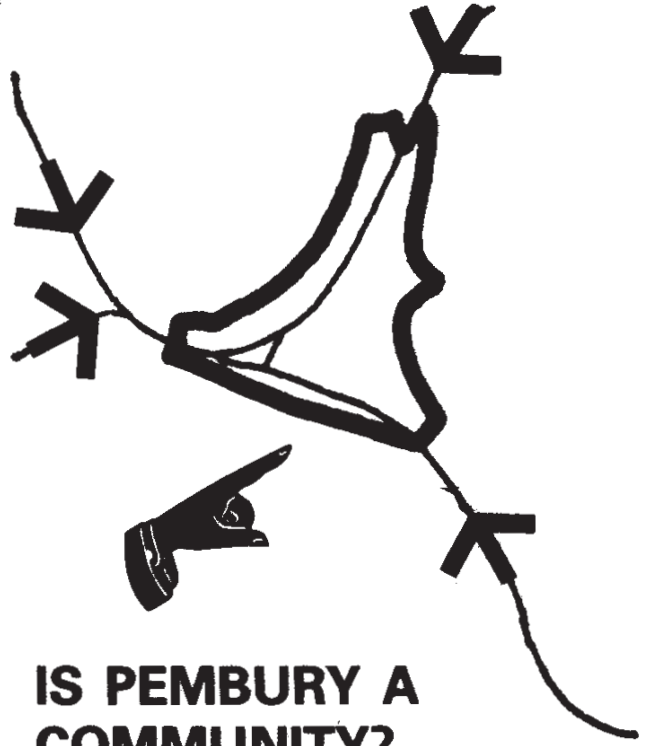


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**IS PEMBURY A
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VIEWPOINT

Community year in 1986?

What about making 1986 a Community Year for Pembury?

Critics of the village make much of the fact that it has grown too quickly – although some of them write from addresses that were unknown 15 or 20 years ago – and that it lacks a number of basic amenities. However, there is a vast difference of opinion as to what those amenities should be. Sports halls, swimming pools, community centres are extremely costly to build and to service and none of the critics gives any positive indication as to where this money – and the effort to raise – is coming from.

In various small ways, however, the community spirit has shown itself in Pembury in recent months and it is this we should try to build upon.

1986 should, we hope, see the start of building operations on the Scout and Guide head-quarters. This has taken a dedicated band of residents a comparatively short time to raise the considerable sum of money needed to get the scheme out of the rarified atmosphere of hope on to the ground of accomplishment.

There is the possibility, as you may read in the Parish Clerk's report in this issue, of another sporting venture being launched in the form of a new indoor bowls club of a specialised kind being founded.

The Hockey Club – not many years old – has well-thought plans for refurbishing and improving the pavilion in the Recreation Ground. The Association of Pembury Football Clubs has already started on a similar scheme at the Woodside pavilion. The Village Exhibition in October showed that not only is there a wide variety of community activities in Pembury but that the various organisations involved were willing to put a great deal of effort into presenting their interests in an attractive way.

In other ways, residents near the Royal Oak site took practical steps to clear up what they rightly considered a potential hazard to their neighbourhood, and the Scouts and Guides did a massive anti-litter clearance on the day of the village exhibition.

With the coming of the by-passes the future of Pembury may be in the balance. Against the benefits of the removal of heavy traffic from the village must be set the possibility that hungry eyes, backed by powerful purses, will look on Pembury as something of a milch cow, without necessarily adding anything to its amenities.

So next year – and for several years thereafter – we shall need all the community spirit we can summon up. We have a lively nucleus of village life, whatever critics may say. We could have more, as schemes already in the pipeline show. But we shall also need to be watchful of the threats to Pembury – as Mr. Robert Saunders of the Pembury Society recently pointed out – and that means not only supporting those amenities and activities that we have but also not being afraid to speak out against threats to our orderly development as a community.

YOUR CLERK REPORTS

I am calling this piece "Calling all Bowlers".

No, not cricket or hats – I am talking about the fast-growing sport of indoor bowling, or more specifically "Short Mat Bowling".

This is no ordinary indoor bowling game for the bowls buff but a sport with an appeal to all – young or old, sportsman or otherwise. The beauty of the game is that it is played on a mat 45 feet long by six feet wide which is truly portable. Short Mat Bowling is also fast catching on in the villages round Pembury, making it an ideal sport for competition.

