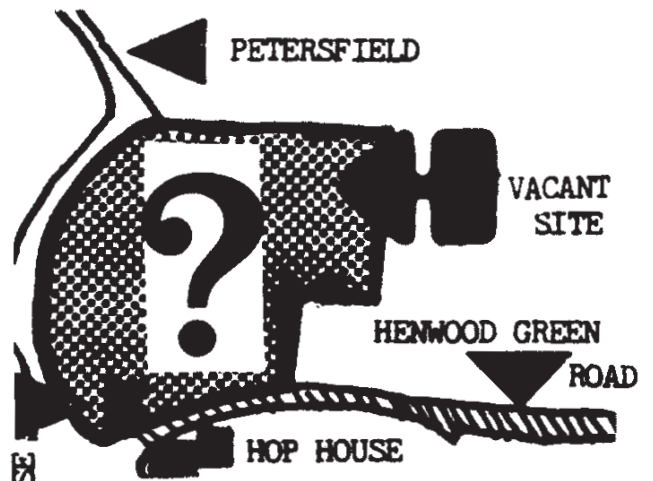


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the Supermarket
site?
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VIEWPOINT

WHOSE FAULT ?

Do you know where your children go in the evening? The reason for this question is that during the summer there has been a recurrence of unruly behaviour in the Lower Green Road recreation ground during the evening and continuing on some occasions long after the gates have been locked at sunset.

Nearby residents complain that noisy parties seem to be held in the ground, that in some instances bricks and other missiles have been hurled at garden fences and houses – one resident had a cast-iron drainpipe shattered – and that complaints are met with threatening behaviour.

On at least one occasion the man whom the Parish Council employs to open and close the gates was threatened by youths as he went to lock the gates at night.

Now, of course, the closure of gates, unless they are topped with barbed wire or spikes, and are about ten feet high, is not going to keep out determined and high-spirited young people. The gates were primarily installed to prevent unauthorised motor cycling in the ground.

But there is all the difference in the world between mildly defying authority – something like scrumping apples (does it happen nowadays?) – and causing a raucous nuisance.

And it is here that parents come into the picture. We are not necessarily talking about gangs of youths. Some of those seen by neighbours creating a racket – and becoming threatening when remonstrated with – are children. Does this mean that there are some parents about who just don't know what their kids are getting up to between tea and bedtime?

In some cases it looks like it. Discipline seems to have become a dirty word in many people's vocabulary. It doesn't mean jumping to it when ordered by the sergeant-major. It means exercising parental authority in such a way that children grow up into reasonable beings with due regard to the rights and comforts of others.

After all, in their wisdom, the parish councillors of the thirties, bought and developed the recreation ground as a place for the enjoyment of everyone in the village. What, one wonders, would they think if they could return today and see the disgraceful way the pavilion is treated or hear some of those living in nearby houses say that they fear a brick being thrown through a window?

SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS FUND

After a campaign lasting little over three years the men and women who banded together to raise money to build a headquarters for the village's Scouts and Guides believe that a start may be made in 1986.

Following the highly successful Village Fete on July 13th, which netted just over £2,000 for the venture, the building fund now stands at around £16,500 and more fund-raising activities are projected.

The building fund's chairman, Mr. Tony Berry, said he was preparing an application for a grant from Kent County Council which, together with additional money he hoped to raise, would bring a total of £27,000 by April 1st next year.

Such a sum, he said, would enable the organisation to build the foundations on the site of the proposed building at the edge of the Lower Green Road recreation ground, erect the shell of the building and construct an approach road.

"Once the building is weatherproof," he said, "volunteers can get on with much of the work of erecting partitions and installing various services."

On June 8th the fund's organisers held an exhibition in the Catholic Hall at which a model of the proposed building was displayed. This sectional building, fully equipped, is expected to cost around £75,000. Mr. Berry said great interest was shown in the project and he had since had a number of helpful talks with residents in Woodhill Park whose houses are close to the development and who were anxious to clear up any doubts they might have about its effect on the neighbourhood. In particular he stressed that an arrangement would be made whereby residents accustomed to walking their dogs in the nearby woods would be able to use the approach road and a gate into the woodland path which would obviate their having to make a long detour across the recreation ground.

