

If you, or others you know, need this kind of help you should first contact Pembury's WRVS representative, Mrs. Hildy Swinden of 6 Church Road, telephone Pembury 3378.

As can be appreciated work in these fields is increasing in the Tunbridge Wells area and help is needed in all branches, especially in driving, the Meals-on-Wheels service, in the hospitals and in old people's welfare.

If you should have a few regular hours to spare to help in this work, you would be so welcome. Again, contact should first be made with Hildy Swinden who will be able to give further information. Incidentally, despite the "Women" in WRVS, men are welcomed as helpers, especially with driving.



Photo: Peter Bromwich

Cricketers do it themselves

The spirit of self-help in Pembury is alive and well and living among members of the village cricket club.

Throughout the winter, except when the worst of the weather drove them indoors, up to 15 members at a time have been hard at work building an extension to the pavilion which will just about double the size of the existing building.

One of the first and hardest jobs was digging out the foundations. When members heard that a mechanical digger would cost £200 a day to hire they decided to do the back-breaking job themselves.

Then there was roughly 1,800 square feet of concrete flooring to lay and more than one truck load of building blocks each weighing about half a hundred-weight.

The extension will provide bigger tea room facilities, indoor toilets, showers and a small bar, giving Pembury Cricket Club facilities for players and spectators equal to those enjoyed by the larger town-based clubs.

Once the walls and roof are erected other members with electrician's, plumber's and other craft skills will move in with the aim of completing the new building by the beginning of May.

The estimated cost of the extension is around £10,000 largely financed by loans from the Sports Council and the Kent County Playing Fields Association. But these are loans, not grants, and must be repaid within a short period of years. So far the Club has not made a public appeal but at its jumble sale on March 13th it will invite members of the public to contribute towards an amenity of which the village may well be proud.

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Turning the heat on

It is hoped that work on modernising the central heating system in the Village Hall will begin soon.

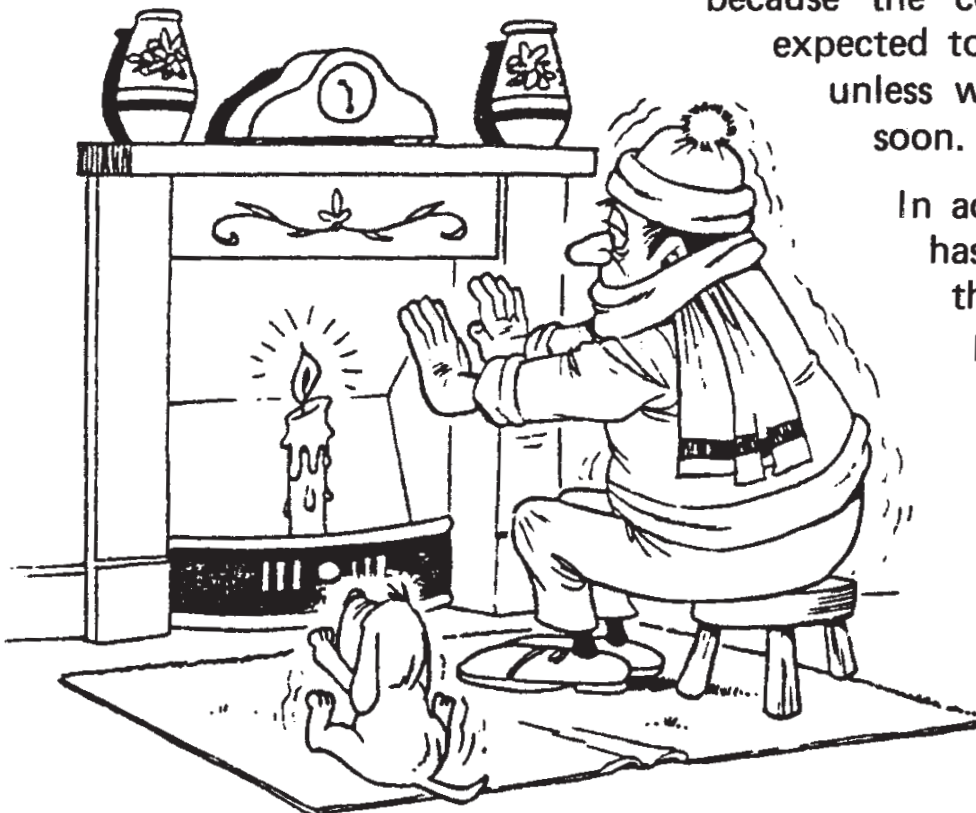
The Parish Council at one time hoped to get loan sanction to raise £3,000 to cover the bulk of the cost—estimated at around £3,700, which includes insulating the roof. But loan sanction, which was formerly processed by the appropriate district council (in our case Tunbridge Wells Borough) is now, under the latest of many Government edicts concerning the running of local government affairs, administered on behalf of all the parish councils of England by the National Association of Parish Councils.