As Clerk to the Parish Council I welcome the news that interested people are getting together to see whether they can start a Short Mat Bowling Club, and that discussions are in progress with the Village Hall Management Committee to, perhaps, jointly finance the purchase of two approved mats.

The idea is there – all the club needs is members. I understand that initial thoughts are for an annual subscription of about £5 with, say, 50p or 60p to be paid on the club evening to cover hire charges at the Village Hall. Not only will this bring a new amenity to Pembury but it will also bring welcome additional finance to Village Hall management coffers.

Are you interested?

If so, why don't you contact me on Pembury 3459 to talk about this new idea, or make a note of the inaugural meeting of the new club, which will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, January 7th 1986 at 8 p.m. At that meeting prospective members can see and test the equipment and discuss whether there is enough support for this new amenity in the village.

I hope you are able to attend this meeting in the New Year, but before this year finishes may I take this opportunity on behalf of all members of the Parish Council and myself to wish you all very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. S. PLANT

IT'S YOUR VILLAGE

'Without an injection of new, active members, the Pembury Society must soon cease to exist,' said the society's chairman, Mr. Robert Saunders at the annual general meeting on October 28th.

Mr. Saunders was not speaking to a handful of members of a dying society. Earlier the meeting had been told that the Pembury Society numbered more than 300 members; and some 50 or 60 were at the meeting.

Mr. Saunders, however, was looking to the future – the near future. Stressing the need for a plan for Pembury (which the Borough Council is undertaking at present), he pointed out that with the completion of the village's two by-passes and of the M25 orbital road round London, it would soon be possible to drive at 70 mph almost into Pembury from many parts of the country.

'Don't tell me potential developers are not aware of this,' he said. And he went on to emphasise the need for a proper appraisal and examination of the Plan for Pembury if and when it came out. 'It is necessary that the statistics for Pembury, and for Pembury in relation to other places in the Borough, if not the county or even the country, be made ready,' Mr. Saunders said. 'If Pembury people do not do it for themselves I am sure no one else will and the rape, if it is rape, will continue unabated. In our last Newsletter we said something about nothing being done because Everybody thought Somebody would do it, when actually Nobody found Anybody. We must find Somebody.'

Mr. Saunders said he regarded Pembury's greatest need at the moment to be a small group of people who could devote some time to getting statistics right. 'The Society,' he said, 'could form an absorbing worthwhile interest for anyone recently retired from a responsible position to help with this work and to come forward and offer their services.'

'There must be many people,' Mr. Saunders said, 'who rejoiced in the development of Pembury, and it was probably true to say that if the village had not developed as it had there would now be hardly a shop left.'

On the other hand, he urged his audience to look at what Pembury had lost in the recent past. These included a swimming pool, a cafe and car park, the Village Institute, a piece of recreation ground at Beagles Wood, a mission hall church, a chapel, two hotels, almost certainly an overall reduction in the number and range of shops, and some fine trees.

Some people might say that many of these facilities were run down. That was defeatist talk. The real point was that they had only been replaced by more houses. 'With the exception of the library, which is perhaps somewhat fortuitous, we can think of no gain at all in what could be described as a public building in Pembury,' he declared.

Mr. Saunders said a study of housing development statistics issued by the Borough Council revealed that in the last three and half years, Pembury developed as fast as Tunbridge Wells, Paddock Wood and, possibly, Hawkhurst, and three times as fast as Cranbrook (with a roughly similar population) and Goudhurst. The Inspector at the Woodside Road appeal hearing in 1973 had said, in his report advocating dismissal of the proposal to build a large estate, that enough was enough. 'But we believe that as many houses as were then turned down have since been built elsewhere in Pembury,' he said.

Later in the meeting Mr. Peter Williamson gave a commentary on a number of slides which he had taken showing the routes of the two by-passes, interspersed with slides of junctions and other features taken from the detailed plans of the two roads.

Present at the meeting was Mr. John Dodman, who will become the resident engineer when the by-passes begin next year. He said it was hoped to start on the £10 million A21 scheme in April 1986 and to complete it in two years. The B2015 by-pass, also planned to start next year, would cost £3½ million and take 18 months to complete. This meant that by the spring or early summer of 1988 Pembury's two by-passes would be in operation.

