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VIEWPOINT

The Newsletter, which first appeared as a single duplicated sheet towards the end of 1972, has reached its fiftieth edition with the current issue.

In those 14 years many changes have occurred in Pembury. These are summarised in a feature on pages 9, 10, 11 and 15.

Mr. Derek Hawes-Richards, who edited the Newsletter from 1974 until March 1981 gives the following resumé of its early history.

"The Newsletter had its origins in the local government reorganisation of 1972, which brought Pembury into the Tunbridge Wells area. Previously it had been in the Tonbridge Rural area.

"The Parish Council decided to set up a liaison committee to endeavour to improve communication and relationships with the village. The initial means of fulfilling this objective was the preparation and distribution of a news-sheet of council activities.

"The humble beginnings of the present Newsletter consisted purely of a type-written, duplicated single sheet. When I became a parish councillor in 1974 the idea of this type of communication with the parish seemed to me to be one that should be fostered. In view of a certain amount of technical expertise that I could bring to the production I was asked by the Parish Council to become editor.

"The amount of news in 1973, 1974 and 1975 appeared to be limited and there was some difficulty in filling up the, by now, two-sheet Newsletter. However, the idea seemed to catch on and more local news began to come forward, in particular the establishment of the Village Appraisal Action Committee and the preparation of a questionnaire distributed to every house.

"The response to these early efforts by the Parish Council was very satisfactory. It became apparent that this initiative on behalf of our council was unique and was the envy of several other councils in the area.

"Looking back I think I can say the turning point came with the publication of the Village Appraisal in 1976 as this necessitated an expansion of the number of pages.

"The publication of the Pembury 2000 Report provided the impetus for still further increase in size and variety of content and in the last ten years it has gone from strength to strength."

BY-PASSES – WELL ON COURSE

Earth-moving on both by-passes has virtually ended with the onset of rainy weather from mid-October onwards. Despite the deceptively sandy appearance of the soil, it can become slippery and difficult to work once rain sets in in earnest. On the B2015 by-pass the earth-moving schedule is probably ahead of schedule; on the A21 it is marginally behind.

On both roads now the emphasis will be on bridge building. On the A21 abutments for bridges have already begun at Cornford Lane, Chalket Lane and the footpath crossing at Roughlands Shaw. Most important of all, however, is the bridge to carry the re-aligned Pembury Road (A264) over the by-pass.

This will be built in two sections, side by side. The northern section will be built during the next few months. This will then become the route for all traffic between Pembury and Tunbridge Wells because as soon as it is completed the present diversion with its Bailey bridge will be closed.

Bridge work on the B2015 will be limited to the construction of the two foot-bridges at Church Road and Downingbury Farm. On this road all main drainage has been completed. About halfway between Woodsgate Corner and Church Road some earth has still to be moved; wet weather prevented this being completed this year. To prevent unauthorised joy-riding down the inviting track of the road two temporary earth barriers are being laid which, says resident engineer Duncan Smith, will require a bulldozer to move.

On the A21 by-pass, apart from bridge-building, the main work this winter will be the completion of the base of the A264 to the re-aligned junction at Woodsgate, directly opposite the B2015. The new layout of Woodsgate Corner will be completed before the spring. This, says resident engineer Nick Wilson, will inevitably mean some traffic delays because services at present serving the existing junction will have to be moved to their new position.

Included in the new layout will be the provision of a special cycle track, with its own traffic light phasing, from Woodsgate Corner to the Tunbridge Wells side of the interchange complex on the A264.

On both roads grass has been sown on embankments and in cuttings. Landscaping in the form of shrub and tree planting will not take place until the end of the contracts. The expected finishing date for the A21 is April 1988 and for the B2015 September 1987.

Both resident engineers are anxious to help residents with any problems caused by the construction works. Mr. Wilson's telephone number is Pembury 4652 and Mr. Smith's Pembury 4188.



The annual Parish Meeting, at which parish councillors report on their work during the past year and at which parishioners are invited to question the Parish Council's work, will be held in the Village Hall on March 18th at 8 p.m.

The Village Hall will be closed for the annual renovation of the floor on January 12th, 13th and 14th next year.