AGE CONCERN

Plans are now well forward for establishing a day care centre for the elderly in Pembury. Age Concern, which for some time pursued a scheme to build an addition to the Upper Church which would double as a day care centre and a parish hall, has now transferred its attention to the Royal Oak site where at one time it was suggested that a health centre should be built.

The site faces Henwood Green Road and is owned by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council which has approved the scheme in principle. Details have still to be worked out and plans were put before the borough council in September.

If it goes through the resulting centre will have the bonus of being available as a community building available for lettings during the evenings.

Mrs. Kathleen Meade, Age Concern organiser for the area, who retired from that post on September 4th, has for the past three years been a leading member of a committee set up to look into the possibility of establishing such a centre in the village.

She explained that much of the capital funding of the scheme would come from Kent County Council's Social Services Department. There will, however, be some dependence on local fund-raising and a great deal on volunteers to enable the centre to operate on a hoped-for six days a week.

Mrs. Meade explained that the building, catering for an estimated 40 to 50 people, would be designed to up-to-date day care centre standards. These include the provision of a lunch-time meal, baths and facilities for chiropody and hair-dressing. There would also be provision for recreation.

Those eligible to use the centre would be men or women over 60 who find it difficult to cope at home. Mrs. Meade said she was anxious to dispel rumours that the centre, although planned to be built in Pembury, would draw most of its clientele from surrounding villages. This was not so, she said, although some people might be brought in from Lamberhurst, Matfield, Brenchley and Horsmonden.

Once the scheme had received detailed approval from the Borough, Mrs. Meade added, it was hoped swift action would follow and building begin on the site in the summer of 1986. If that hope was fulfilled she said the centre should begin operating early in 1987.

Mrs. Meade said the planned opening hours of the centre would be from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. This would leave the building free every evening for community use and rentals from such use would be a valuable source of income.

As soon as plans are finalised Age Concern aims to launch a publicity campaign as well as a fund-raising appeal. In any event it is holding a house-to-house collection week in Pembury from September 23rd to 28th.

Christmas is coming for PEMBURY PLAYERS

Christmas entertainment for Pembury is already lined up. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 12th, 13th and 14th, Pembury Players are staging "The Magic Apple", a home-made pantomime in the Village Hall. There will be evening performances on each day with a matinee on the Saturday.

The pantomime is written by John and Pauline Franks and the musical director is Gillian Piper.

Although the main members of the cast have already been designated, the Players could do with more help in the production. Rehearsals began in September and anyone interested in helping, either on or back stage, is asked to contact Jane Stuart-Robson on Pembury 3843 or Pauline Franks on Pembury 2386.

An innovation this year will be the production at Kent College on Wednesday, December 18th, of "A Christmas Story", an original Christmas play written by Bill Brown, already known to Pembury audiences through his leadership of the Tunbridge Wells Mixed Voice Choir in performances at the Village Hall.

The play takes a new look at the story of the first Christmas as seen through the eyes of a clergyman and his children in Jerusalem on a pilgrimage of the holy places.

The play will be staged half in modern and half in traditional garb and will be accompanied by a choir of 24 voices performing some fine Christmas anthems.

Although the lead part has already been assigned to a 12-year-old local girl, many places still remain to be filled. At the time of going to press, Bill Brown says that the choir is about half complete and the cast about one-quarter. In other words, the producers can do with another dozen singers and about the same number of actors and actresses.

Bill Brown says: "I sincerely hope that Pembury will rise to this challenge and that local churches will give it every encouragement and support." It is hoped that the Bishop of Tonbridge and the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells may be able to attend the performance.

When Bill Brown approached Kent College about producing the play in their hall, he asked the students which charity they would like to benefit from the proceeds. They told him they would like any profits to go to Ethiopian famine relief and that is what is going to be done.