Several members of the audience queried the arrangements for the junction of the present A21 with the B2015 by-pass and the A264 Pembury-Tunbridge Wells Road at Woodsgate Corner. 'This would be controlled by traffic lights,' Mr. Dodman said, 'but there would be two roundabouts on the A264 allowing for access to and exit from the A21 by-pass.'

Asked whether there would be traffic hold-ups while construction work was in progress, Mr. Dodman said it was unavoidable there would be problems during the two years of construction but everything would be done to reduce this to a minimum.

LIGHTENING THE BURDEN

Apart from the street lighting on the A21, Ridgeway and one or two other side roads, the Parish Council is responsible for all the street lighting in the village. The Council is responsible for 185 lamp standards; the cost of current and administration for these is expected to total something like £6,500 in the current financial year.

Negotiations have been in progress for some time with Kent County Council, which if successful would mean that the county would become responsible for street lighting, with a consequent easing of the burden on Parish Council finances.

Before the county will agree to take over all, or some, of the lights, it requires that the existing lighting columns shall conform to certain standards regarding spacing, height and so on.

At present negotiations on these matters are still continuing but it is hoped agreement will be reached to enable the county to become responsible for at least 100 lighting columns.

In any event the Parish Council is planning to undertake conversion of the existing standards to enable them to use modern lighting equipment which will considerably reduce the costs of current consumed while still maintaining the present lighting standards.

IT'S IN THE CAN

Peter Williamson of the Pembury Society has produced an interesting piece of archive material on slides, showing various key points on the routes of the two by-passes to be built round the village in the next two or three years.

On both routes the slides are shown in a sequence, beginning with an enlargement of an important junction taken from large-scale maps produced showing each route in detail, followed by several pictures showing the appearance of the area today and the places where construction work will take place. For example, an enlargement of the map showing the western starting point of the A21 by-pass at the North Farm junction roundabout is followed by a number of pictorial slides before going on to the two complex roundabouts planned for the Pembury–Tunbridge Wells road, which will be carried on a bridge across the by-pass.

The slides are accompanied by Mr. Williamson's own commentary. The project was sponsored by the Pembury Society and the slides were shown at the society's annual general meeting in October.

In view of their wide appeal to a village in which construction of the two by-passes will be a big talking point in the near future, Mr. Williamson has said he would be willing to show the slides to any local organisation which would like to see them. Mr. Williamson can be contacted on Pembury 2671.

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JOURNEY'S END?

Next year could see the start – and probable completion – of the project to build and equip Pembury Scouts and Guides new headquarters.

That was the message given by the building fund's chairman, Mr. Tony Berry, at the fund-raising organisation's annual general meeting on November 14th.

The amount raised for the building fund now stands at £16,500 – just over £250 of that came from the Fun Run held three days after the meeting. With other events planned for the New Year, Mr. Berry said he hoped the total raised would be £20,000 by April 1st.

Application has been made to the Kent Education Committee for a grant towards the cost of the proposed building. Provided the authority is able to meet this request, Mr. Berry said he hoped building could start as early as next April.

Approval has been given in principle for the building to be sited on a plot adjoining the north-west corner of the Recreation Ground. A detailed planning application now has to be submitted to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council before building plans can be finalised.

Mr. Berry said architects had now been instructed to prepare these plans for submission to the Borough Council within a few weeks.

Those at the annual meeting were sorry to hear that Mr. Andy Cooper, who was the building fund's first chairman and who also chaired the village fete – held in aid of the fund – for four years, had had to resign from the fund and fete committees because of pressure of work.

The following officers were elected at the meeting. Chairman: Tony Berry, secretary: Maureen Redmond, treasurer: Janet Greenwood; 200 Club organiser: Val Wyatt, fete committee chairman: John Russell.

Fund-raising events planned for the first quarter of 1986 are a Valentine Dance at the Village Hall on February 14th and a 50/50 Auction at the Catholic Hall on March 15th.

IN BRIEF



After more than two years seeking support for its plan to build a supermarket on the Royal Oak site, the site's owners, Ward's (Construction) Ltd. have had to admit defeat. Finally they have had to admit that they were unable to interest any of the supermarket chains in the project.