From the beginning of December until the end of March, during the absence of the Village Hall treasurer Mr. Robert Good on holiday, all bookings for the hall should be made through Mr. Jack Goodsell of 61 Belfield Road, telephone number Pembury 2342. During that period cheques for hiring the hall should be sent to Mrs. Frances Miles, Fletchers Farm, Hastings Road, Pembury. Cheques should be made payable to 'Pembury Village Hall Account'.

Pembury Short Mat Bowling Club, formed just over a year ago, now has 38 members and three mats for games. It meets every Friday evening, except the first Friday of each month, from 7 to 10 p.m. and every Thursday afternoon, except the first Thursday in the month, from 2 to 5 p.m. The annual subscription is £5 with a 50p match fee.

Pembury Sequence Dance Club, which met for many years at the Catholic Hall on Monday evenings, now meets on Saturdays at the Village Hall.

Pembury History Group, which has already published a study entitled 'Mid-Victorian Pembury', is anxious to get in touch with residents with memories of Pembury in times past or who have postcards, letters or other information relating to the village's history. They would welcome anyone with such relics to come to their meetings for an informal talk. The group meets at the Library in Lower Green Road every Thursday at 10.30 a.m.

Village organisations which feel the need for the display of larger posters than can be accommodated on the Parish Council's four notice boards can apply for their notices to be displayed on the council's removable board on the Village Green. Application for permission to use the board should be made to the Clerk of the Parish Council, 16 The Coppice, Pembury 3459.

On October 25th Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Cleaner Borough campaign came to Pembury. The Deputy Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, Councillor David Kirby, Pembury's three borough councillors, some members of the Parish Council and a number of Scouts and Guides scoured the central part of the village for litter, armed with sacks provided by the borough's new litter warden service.



The High Street, Hastings Road, the Green, the Recreation Ground and the Camden car park received special attention from the team of volunteer scavengers who found that with one or two exceptions – notably the top end of Chalket Lane – that the amount of litter, by present-day standards, was not excessive. Nevertheless, the small lorry provided by the Borough went away pretty well laden at the end of the two-hour exercise.

Do you want to earn a few bob? BBC Radio Kent, formerly Radio Medway, is looking for a village correspondent for its Grapevine feature, soon starting in Brian Faulkner's 'Good Afternoon' programme between 1.15 and 4.30 p.m. Ideally they are looking for someone in touch with people and events in Pembury. The producer of the programme, John Turton, has written to the Parish Council saying he would like a village correspondent as a point of contact. It appears the work involved would include supplying dates of important village happenings, interesting news items and, possibly, interviews. If anyone would like to volunteer for this job would they please contact the Clerk of the Council.

Mrs. Pauline Hawker has applied to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for funds to provide the fourth successive playscheme for Pembury school-children during a fortnight of the summer holidays next year.

On November 11th the total raised by the Scout and Guide Building Fund stood at £21,414. With the addition of an anticipated £200 from the October Fun Run, the proceeds of the Christmas Draw, and interest this sum is expected to reach approximately £24,000 by the end of the year. A family dance is planned at the Village Hall on February 7th. Outline planning permission has been obtained for the headquarters building on the edge of the Recreation Ground but no date has yet been fixed for a start of building operations although it is expected these will start in 1987.

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on January 21st at 8 p.m. to discuss the possibility of holding a Pembury Festival in the summer of 1988 to celebrate the completion of the village's two by-passes. Invitations will be issued to organisations by the Clerk to the Council. Members of the public who have any views on the holding of such a festival – the idea was outlined in the last issue of the Newsletter – are asked to get in touch with the Clerk.

By the time the Newsletter appears the Christmas celebrations on December 13th will have taken place. The credit for organising goes to and Donna Roberts who arranged the programme with remarkable speed. Writing before the event we wish them the best of good fortune.

SOLVING THE GIPSY PROBLEM?