As the National Association warned us that there was an immense number of applications for what after all is a limited amount of loan sanction, the Parish Council has decided to proceed in another way.

In one way or another the Village Hall Management Committee can raise about £2,300 as the result of donations over the past two years and its own cash balances. There is also the near-certainty of a £900 grant from the Borough Council which gives an overall total of £3,200. An allowance was made in next year's Parish Council estimates to spend £350 on renewing the flooring at the side of the stage and a further £200 on an epidiascope and provision was made to raise these sums through the parish rate. Instead it has been decided to postpone these two items and use the money instead to make up the sum required to carry out the central heating project.

The decision had to be taken with some urgency because the cost of the installation is expected to rise by about 15 per cent unless work is put in hand pretty soon.

In addition to this work money has been set aside to pay for the installation of a 60-amp plug to cope with extra stage lighting and for a new heavy-duty curtain track.



IN BRIEF



- ✿ To mark a lifetime's service to Pembury—51 of them on the Parish Council—by the late Mr. Arthur Penn, the Parish Council is to plant a flowering cherry tree in the grounds of Camden Court. It will also present a memorial seat to be placed in the grounds of the Court, with which Mr. Penn was closely associated for many years. The tree planting and presentation will take place on March 20th—a Saturday—at 10.30 a.m.
- ✿ For the fourth successive year children of Pembury Junior School will give a display of Maypole and country dancing on the Village Green to celebrate May Day, which this year falls conveniently on May 1. The event will also include the crowning of the May Queen, chosen by the children themselves. This is a colourful occasion to which everyone is invited. Refreshments will be available. Dancing is timed to start at 10.30 a.m.
- ✿ The Newsletter is delivered to every house in the village with the exception of a very few on the outer edges of the parish. These hand deliveries—totalling 2,128—are undertaken by parish councillors, who on average deliver just over 160 apiece. Because, for production reasons, the Newsletters are always delivered to councillors at the weekend, often on Sunday afternoon, a number of councillors are unable to start delivering until the following weekend, which sometimes means that readers don't know about events early in the quarterly diary until after they have happened. If anyone with a bit of spare time feels inclined to help—say by undertaking to deliver in their own road—deliveries could be speeded up. Anyone willing to help in this way would be welcomed with open arms. The Clerk, who masterminds the delivery roster, can tell volunteers which roads are available.
- ✿ By the time you read this it is hoped that four spanking new commemorative plaques will have been placed—in concrete—alongside trees planted to mark historic events in national or village life and which have so far remained anonymous. Three of the trees are on the Village Green. They mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V back in the pre-television era of 1935, our present Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and the opening of the A21 By-Pass Campaign in 1976. The fourth tree, planted early last year to commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday in 1980 (it was a few weeks late and has since died but is being replaced) is on the lawn outside Camden Court.
- ✿ There is no denying that the village's Darby and Joan Club is a great success. Recently its numbers swelled to 107 which may not be an all-time record but shows an increase of some 20 members during the past year. Such an organisation is not run without many background helpers. Very important among them are the ladies who prepare cakes and sandwiches for the club's fortnightly meetings. As the membership has increased it so happens that some of

the helpers have dropped out for various reasons. The Club would therefore like to hear from any lady willing to undertake the making of cakes and/or sandwiches for the club's regular meetings, which number around 20 a year. The system is that no one is normally asked to be responsible for more than one meeting a year and often that responsibility is broken down as between those who make cakes and those who prepare sandwiches. If you are willing to volunteer for this essential work please get in touch with the Club's secretary, Mrs. Beryl Greatrex on Pembury 2669.

✿ Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is anxious to establish a tourist caravan site in its area. This would serve not only families from other parts of the United Kingdom but what are hoped to be increasing numbers of visitors from the Continent, where such facilities are commonplace. Asked for its opinion on three sites, all in the area of the A21 between Blackhurst Lane and the parish boundary by Fairthorne Garage, the Parish Council has indicated a preference for a site which will be close to the link road now being constructed between the A21 and Longfield Road on the Tunbridge Wells industrial estate.