In due course further publicity about this venture will be made through local churches and business premises. In the meantime anyone willing to help in the venture is asked to contact Bill Brown on Pembury 4943.

Parish Amenities



The amenities in Pembury, as most parishioners inform the Parish Council, have not kept pace with the housing explosion of the 60s and 70s. This is not the fault of the Parish Council as we have no control over the development of the village.

What has the village at present in the way of amenities?

There is the Village Hall, given to the council by the Royal British Legion in the 60s. This is managed by an independent committee which, over the years, with the help of the Parish Council, has improved the condition of the hall. But it is too small for badminton and other indoor games; it has no committee- or changing-rooms and the car park is quite inadequate. Pembury has less indoor community space than prior to 1960.

Then there is the Village Green. This is kept clean and gang-mown by our ground staff. It suffers from an abundance of signs, a bus shelter, a phone kiosk and from litter thrown from passing cars.

The Recreation Ground has two grass and one hard tennis courts, a bowling green, children's amenity play equipment and a large grass area (some of which is used by the hockey club), and a pavilion. Our ground staff does a marvellous job of maintenance but too much unpleasant time is taken up in clearing damage by vehicles, dog and human muck and vomit, empty drink bottles and cans and constant first-aid repairs to the pavilion. Recently members of the public have reported acts of vandalism to the Parish Clerk, which has enabled the Parish Council to take positive action against the culprits.

Woodside playing fields, originally purchased for use by football clubs, is an amenity area now shared by the Youth Club whose building adjoins the Arthur Penn pavilion and changing rooms.

What of the future? One's first thoughts are for a community centre but the last attempt to provide one suffered from public apathy. The Borough Council prefers to centralise this type of amenity in the town area, so little help is available from that authority. What amenities can we provide for youngsters who do not belong to Scouts, Guides or Youth Clubs?

Finally, the recently-formed Association of Pembury Football Clubs is re-vamping and decorating the Arthur Penn pavilion, the Hockey Club has plans for improving the pavilion in the Recreation Ground and the Bowls Club helps with the maintenance of the bowling green. The Parish Council fully appreciates this kind of help and it is to be hoped that co-operation on these lines will spread among all organisations in Pembury.

Dick Miles

Chairman, Parish Council Amenities Committee

(A partial solution to the community centre problem may be found when the proposed Day Care Centre for the elderly is built in Henwood Green Road. See the item on page 4.)

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supermarket site

Almost four years after the first application to build a supermarket on the site behind the Royal Oak was made, the owners of the land have had to admit the scheme has no future.

Wards (Construction) Ltd. of Chatham, who eventually obtained planning permission for a supermarket and four small shops on the site, have informed the Parish Council that they have applied, instead, to build 16 detached houses there.

In a letter accompanying the planning application, Mr. Walker, a director of Ward's, said his company had tried very hard to get a shopping development off the ground. But in succession three important supermarket chains had decided that the potential of the Pembury site was not enough to warrant their opening premises there.

"We have now reached the stage where the financial considerations affecting ownership of this site must be acknowledged," Mr. Walker wrote. He added that his company was aware of many complaints about the site's being vacant so long and added that empty houses on the site had had to be demolished because of vandalism and the possibility of danger.

Mr. Walker said he was willing to meet members of the Parish Council at any time to discuss the housing application and consider any suggestions the council might have to make.

At the time of writing such a meeting has yet to be arranged. The council hopes that it will take place before the application comes up for consideration by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's planning committee.

The Parish Council's planning committee recognises that it seems impossible to interest a supermarket chain in the Pembury site, but it hopes that by building fewer houses on the site it would be possible to leave room for a row of small shops.

Another effect of the abandonment of the scheme is that the village will lose the offer of a meeting hall which the developers undertook to build as part of the supermarket package.

IN BRIEF



S & B Autos, who advertise in the Newsletter, ask us to say that they no longer carry out lawn mower repairs. Their advertisement in the June issue should have indicated this, but this was omitted due to an error on our part. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to readers.