A public meeting to discuss the gipsy problem, held at the Village Hall on October 29th, unanimously decided to ask Kent County Council to call a meeting of representatives of all the parishes in Tunbridge Wells Borough to discuss the provision of a number of small sites throughout the borough area.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sarah Clarke, was called by Pembury Parish Council. It was attended by a number of parishioners as well as by several residents from the Sandown Park area – who contend that their houses would be under threat if a gipsy site was established at Robingate Wood. Also present were Pembury's three borough councillors, County Councillor Mrs. Brenda Trench, chairman of the KCC's amenities sub-committee, and the county secretary, Mr. William Hopkin.

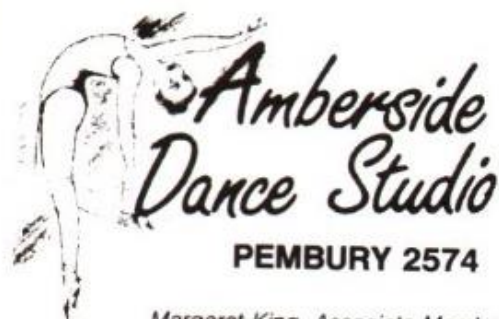
Mrs. Clarke opened the meeting by outlining the discussions and proposals over the last decade, which had attempted to solve the problem of if – and where – Pembury should help the borough to achieve its quota of gipsy sites which would enable it to become 'designated' – or deemed by the Department of the Environment to have fulfilled its obligations.

Several people attending questioned the need for large sites, urging instead that it would be fairer to spread the load through the borough's parishes. There was some doubt in people's minds about the relationship of pitches and caravans.

Mr. Hopkin said that a pitch did not necessarily mean an area for two, or even three caravans. So far as one could gather the two terms could, on occasions, be interchangeable. That is, a pitch can be single for one caravan or double for two. However, Mr. Hopkin went on to say that in his view all that was needed for Tunbridge Wells Borough to become designated was that it should find accommodation for about 40 caravans in its area.

Mrs. Trench said Kent had no policy regarding the size of sites. Funding for their provision came entirely from the Department of the Environment and ultimately the viability of a site depended on the Department's assessment of whether it was economically sound to provide it, and thus make the county a grant to cover the cost of a site. She hinted that because, by their nature, gipsy sites tended to be in remote areas, it was costly to provide such services as water and electricity. From this it could be assumed that very small sites might not be favoured. But in fact the county was not biased against them and, in fact, did not want large sites.

What did emerge from the meeting was that despite recent surveys of sites in Dundle Lane (in Lamberhurst parish) and Robingate Wood (in Pembury), no definite decisions had been made. In fact the county did not intend to discuss the matter again until its amenities sub-committee meets on January 2nd.



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1973–1986 THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS . . . 1

Looking through the previous 49 issues of the Newsletter reveals that, despite disappointments and setbacks, hopes deferred and projects failing through lack of support, on balance there has been progress towards a fuller village life.

True, these years saw the failure of an attempt to build a community centre for Pembury – something the village will regret for many a long year. On the other hand, the kind of intensive development that wrought such changes during the 60s and early 70s has been successfully resisted. The number of organisations listed in the Newsletter has risen from 25 to 56.

A walk or drive along the Hastings or Lower Green Roads will provide evidence that our by-passes are actually being built. Yet perusal of the Newsletter up to about two years ago put one in mind of the adage that hope deferred maketh the heart sick. Perhaps it is forgotten – after all ten years is a long time – that in 1976 a militant band of villagers led, among others, by their Vicar, marched along the A21 to the frustration of Saturday morning traffic, to impress upon authority the need for a by-pass.

In the last 13 years Pembury has seen several village exhibitions presented with a professional skill that does credit to a community of about 6,000. It has also seen the publication of the Pembury 2000 Report, in 1976, the outcome of much dedicated work by volunteers who investigated every aspect of village life in presenting a balanced document on Pembury, its origins, growth, shortcomings and aspirations.

We haven't got all we wanted – yet. Perhaps in some cases we never will. It seems unlikely that, with falling rolls, the primary school will be re-developed as the Report suggested; the community centre hasn't been completed "with all possible speed"; we haven't got a health clinic or a new shopping complex in Henwood Green Road. A light industrial park on Pembury's outskirts seems unlikely now.

But we have got the by-passes; and way-marked footpaths; and a conservation area – and a restored old parish church. The Report called for all these.