Faced with this outcome, Ward's have submitted plans for houses to be built on the site instead. Their first scheme, to build 16 detached houses, was turned down by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. Ward's modified their plans and their layout of 12 detached houses has been approved.

The failure of the supermarket scheme means that a community hall, which was included in it, will not now be built. Nor, of course, will the row of four small shops, linked with the proposed supermarket, be erected.



The Pembury Scout and Guide Building Fund has applied once more to hold the Village Fete on the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground. The Parish Council has approved the date for next year's Fete – July 5th.



Skips for bulky household rubbish, formerly sited in Bulls Place and Elmhurst Avenue, were finally removed at the end of September in accordance with the Borough Council's new plan for the collection of such refuse. This plan entails stationing a refuse collection at a strategic point in each of the villages in the borough at certain times on Saturdays and Sundays. Some villages have been allocated weekly calls by such vehicles; others will have this facility once a week. Under the scheme, Pembury was allocated only a fortnightly visit, a decision opposed by the Parish Council, which took the view that Pembury's population warranted at least a weekly visit. At the time of writing, discussions are in progress with the Borough Council to try to arrive at a more satisfactory conclusion. In the meantime, Pembury has no emergency refuse collection service. Residents must transport their bulky refuse either to the North Farm tip or take advantage of the Borough Council's scheme whereby bulky rubbish will be collected from home after notification. It is understood that calls for this purpose normally take place about two weeks after a request is made.



The Age Concern advice service at Pembury Library on Friday afternoons has been cancelled because of lack of demand. Chiropody sessions, both at Camden Court and in some cases at home, are still operating. Age Concern volunteers are also visiting those in need of assistance in their own homes.



One day in the autumn, the plants in the Margery Polley horse trough on the Village Green were pulled up and thrown about. The members of the Afternoon W.I. who care for the trough were inundated with offers of help as soon as the damage became known. White-leggs Nurseries gave wallflower plants and crocus bulbs as replacements and local residents also came forward with plants for autumn planting. The ladies who tend the trough say they have often been complimented on its appearance by motorists passing through who stop to say how much they appreciate its appearance.



IN BRIEF

Unfortunately the production of 'A Christmas Story', an original Nativity play by Mr. Bill Brown, has had to be cancelled. Mr. Brown had hoped to stage his play at Kent College on December 18th. However, the difficulty of finding sufficient people to make up the numbers of a large cast has proved insuperable. A pity, for the play dealt with a traditional story in an original, although reverent way.



In response to his article in the last Newsletter about Pembury amenities, Parish Councillor Dick Miles received the following, from D.S. of Church Road.

'All we want's a little caff up here on Hastings Road
Where we could rest our weary feet before the journey home;
To lay down the heavy load, till the tardy bus should come.
A friendly cup, a sticky bun or, maybe, a dainty cake,
A chat about the weather, ere on the way we go.
To make the journey worth its while and smooth the weary brow.
And nearby let there be a place for needles and lace,
For pins and wools and ribbons, so needed here it really would be nice.
We've places for pints and do-it-yourself, and places for cuts and curls,
But when it's all been added up, not so much for all us girls.
Rally round Pembury.'

Anyone interested in starting up a business to cater for 'all us girls'?



A five-barred gate, with a wicket gate alongside, has recently been erected across the Coach Road – or to give it its official title Footpath 239 – on the way to the picnic site. This is not an attempt to deny the footpath to walkers – 239 is a public right of way, safeguarded by law. The gate was erected by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, which looks after footpaths on behalf of the County Council, to prevent the path being used by horse or motor cycle riders.



Pembury Woodside Youth Club is holding two events over the Christmas period. The first is a Christmas Disco at the club house on December 21st, open to members at £1 and non-members at £1.50. The second is a Family New Year's Eve Party at the Village Hall on December 31st. This is aimed to bring together members along with their mums and dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles – all the family. The intention is to stimulate the family spirit in the running of the club, which is more than just a boy or girl being a member. The club's organisers hope that members of members' families will come to feel a personal involvement in it.

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This exhibition, held in the Village Hall on October 19th, was entitled 'This is Pembury'. The title summed up the aim of the event, sponsored by the Parish Council, which was to show residents what goes on in the village.