The Village Exhibition will be staged in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 19th from 10.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. The aim of the exhibition is to demonstrate the variety of organisations, clubs and cultural pursuits in Pembury. There will also be on display maps showing the routes of Pembury's two by-passes on which work is planned to start next year. Some 30 local organisations have indicated that they will be represented at the exhibition.

Double yellow lines have been painted along much of Camden Avenue. This means that a stretch of road which has been a favourite parking place for shoppers will no longer be available. Free parking is, of course, available on the Camden car park and along one side of the Village Green. Residents in Camden Avenue have been pressing for years for a ban on parking in their road and have expressed fears that the situation might become so bad that it could lead to obstruction to the passage of emergency vehicles. Kent County Council has at last authorised the painting of the yellow lines.

Pembury Footpath Walkers, whose monthly walks along footpaths in the parish are listed in the Diary, could always do with more people taking part in their rambles which, in the course of a year, cover all of the many miles of footpaths within the parish boundary. Walks always begin at 2.15 p.m. and average four to five miles at a fairly gentle pace. Pembury is rich in footpaths and the walkers' expeditions afford an opportunity to those who, perhaps, are unaware of the variety of rambles on their doorstep to discover for themselves the pleasure of a varied countryside.

Pembury's summer holiday play scheme enjoyed a successful fortnight, with organised recreation and a number of visits to places of interest. The scheme was organised by Mrs. Pauline Hawker and a number of helpers, most of them associated with Pembury Woodside Youth Club junior section, although the scheme has no connection with the youth club. Plans are already afoot to organise another scheme next year to be funded, as this year's was, by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

The Parish Council is to provide a removable notice board on the Village Green for the use of local organisations only which wish to provide special publicity for an event – for example the Village Fete. Supports for the board will be sunk into the surface of the Green and the board will remain in place only for a limited period to publicise any event.

The Fete held by the Friends of the Parish Church at Downingbury Farm in August raised over £800. The Friends' treasurer, Mr. Dennis Ould, said the event had been a very pleasant social occasion. At the present, he said, the Friends had no expensive project in mind, although he warned that the quinquennial inspection of the church by the diocesan architect next year might reveal faults that needed rectifying. Last year the organisation spent £3,000 on re-tiling the roof.

Following the death of Mr. Ken Grainger, a new manager of the Village Hall has been appointed. He is Mr. Frederick Cockburn whose telephone number is Pembury 2954.

In our last issue we carried an article explaining the aims of the householders' mutual aid scheme named Neighbourhood Watch. It is a plan which has the fullest backing of the police and in areas where it has operated elsewhere in the country there have been noteworthy falls in the numbers of burglaries. In our article it was stated that the Parish Council fully supported the introduction of a scheme in Pembury and asked for residents in the village to say if they were interested in forming a Neighbourhood Watch. Unfortunately no one has yet contacted the council to express interest. It may be, of course, that no one thinks it really worth the trouble. More likely someone is waiting for someone else to take the first step. It is not too late to start a Watch in Pembury, or indeed in several areas of the village. If you are interested please let the Parish Clerk, Mr. Henry Plant, know on Pembury 3459.

Our appeal in June for volunteers to help with the delivery of Meals-on-Wheels in Pembury met with some success, but there is still room for one or two more men or women to be added to the list of helpers. Regular duty only occurs once a month but to enable the scheme to work smoothly requires having a few people in reserve to take the place of helpers who are ill or on holiday. If you would like to offer your services please contact Robert Allen on Pembury 2435.



VILLAGE FETE



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Providence must look kindly on the Scout and Guide Building Fund. In a summer which will certainly break no records for sunshine or lack of rain the Village Fete, which the Fund's supporters organised for the fourth year in succession, enjoyed not only fine weather but was held on one of the hottest days of the year.