Newer residents may be surprised to learn that until 1975 Pembury had not had a village fete since 1947. A committee ran the revived fete for three years, to be succeeded by another, Pembury Chest, which ran it from 1978 to 1980, having to cancel the 1981 event for lack of support. But after a year's hiatus the Scout and Guide Building Fund – one of our period's great success stories – took over the fete and has organised the last five fetes with great success.

1973–1986 THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS . . .2

Since 1973 we have seen the launch of the WRVS lunch club for pensioners, the Hockey Club, the Short Mat Bowling Club, a junior football club, the Association of Pembury Football Clubs, the Friends of Pembury Parish Church (who rescued our oldest building from imminent collapse), Pembury Footpath Walkers, Pembury Players, the youth club and several pre-school groups.

Let us look at how some of these – and other – happenings were recorded in the Newsletter. In March 1973 the annual Parish Meeting approved a £2,500 loan to complete the Woodside Recreation Ground development. That meeting also recorded its unanimous preference for the Royal Oak site for a community centre. But a year later planning permission was given for the centre to be sited just off the Recreation Ground – where the Scout and Guide headquarters is to be.

In September 1974 came the planning decision on which the Parish Council has based its arguments against intensive development ever since. An appeal against refusal of planning permission to build 160 houses on land bounded by Romford and Woodside Roads was dismissed. The appeal inspector said: "Pembury has reached the limit of its natural growth to absorb any more large scale residential development."

Early in 1975 came news of the formation of a Community Association to raise funds. There was also an appeal for money to install an electric clock winder in the Upper Church as a memorial to Mr. Jack Standen who had died the previous year. This sum was quickly raised.

About this time Pembury 2000's questionnaire went to every house in the village and in the autumn the organisation's first public meeting was held. As a result four working groups were set up – to conduct a house-to-house survey; to record listed buildings and those worth listing; to survey public services and to monitor past and present planning applications.

In July 1976 the Newsletter appeared in its present format. An action committee to promote the by-passes was set up and this organised a march in the High Street on May 1st. It organised another, 200 strong, on July 17th. Traffic counts on four occasions in July and August revealed figures of 30,000 and 25,000 vehicles daily travelling round the Green. The Parish Council approved spending £100 to support the by-pass campaign, and petition forms went to every house. These were returned with a 70 per cent vote for the by-passes.



1973–1986 THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS . . .3

Late 1975 saw the first mention of gipsy sites – three pitches mentioned as a possibility at Hepsbrook Wood. A public meeting in October heard that a community centre would cost £100,000. But early in 1977 the community association committee resigned, saying a new approach was needed. Sunhill Court received a Department of the Environment 1976 award for good design in housing.

In June 1977 came an official forecast that the A21 by-pass would be completed in 11 years' time (spot on as it has proved), and that the B2015 by-pass should start in 1981. The Parish Council's footpath map was produced.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee was marked by events on the Village Green and the planting of a Jubilee oak there by Parish Council chairman, Arthur Penn. Our M.P. gave an optimistic forecast that "we could look forward to seeing traffic rolling on the A21 by-pass in 1985".

In October 1977 the Friends of Pembury Parish Church was formed and a petition for the by-pass was presented to Mr. Patrick Mayhew at the House of Commons. By next June the Friends had raised £9,000 of the £12,000 they sought but the community centre project had run into the sand. Of the money it had raised £2,000 went to the Village Hall and £400 to the primary school to buy a projector.

May 1979 saw a rare sight in Pembury – an election for the Parish Council in which 23 candidates contested 13 seats. It hasn't happened since. It also saw the opening of the Coach Road picnic site, which vandals severely damaged three months later.

In the middle of 1980 a large-scale refurbishment of the Village Hall began. Its re-opening in October was marked by a village exhibition. In the same month Mr. Arthur Penn died, some eighteen months after retiring from the Parish Council on which he had served 51 years.

About this time the K.C.C. announced a plan to site 20 gipsy caravans at Hepsbrook Wood, a plan vigorously opposed at a parish meeting. In March 1981 the Newsletter reported the planting of a tree outside Camden Court to commemorate the Queen Mother's eightieth birthday. By this time Pembury Players, the Hockey Club and the Footpath Walkers were in their first year of existence.