✿ There will be an election of a borough councillor for Pembury on Thursday, May 6th. The vacancy is caused by the retirement on rotation from the Borough Council of Mrs. Hildy Swinden. Mrs. Swinden was elected last year following the death of the late Councillor Bolsover whose term of office would have expired in May and she therefore had only one year to serve before having to vacate her seat. Although nominations do not have to be made until three weeks before the date of the election, we understand Mrs. Swinden will be standing again for the seat.

✿ Pembury Players originally planned to present their Music Hall programme in the Village Hall on the evenings of February 12th and 13th. For various reasons it was decided to put the date back some six weeks. The performances will now take place in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st and Saturday, April 3rd.

✿ The four new Parish Council notice boards are now in place—outside the Village Hall, at the entrance in Lower Green Road to the Recreation Ground, near the junction of The Meadow (opposite the Primary School) and at Bo-Peep Corner. The intention is that Parish Council notices shall be displayed on the boards and notices prepared by recognised village organisations—posters announcing events and so on. Permission to put notices in the boards should be sought either from the Clerk or from Mr. Robert Allen, Chairman of the Parish Council's Public Relations Committee. The addresses and telephone numbers of both are on Page 17 of the Newsletter. In addition Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has re-erected its notice board on the Camden car park, which was taken down more than two years ago when improvements were made to the car park. This is intended primarily for Borough Council notices but if space is available this can also be used by village organisations on the same terms as the Parish Council boards.

✿ A considerable part of the village will be visited by volunteers bearing a village survey questionnaire prepared by the Pembury 2000 Committee. Some roads have already been covered but many more are in the pipeline. Six years ago the

Clearing the snow

When the Meteorological Office issues a snow or frost warning it is all systems go for Mr. Bob Greenham, the K.C.C.'s Divisional Road Surveyor based at Five Oak Green, whose "parish" includes Pembury.

The systems include the despatch of five specialist salting and gritting lorries, keeping a close watch on subsequent weather forecasts, and radio contact between his office and County Hall and with his teams on the roads.

In recent years the need for economy has led the County Council to limit attention to motorways, trunk roads (such as the A21) and Class A and B roads. On warnings of severe frost Mr. Greenham reckons his lorries can cover all the A and B roads in his area in about two hours.

But when it is a question of snow, progress is inevitably slower, being dependent on the severity of the snowfall, the temperature and whether high winds cause drifting.

Drifting, fortunately is not usually a problem in Mr. Greenham's division, but when it does occur priority is given to keeping the A21 and other A roads open. Otherwise snow conditions mean that the A and B roads are salted and gritted—and ploughed if necessary—and once these roads are under control attention is then given to built-up areas to enable motorists to get to and from their homes on to the main roads.

County policy does not allow for salting and gritting of unclassified roads but concessions are made to such roads as Henwood Green Road which has some sharp gradients and is a bus route. In addition Mr. Greenham can contact a dozen contractors in his area—mostly farmers—who fit county-supplied snow ploughs to their tractors and go out to clear a pre-arranged network of minor roads in their areas.

Weather forecasts do not always come at convenient times but in the majority of cases Mr. Greenham is able to warn his teams before they leave work for the day that they will be required for snow or frost duty either later that evening or during the night before the rush-hour traffic starts. Sometimes the teams may do two turns of duty during the night if conditions are severe.

One headache can be caused by a weekend snowfall when there is insufficient traffic about to distribute the salt and grit applied and dissolve accumulations of slush. When that happens it is essential to shift the slush with a snowplough because there is little to be done once the slush has set into hard ridges.

Mr. Greenham's area is the same as that covered by Tunbridge Wells Borough, with the exception that he does not cover Tunbridge Wells town or Bidborough and Speldhurst. Two of his special lorries are stationed at Five Oak Green and the other three at Cranbrook.

In snowy weather many people telephone or call at his depot asking to buy salt to deal with their domestic snow clearance. Mr. Greenham told the Newsletter that he had always to refuse such requests because the county does not sell salt which it needs in case of future emergencies.

Inevitably a heavy snowfall causes disruption and away from the main roads some people may feel that more could be done. But Mr. Greenham points out that to maintain expensive equipment to deal with every emergency—including the 126 miles of pavements in his district—would add vastly to the rate bill and is just not economic when viewed from the standpoint of cost-effectiveness.

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Vicar moves on

The Rev. Christopher Hodgson managed things very tidily. He was inducted as Vicar of Pembury on February 7th 1964; he preached his farewell sermon on February 7th 1982 before leaving five days later to become Rector of Aynho with Newbottle and Charlton on the Oxfordshire-Northamptonshire border.