Altogether 32 organisations in Pembury had displays – the largest number to be represented in the last three exhibitions held in the village. Indeed the pressure on display space was great enough to emphasise the point that similar exhibitions in the future may have to be housed in larger premises, if any such can be found in Pembury.

Opening the exhibition, Parish Council Chairman, Mrs. Sarah Clarke, said: 'Pembury gets knocked for the things it doesn't do. When you see an exhibition like this and see the amount of activity going on, it answers all the criticisms.'

There was, indeed, much to see. Occupying the entire stage and acting as a focal point was a magnificent display of flowers, fruit and vegetables by Pembury Horticultural Society, whose members spent some three hours on the previous evening meticulously arranging banks of flowers and a cornucopia of eatables all grown in the village. But there was much else besides. The Primary School had a vast display panel showing the manifold activities of its pupils, the Pembury Society displayed the definitive maps of the two by-passes soon to be started, as well as an up-dating of the Parish Council's relief map of the parish to show the by-pass routes, which members of the Society had prepared with the help of students of the Medway College of Art.

There was an old cider press on view, documents relating to Pembury's nineteenth century development, the story of the restoration of the ancient parish church, plans of Kent College's soon-to-be-built extension, a large display showing the work of St. Peter's Church, specimens of the outstanding craft work done by residents of Larkfield Hall, and the work of the flourishing Scout and Guide organisation.

Both Women's Institutes were represented and a new feature was a stall manned by helpers at the W.I. Friday Market. All three political parties had stalls and valuable information was contained on the stands of the Youth Club, Age Concern, the Darby & Joan Club, Camden Green Badminton Club, the Lawn Tennis Club, Pembury Orchestra, The R.N.L.I. and the Royal British Legion.

Throughout the day there was a steady stream of visitors. Although no exact record of the numbers attending could be made, since entry was free, it is estimated that something like 1,000 people visited the village hall between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Altogether the exhibition was a triumph for that intangible thing known as community spirit.

AGE exhibition



Interested parishioners study the PEMBURY 2000 contoured scale model of the parish. The lines of the two by-passes have been added to the model especially for the Exhibition.

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YOUTH CLUB says "WE NEED YOUR HELP"

Mrs. Pauline Hawker, secretary of Pembury Woodside Youth Club writes:—

How can YOU help?

If you are interested in helping with the seniors (age 13–18) you can come along on a Monday or a Wednesday evening when the club is open between 7 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. We need someone to organise and run a coffee/snack bar which can, if run properly, give the members something which they would really appreciate and would also make some profit for the club funds.

The Youth Club is open for senior members on two nights a week. We need your help to enable us to open on other evenings. Perhaps you would like to run a video club, a snooker club or a youth band – the possibilities are endless. Perhaps you have a special hobby which you would like to share with young people – if so, we need you.

If, on the other hand, you are interested in helping with the junior section (ages 8–13) we really do need a man to help the five ladies who run the junior club on a Friday evening between 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Any offers?

Finally, if you would like to do something for the youth club but you do not feel that you want to commit yourself to attending every week, we need a small fund-raising committee.

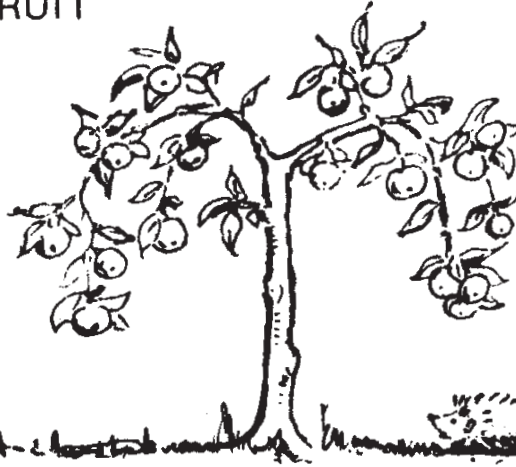
This committee would be responsible for raising money to keep the club supplied with items of equipment such as a snooker table, table tennis gear, darts and so forth. Most of our income at present is used for the payment of mortgage loans, maintenance and upkeep of the building. Therefore our members do not enjoy the benefit of the type of equipment which we would like to have in our club.