In September 1981 a plan to build a supermarket on the Royal Oak site was announced. 1982 saw the Cricket Club extending its pavilion, the up-dating of the Village Hall's heating system and the departure of the Rev. Christopher Hodgson, the Vicar for 18 years.

PEMBURY – No Growth for a While?



As Tunbridge Wells Borough had already exceeded the new house target for the period 1979–1991 set in the county Structure Plan, Pembury would probably see no more new development before 1991, the Pembury Society heard at its annual general meeting on October 27th.

This forecast was given by Borough Planning Director, Mr. Gerald Plastow in a talk and question-and-answer session.

Members heard with regret that Mr. Robert Saunders, chairman for the past ten years, was not only relinquishing office but was unable through indisposition to attend the meeting. Mr. Stan Brearley was elected in his place, and a unanimous resolution was passed of good wishes to Mr. Saunders coupled with appreciation of his hard work for the Society.

Mr. Brearley read Mr. Saunders' report in which he said the Society urged the cessation of all house-building in Pembury until at least a year after completion of the by-passes. "We already have signs of developers trying for planning permission in anticipation of the supposed relief to the village." Mr. Saunders called for a plan for Pembury's future "instead of the present opportunist jumble". Changes, possibly big ones, were in store and the Society had a unique opportunity to assert itself as an effective, beneficial influence on the quality of life in the village. "If there is no will to do this," he wrote, "it might as well disappear into oblivion."

Mr. Plastow said under the Kent Structure Plan the Borough had been set a target of 3,000 new houses between 1979 and 1991. That number had already been exceeded and so Pembury seemed likely to escape any new development for five years. Any new areas for building were likely to be pin-pointed on the informal local plan now in preparation. He urged the Parish Council and amenity societies to submit their views on Pembury's development to the county or borough as soon as possible.

Under the latest Government guide-lines, he said, the Green Belt would not be drawn tightly against existing built-up limits. Instead there would be 'urban fringe' areas between existing limits and the Green Belt. These might eventually be built on but their designation did not mean this would happen immediately. The likely outcome of this policy was that the Green Belt might remain unaltered for perhaps 20 years. He forecast some 'quite tense' arguments on where the inner limit of the Green Belt should be drawn.

A summary of answers given by Mr. Plastow and his staff follows.

- Q. Has Pembury a population target or housing quota?
- A. No. Current growth cannot be stopped because smaller family units mean more houses although the population is fairly static. Inevitably the larger villages will have more housing.
- Q. How can open spaces be safeguarded; what land does the Borough own in Pembury; would the sale of agricultural land in the village formerly owned by the Borough come back in the form of open space?
- A. The K.C.C. as education authority is looking at its land holdings. In some areas developers donate land as open space after completion of a development. The Borough owns Marshleyharbour Wood, part of Downingbury, the Coach Road and land at Beagles Wood Road. By law, money raised from the sale of land must go to the general rate fund. More open spaces meant more responsibility – and expense – for the Parish Council.
- Q. Can the Borough do anything to prevent a reduction of shops or places of employment in Pembury?
- A. In 1970 the 'Royal Oak' site was offered for community and shop development. Nobody would risk their capital on these enterprises. "If we all go by car to the supermarket we can't expect local shopkeepers to stay in business."
- Q. Can future road layouts avoid so many cul-de-sacs?
- A. Generally speaking cul-de-sacs are quieter and safer for children. Pembury's road layout was too complex for an entirely new road system to be contemplated. There was no site for another car park.
- Q. Can new development be restricted or suspended until the effect of the by-passes has been assessed?
- A. Hopefully, yes. The Borough has exceeded its housing target up to 1991. Pembury is defined as a village and there should therefore be no development on its outskirts.
- Q. What can be done about bad in-filling?
- A. In-filling is allowed in a space, say, two houses wide. Complaints can be made if in-filling is likely to alter an area's character.
- Q. What provisions for planning for community purposes?
- A. A local authority can make conditions for community use of land in a development if the authority owns some of the land in question.
- Q. How do you consider standards of architecture and design?
- A. We are told not to be too fussy as the Government regards this as a matter for builders and their clients. But if we are dissatisfied we can refer a design to a panel of architects.
- Q. The Dower House is likely to be sold for a lot of money; could some of that money be used for Pembury's benefit?
- A. Such money must go into the general rate fund but we do try to identify projects to which we can give money.