During his 18 years in the village Christopher Hodgson saw its population double. But he maintained that more people did not necessarily mean that there was more of a community spirit in Pembury.

He was fond of insisting that Pembury was really at least four hamlets which to some extent still retain their individuality today despite the building boom of the fifties and sixties.

When he arrived, he told the Newsletter, it was just about possible to visit everyone in the village on a reasonably regular basis. Today the village is too big for that. In his view Pembury had become something of a dormitory area living under the shadow of Tunbridge Wells. Many newcomers, he felt, regarded the village as a place to live in but not one to which they owed that loyalty which comes from birth or long residence in an area.

It was with the aim of encouraging a unity of purpose in the village that some eight years ago he collaborated with Mr. Derek Betts, then Chairman of the Parish Council, in launching a village fete committee. Between them they contacted like-minded people and from those moves a committee was formed. So long as the fete committee, which later became Pembury Chest, continued to operate, Christopher Hodgson was a staunch supporter of their aims.

One of the factors operating against village unity, he said before he left, was that although there had been extensive house-building there was no extension of shopping or social facilities to match it. Ideally, he said, he would like to see a small supermarket on the Royal Oak site allied with the building of specialist shops. That is a view many of us would agree with. Economics, however, seems to operate against its translation into practicality.

Pembury was no longer a village, he summed up, but it had not developed as a town.

However, during his time among us Christopher Hodgson registered some signal successes. Relations with the Catholic community became cordial. One of the earliest functions in aid of the parish church repair fund appeal was held in the Catholic Hall and he had the satisfaction of seeing that the ancient church was rendered safe for future generations as a result of perhaps the most successful local appeal ever. He encouraged, too, links between the church and Larkfield Hall which is now an integral part of the life of the community. The children's church flourishes and every child baptised in the church receives a birthday card until it is five and parents are encouraged to maintain the link by enrolling their children in the junior church. The church's own youth group and its links with the Scouts and Guides show an encouraging involvement with young people in Pembury.

Mr. Hodgson also established close relations with Kent College and for the past 16 years he was Chaplain to Pembury Hospital which involved regular visiting and weekly Sunday services in the geriatric wards.



(Photo: Courier)

Vicar moves on (continued)

A party of parishioners went from Pembury to Aynho on February 22nd to see Mr. Hodgson inducted into his new living. The new parish has a total population of about 1,200, is almost entirely rural and contains two churches. There Mr. Hodgson hopes he will be in the position of getting to know everyone.

He will start off with the advantage of knowing something of the area. His parents lived for some years in a cottage not far from his new parish and they are buried in the churchyard of Epwell about 10 miles away.

While we bid God speed to Mr. Hodgson, his wife Mary and their two daughters we do not yet know the name of his successor who will be the first occupant of the recently-completed vicarage.

In Brief (continued)

committee carried out its first village survey which resulted in the preparation of the Pembury 2000 report setting out a number of objectives for the development of the village in the last quarter of the twentieth century. The report, approved by the Parish Council, forms the framework for council policy regarding Pembury's future. With the expected building of two by-passes within the next three years and the fate of the Royal Oak site still undecided, it was felt that some up-dating of the 2000 Report was needed—hence the current survey. The questionnaire contains 20 questions framed to give a composite picture of the kind of community we are and of our various aspirations for and criticisms of our village.

✿ A parishioner writes what might be described as a summer-time letter, asking for householders to think before lighting a bonfire. Not a problem which has much concerned us during the wintry spell before and after Christmas but as our correspondent points out it can be a nuisance during the daytime and during weekends before 6 p.m. when neighbours may be sitting, working or playing in the gardens. It is made impossible, she writes, to do so when smoke is wafting over the garden from next door. Control of bonfires is one of those grey areas of the law, like making a noise. You are not forbidden to do it and trouble only begins when someone complains. It really boils down to common sense, tact and good neighbourliness.