Who said thirteen was unlucky? Not only was Saturday, July 13th fine but the fete yielded a record profit of over £2,000 and it is estimated that some 2,500 people attended.

Starting, as usual, with a parade from the Village Green to the Recreation Ground, the fete provided a wide variety of stalls, sideshows and displays. The majority of organisations in Pembury were represented and there was no lack of ingenious ways of parting patrons from their money in a good cause.

It was an enjoyable occasion and the organisers are to be congratulated on finding the right mix of attractions to interest visitors of all ages.

A NEW ORGANIZATION

Operating this season for the first time is a new organisation in the village – the Association of Pembury Football Clubs.

There is a body embracing the four clubs which play regularly on the Woodside Recreation Ground and use the Arthur Penn pavilion there. The clubs are Pembury F.C. which has been in existence for many years, two West Kent Sunday League clubs, Pembury Rovers and the King William IV, and Pembury Junior F.C.

Chairman of the new organisation is Mr. Jim Smith, who explained that its formation was the result of informal talks between representatives of the clubs and negotiations with the Parish Council which owns the ground.

“We agreed we wanted football to be played at its best on the ground,” said Mr. Smith, “and we decided we should try to promote that aim from within our own resources.”

The Parish Council’s interest in the idea of an association stemmed from the fact that under the system operating hitherto, clubs paid their match fee for a pitch, used the dressing rooms and went home. Problems were dealt with as between each club and the council and plans for the overall care and development of the ground and pavilion were difficult to establish.

Discussions between the clubs and the council took place over several months and eventually this summer an agreement was drawn up whereby the association, on behalf of its member clubs, pays an annual rent of £300 and meets the cost of electricity in the pavilion.

At the same time the council is providing up to £2,600 to pay for an extensive programme of alteration and redecoration of the pavilion’s interior. The kitchen is to be done away with, there will be four changing rooms instead of the present two and new showers will be installed. Members of the associated clubs will do much of the work involved in these changes.

Mr. Smith paid tribute to the help his association had received from professional men in Pembury who had helped in drawing up plans and the terms of the agreement with the Parish Council free of charge.

The operation of the new system will be similar to that whereby the Village Hall is run by a management committee composed of Parish Council representatives and those of the principal users of the hall. The council still retains full ownership of the hall but day to day decisions are taken by the committee. So it will be with the Association of Pembury Football Clubs.

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A load of rubbish

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is seeking ways of overcoming the nuisance caused by inadequate capacity for large items of rubbish in the village areas outside Tunbridge Wells and Southborough. Skips, it has been proved, do not provide a complete answer.

But when the Borough's suggested plan for Pembury was put before the Parish Council on September 2nd it was declared a non-starter.

Instead of skips in Pembury it was suggested by the Borough that a refuse lorry should be sited in the village for a three-hour period once a fortnight. The times proposed were between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. or noon and 3.00 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday, according to the Parish Council's choice.

The suggested site for the lorry was in Amberleaze Drive, which the Borough considered as central a position as any. Some time in October was the date for the scheme to begin.

Councillor Brian Chantler said he had discussed this plan with a member of the Borough staff and had told him it was "an absolute nonsense". He had pointed out that residents going to the site and finding the lorry gone would probably dump the rubbish either on the spot or in the lanes round the village. He had also pointed out that he understood that Brenchley, Matfield and Hawkhurst, all with smaller populations than Pembury, were to get a weekly visit from the lorry. "We need at least two sites every weekend in Pembury," he told the Parish Council.

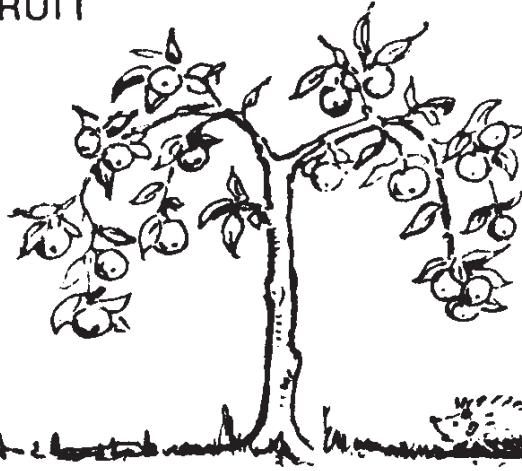
It was agreed on Councillor Brian Sands' suggestion that the Parish Council should tell the Borough that the scheme as suggested was doomed to failure from the start and that it was impossible to make any better suggestion until the matter had been fully discussed between the two bodies.