One questioner asked about rumours of development in the Henwood Green Road – Romford Road area and asked Mr. Plastow why nearby residents had not been informed. Mr. Plastow said he knew nothing officially. The Borough had, by law, to keep a register of planning applications but it did not take action on rumours.

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The end of the year saw the induction of the Rev. Colin Pilgrim as Vicar; the staging of another village exhibition in November and the launching of a fund to commemorate Dr. Dorrit Waterfield, a well-loved G.P. who had died the previous May. The WRVS lunch club started in September.

In December 1983 the Parish Council was reported as agreeing to the former community centre site's being used for the Scout and Guide headquarters. The village's three churches announced the operation of a good neighbour scheme to care for the sick and aged.

A silver challenge cup in memory of Dr. Dorrit Waterfield – presented by the memorial fund – was given to the Horticultural Society in February 1984. Figures from the 1981 census were published, revealing that Pembury's population was 5,967 of whom just over 15 per cent were pensioners.

In June 1984 it was reported the Parish Council was backing an amended supermarket plan which included four small shops outside the main building.

In September County Councillor John Barnes opened the Woodside Youth Club and the Newsletter reported that the first summer holiday play scheme had been held and that the Scout and Guide building fund stood at £11,000. There was also a review of Miss Mary Standen's 'History of Pembury' and information of a plan to build an Age Concern day centre on to the Upper Church.

Although in March 1985 the supermarket developers were reported as being sure a start would be made on the project in April or May, by June it was announced that the scheme was dead. The successful closure of the Dorrit Waterfield fund came on April 4th when a fully-equipped consulting room in Pembury Hospital's out-patients' department was presented in her memory. The balance of the fund – £1,672 – was spent on this.

In October 1985 perhaps the most successful village exhibition was held; 32 organisations took part.

This year the Newsletter has publicised the Parish Council's views about future development after the by-passes, the setting up of the first Neighbourhood Watch scheme (there are four now), discussions on the gipsy problem and the establishments of a weekly scheme for the collection of bulky refuse.

And so we come to issue No. 50.

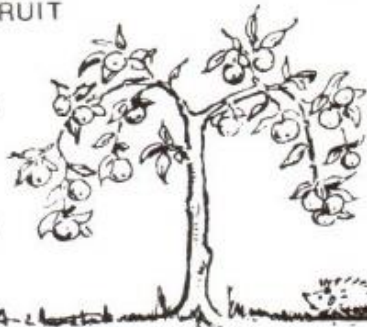


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AGAINST UNWANTED DEVELOPMENT

Pembury has taken the lead in urging all the 250-odd parish and town councils in Kent to co-ordinate their views on planning issues so that they can present a united front to the K.C.C. when it examines the County Structure Plan.

When the annual meeting of the Kent Association of Parish Councils was held at County Hall on October 25th, Pembury Parish Councillor David Coleman, who is also Chairman of the K.A.P.C's Tunbridge Wells Area Committee, made an impassioned plea for a co-ordinated approach to the problem.

He said planning issues were the most important matters facing villagers. Accordingly, parish councils needed to take the initiative in making sure that the county's 'planning rules' – the provisions under which areas are scheduled for certain types of development – should be made stronger. This was necessary, he urged, so as to stop unscrupulous and unpopular development. This was particularly important now, with pressures for development in Kent following the completion of the M25 motorway, the possibility of the Channel Tunnel and changes in the definition of the Green Belt.

As a result of Mr. Coleman's initiative the representatives of Kent's parish councils overwhelmingly agreed to bring together their views on what 'planning rules' should be.

PEMBURY HOCKEY CLUB

The Hockey Club, in its seventh year of existence, continues to report progress. The senior side now has a regular fixture list and home games are played on the Recreation Ground pitch on Sunday afternoons.