✿ The Royal Oak Sea-Fishing Club runs fishing trips throughout the year. Further information on Club's activities from Ken Simmonds. Tel: Tunbridge Wells 41760.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

- April
- 1 Pembury Players – Music Hall – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 1 Afternoon W.I. – Birthday Party. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 2 Evening W.I. – Do you know your Footpaths?
Mr. Charles Farmer and Ramblers' Association members. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 3 Pembury Players – Music Hall – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 3 Footpath Walkers – Walk, meet Stonecourt bus stop 2.15 p.m.
 - 5 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 6 Darby & Joan Club – Village Hall 2-4.30 p.m.
 - 17 Footpath Walkers – Clearance party (with Tunbridge Wells Ramblers' Association group) –
Camden car park 2.15 p.m.
 - 19 Parish Council – Highways, Planning, Public Relations – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 19 Darby & Joan Club – Coffee morning – Village Hall 10 a.m.-12 noon.
 - 29 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk by Mr. Brian Doe – Plants and Shrubs for a Small
Garden – Village Hall 8 p.m.
- May
- 1 Footpath Walkers – Walk, meet Camden 2.15 p.m.
 - 1 Pembury School May Queen and Country Dance Festival – Village Green 10.30 a.m.
 - 4 Darby & Joan Club – Half-day outing, venue to be decided.
 - 7 Evening W.I. – Resolutions; Beetle drive – Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 10 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 10 Parish Council (Public question session 8.30 p.m.) – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 13 Afternoon W.I. – Resolutions – Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 15 Friends of Pembury Parish Church – Barn Dance – Catholic Hall 8 p.m.
 - 18 Darby & Joan Club – Village Hall 2-4.30 p.m.
 - 19 Outgrown Children's Wear – Sale – Village Hall 10.30 a.m.- 12 noon
 - 24 Parish Council – Amenities, Planning, Finance – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 27 Horticultural Society – Talk by Mr. Laurie Manser, subject to
be arranged – Village Hall 8 p.m.
- June
- 1 Darby & Joan Club – Village Hall 2-4.30 p.m.
 - 3 Afternoon W.I. – Travels in Russia, Mrs. S. Gibbons –
Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 4 Evening W.I. – Royal Heritage, R. J. Fullagar – Village
Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 5 Footpath Walkers – Walk, meet Bo-Peep 2.15 p.m.
 - 7 Parish Council – Highways, Planning, Public
Relations – Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 14 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group –
Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 15 Darby & Joan Club – Outing to Eastbourne
 - 21 Parish Council (Public question session 8.30 p.m.)
– Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 26 Pembury School Parent-Teacher Association –
FETE – School 2 p.m.
 - 28 Parish Council – Amenities, Planning, Finance
– Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 29 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting with food mixer
demonstration – Village Hall 2-4.30 p.m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

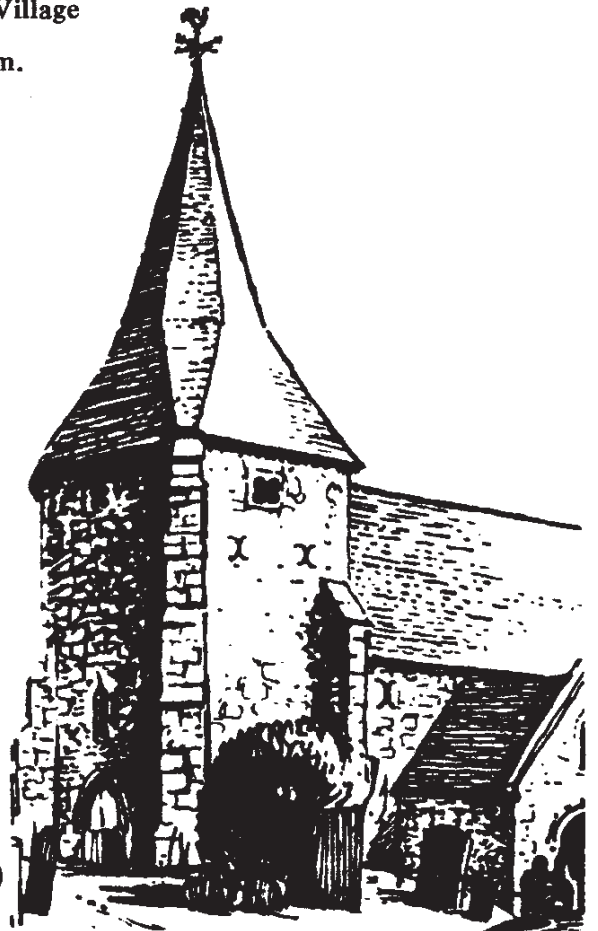
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion with Sermon
- 10.00 a.m. Family Communion (last Sunday)
- 11.30 a.m. Junior Church
- 4.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon
- 5.00 p.m. Shortened Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)

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 Friday – W.I. Market – V.Hall 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.

Every Monday – Pembury Old Tyme and Modern Dance Club – R.C. Hall – 7.45-10.15 p.m.



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