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GIPSIES

Gipsies, like the weather, are always with us – at least the question of where to site their caravans is an ever-present problem.

By law each county is supposed to cater for a certain number of gipsies on authorised sites. The provision of such sites is devolved on to the 14 local authorities in Kent. When each authority has reached its stipulated quota it becomes designated, and no further sites may be forced upon it.

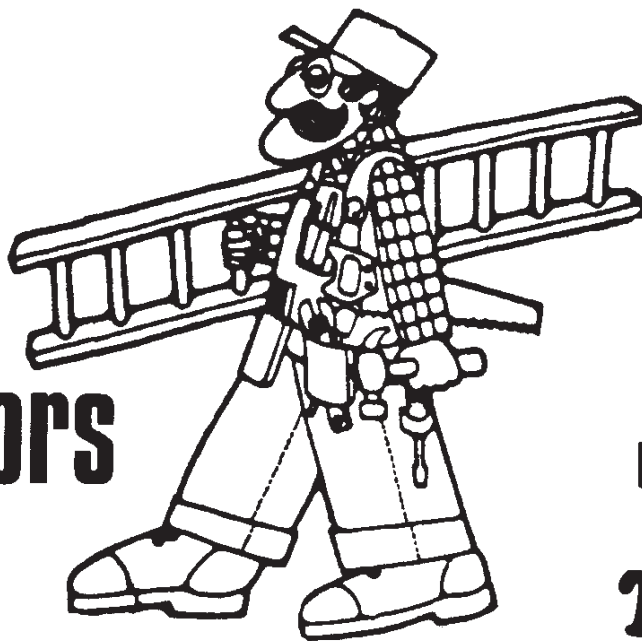
Sevenoaks and Tonbridge & Malling have reached this status. Tunbridge Wells is anxious to do so. Pembury is part of Tunbridge Wells and, as the Parish Council has recognised, must play its part – if other parishes do the same.

In the past the Borough has suggested various sites in Pembury, each of which the Parish Council has turned down. However, the Parish Council is to make the following proposal.

When the A21 by-pass is completed, the lower portion of Blackhurst Lane will be stopped up. This will leave a portion of land on the Tonbridge side of the end of Blackhurst Lane available for the construction of three caravan pitches; accommodating a maximum of six caravans. The Parish Council's proposal is that caravan dwellers, at present housed at Kippings Cross, who will have to evacuate their site when the roundabout at the eastern end of the by-pass is constructed, should be re-sited alongside Blackhurst Lane. It is understood that the entire cost of such a move would be borne by Kent County Council.