Several members of the senior side have graduated from the juniors, who attend coaching sessions on the same ground on Sunday mornings under the coaching of Mark Mason. Some fixtures for juniors have been arranged. John Hawker says more boys and girls under the age of 16 would be welcome to these sessions.

The Club's latest development is coaching in roller skate, or street, hockey. This takes place on the primary school's lower playground on Saturday afternoons under the eye of Dominic Fazzani. About a dozen boys and girls have been taking part and more, between the ages of 12 and 14, would be welcome.

Mr. Hawker said the Club is waiting for the roof of the Recreation Ground pavilion to be repaired before carrying out further improvements to the building's interior. It is hoped eventually to instal showers. Mr. Hawker praised the condition of the pitch used by the Club.

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PEMBURY WOODSIDE YOUTH CLUB

The biggest event of the club's autumn session was the Drugs Evening, held on October 14th, attended by 94 people including about 20 young people.

Main speaker of the evening was Sgt. Simon Jessup of the Kent Police Drug Squad who, in the course of an informative lecture, spoke of the types of drugs available on the black market and how to detect signs of their use. He also gave a list of addresses and telephone numbers of agencies which could help either young people or parents who felt they or their children had a drug problem.

Mrs. Pauline Hawker, leader of the junior club, ages eight to 13, is giving up after Christmas due to pressure of other work. Unless a new leader comes forward the section will be forced to close. Mrs. Hawker stressed there are five or six willing helpers to support a leader but none of them is able to take over the leadership. She urged that it was vital for a leader to come forward to cater for the new potential intake of eight-year-olds on Friday evenings.

The senior club is hoping to engage a new leader. It continues to meet on Monday evenings (13 to 15) and Wednesday evenings (13 to 18).

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- 1 Pembury Players - Pantomime 'Jack & The Beanstalk', Village Hall
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 - 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Bo-Peep at 2.15 p.m.
 - 5 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m.) Environmental Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 6 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting, Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 6 Ladies' Social Group - Light-hearted talk on self-sufficiency by Mrs. Wyatt, 14 Knights Ridge.
 - 8 Afternoon W.I. - Talk on India & Nepal by Mr. Geoffrey Clements, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 9 Evening W.I. - Village Library, Mr. Keith Randall, Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 20 Ladies' Social Group - In the Footsteps of the Incas, Mrs. Horsfall, 44 Herons Way.
 - 26 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m.) - Management Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
- FEB**
- 3 Ladies' Social Group - The work of the Samaritans, 3 Knights Ridge.
 - 3 Darby & Joan Club - Beetle Drive, Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 5 Afternoon W.I. - Illustrated talk on 150 years of railway stations by Mr. Gordon Buck, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 6 Evening W.I. - Yeast Cookery, Sheila O'Farrell, Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane bus stop 2.15 p.m.
 - 16 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m.) - Environmental Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 17 Ladies' Social Group - Making a Gateau by Carol, 6 Westway.
 - 17 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 26 Horticultural Society - Annual General Meeting, Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
- MAR**
- 2 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 3 Ladies' Social Group - Deli Quiz, 31 The Coppice.
 - 3 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting, Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 5 Afternoon W.I. - Illustrated talk 'Wild flowers and birds of Kent' by Mr. Brian Hawkes, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 6 Evening W.I. - Memories are made of this (Members' evening), Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Camden car park at 2.15 p.m.
 - 9 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m.) - Management Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 17 Ladies' Social Group - 'People I have met at Peshurst Place' by Mrs. Hunter, 22 The Coppice.
 - 17 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting, Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 26 Horticultural Society - Talk on Plants for colour in March by Mrs. Forbes, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 30 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m.) - Environment Group, Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 31 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting, Village Hall 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 31 Ladies' Social Group - 'Your Daily Pinta' by Mr. March, 6 Westway.

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9 a.m. Holy Communion (First, Third and Fifth Sundays)

10 a.m. Parish Communion

10 a.m. Junior Church (except fourth Sunday)

7 p.m. Evensong with sermon

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9 a.m. Holy Communion (Second and Fourth Sundays)

6 a.m. Matins and Sermon

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

Saturday - Pembury Sequence Dance Club - Village Hall - 7.45 - 10.15 p.m.