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RECREATION GROUND PAVILION

The future for this at present rather dilapidated building would appear to be brighter following discussions between the Parish Council and Pembury Hockey Club.

For some years the club has used the ground for matches and the pavilion for changing. Now it has come forward with comprehensive plans for re-decorating the interior and making some alterations. Most of the work would be done by members themselves, with specialists being used for plumbing and electrical work needed.

One main item of discussion was the future of the men's urinals which were accessible to the public and suffered vandalism on numerous occasions. The club suggested that outside access should be barred and the urinals incorporated into the interior of the building. The only alternative to this would be for the Parish Council to spend about £2,500 on constructing a vandal-proof facility.

A compromise has been suggested to the Hockey Club whereby members of the Lawn Tennis Club should be provided with a key to give its members access to the pavilion to use the toilets. It was also stipulated that these should be available to the public on fete days.

Discussions on the project are still continuing. It is hoped, however, that when they are completed an agreement will be reached with the club whereby it assumes responsibility for the pavilion in return for a reduction in its present rent.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

- Jan**
- 2 Afternoon W.I. – Beautiful Sicily, folk music and opera, Mrs. Prestage. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 3 Evening W.I. – The Thrills and Spills of a Three-Hatted wife, Lady Mayhew. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Bo-Peep. 2.15 p.m.
 - 7 Ladies' Social Group – 'Sugar Craft' demonstration by Mrs. V. Coleman. Lane's End, Lower Green Rd
 - 11 Pembury Scout & Cub Group – Jumble Sale. Catholic Hall 2 p.m.
 - 13 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) – Environmental Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 14 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 21 Ladies' Social Group – 'Four Seasons' slide show, Mrs. B. Horsfall. 2 The Coppice
 - 21 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. 2 to 4.30 p.m. Village Hall

- Feb**
- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane bus stop 2.15 p.m.
 - 3 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) – Management group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 4 Ladies' Social Group – Recipe Swop. 24 Westway
 - 4 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting 2 to 4.30 p.m. Village Hall
 - 6 Afternoon W.I. – Talk on the Ghosts of Drury Lane Theatre. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 7 Evening W.I. – Members' evening. 7.45 p.m. Village Hall
 - 12 Outgrown Children's Wear – Sale. Village Hall 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon
 - 18 Ladies' Social Group – Talk on the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mrs. Baitup. 14 Knights Ridge
 - 18 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 24 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) – Environmental group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 27 Horticultural Society – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.

- Mar**
- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers – walk starting from Camden car park. 2.15 p.m.
 - 4 Ladies' Social Group – National Dairy Council (Talk and Taste), Mrs. E. J. Marsh. 3 Knights Ridge
 - 4 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 6 Afternoon W.I. – Sainsbury's Value for Money, Mrs. Beevis. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 7 Evening W.I. – 'Night Stop', Mrs. Bennett. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 10 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 12 Parish Council – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 15 Pembury Scout & Guide Group – Sale of Easter eggs. Village Green
 - 17 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) – Management group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 18 Ladies' Social Group – Good Health the Natural Way, Mrs. J. Lovell from Shacklee. 44 Herons Way
 - 18 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 27 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk on the Greek Islands, Mrs. Bartlett. Village Hall 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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Age Concern relies on people who are active volunteering to help those whom age has made less mobile and more dependent on others. Some of the volunteers are themselves over 60, but are happily able to help those who are less fortunate than themselves. Other volunteers are much younger, but are glad to be able to lend a helping hand.

Some volunteers have special skills. They may have trained as nurses' or in another caring profession. Others are pleased to supply a willing pair of hands to fetch and carry, or a friendly ear to listen to what the housebound would like to tell them. All of these volunteers contribute in one way or another to relieving loneliness.

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The effectiveness with which Pembury Age Concern does its work depends on knowing who needs help and who is willing to give it. We cannot promise that we will always link a volunteer immediately with each aged person who needs help. It would be wonderful if we never had to keep anybody waiting. The more volunteers we have, the more likely we are to be able to provide help quickly. So if you would be willing to offer your help - either on a regular or an occasional basis - please let us know.

And if you need help and you are over 60, or you have a friend or neighbour in that situation whom you cannot help, yourself, do please let us know.

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