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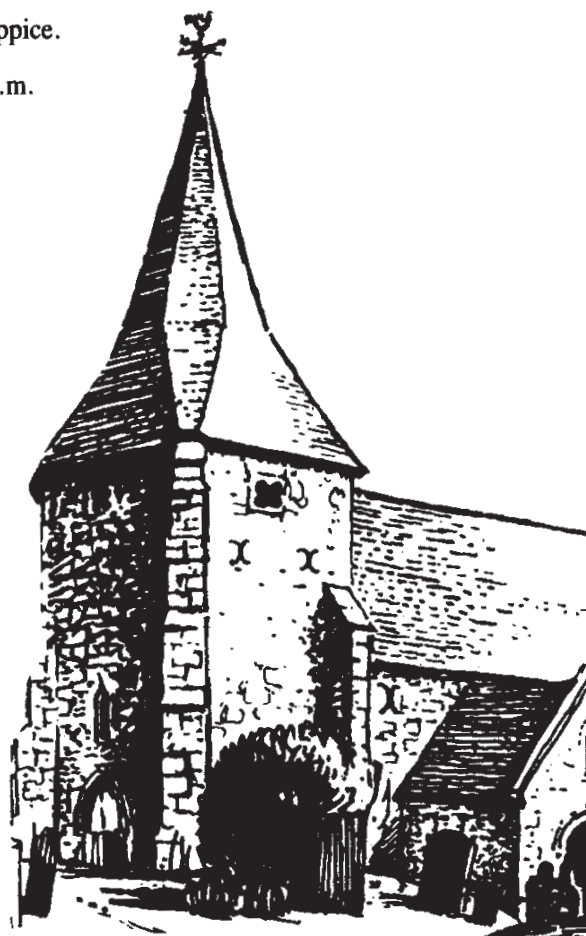
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FOR YOUR DIARY

- Oct.**
- 1 Darby & Joan Club – Film Show, Mr. Joy. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 3 Afternoon W.I. – State Rooms, Mr. Fullager. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 4 Evening W.I. – Tonbridge School then and now, Mrs. C. Everett. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Bo-Peep at 2.15 p.m.
 - 8 Ladies' Social Group – At Home in Hungary, Mrs. Croft-White. 31 The Coppice.
 - 14 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group demonstration (adm 50p) Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 15 Parish Council (Question Time 8.30) – Environmental group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 15 Darby & Joan Club – Sale of Work. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 19 VILLAGE EXHIBITION featuring all aspects of Village life. Village Hall 10.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - 22 Ladies' Social Group – Christmas Crackers (demonstration), Mrs. R. Smith. 6 Westway.
 - 29 Darby & Joan Club – Film show and commentary on a holiday in S. Africa, Mr. Fred Ringham. V. Hall 2–4.30 p.m.
 - 31 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk by Mr. Brian Doe, Village Hall 8 p.m.

- Nov.**
- 1 Evening W.I. – A.G.M. Mrs. Harden and friends entertain. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane bus stop 2.15 p.m.
 - 4 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) – Management group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 5 Ladies' Social Group – Pumpkin Pie and all that, plus bring and buy. 31 The Coppice.
 - 7 Afternoon W.I. – A.G.M. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 11 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 12 Darby & Joan Club – Sale for Save the Children Fund. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 14 Pembury Footpath Walkers – A.G.M. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 19 Ladies' Social Group – Consumer protection legislation, Mr. R. W. Fayers (Trading Standards Dept.). 3 Knights Ridge.
 - 25 Parish Council (Question Time 8.30) – Environmental group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 26 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 28 Horticultural Soc – Pan Britannica Gardeners' Quiz. V. Hall 8 p.m.

- Dec.**
- 3 Ladies' Social Group – A Walk Coast to Coast, Mr. J. King. 22 The Coppice.
 - 5 Afternoon W.I. – Christmas Party, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 6 Evening W.I. – Goodwill to Men, Mrs. W. S. R. Mutler. V. Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Camden car park. 2.15 p.m.
 - 10 Darby & Joan Club – Christmas Party. V. Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 12) Pembury Players. Pantomime "The Magic Apple"
 - 13) Village Hall 8 p.m. each evening and at
 - 14) 2.30 p.m. on the 14th
 - 16 Horticultural Soc – Floral Art Group Christmas Party. V. Hall 8 p.m.
 - 17 Parish Council (Question Time 8.30) – Management group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 17 Ladies' Social Group – Christmas Carols and Mince Pies. 24 Westway.
 - 18 Performance of "A Christmas Story", an original Nativity play featuring local actors and singers, in aid of the Ethiopian Famine Appeal. Kent College 8 p.m.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (First, Third and Fifth Sundays)
- 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion
- 11.30 a.m. Junior Church (except fourth Sunday)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong with sermon

Parish Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Second and Fourth Sundays)
- 11.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon

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

(35p)

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

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