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VIEWPOINT

1987

1987 is the Chinese Year of the Rabbit, we are told. With the completion of our long-awaited by-passes coming close to realisation, Pembury probably looks like a sitting rabbit to a number of developers. So this year, and for some years to come we must be vigilant and do everything we can to ensure that along with traffic relief for the many there does not occur a bonanza for the few.

Already two planning applications are in the pipeline directly as a result of the imminent completion of our relief roads. One is for a filling station and a 180-seater restaurant on land in Dundle Lane just at the eastern end of the A21 by-pass. The other is close by, this time for a filling station only.

The Parish Council is urging Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to refuse both applications. It is difficult to understand why, with the completion of a 3½-mile by-pass there should be an immediate need for a filling station. There are already similar facilities at a short distance from either end of the by-pass at Hillcrest and Fairthorne. And why motorists should want to celebrate being able to negotiate Pembury without the obligatory hold-ups as at present, by stopping to have a meal, boggles the mind. Especially since, if they wish to eat in that area the Blue Boys already provides the facility.

However, there it is. The applications have been made. Doubtless others will follow for other forms of development.

Elsewhere we summarise the report of the informal planning study of Pembury carried out by the Borough Council. It is a sobering thought that if all the theoretically developable sites round the village were built upon, the result would be to push up our population to over 10,000.

The message, then, is vigilance in defence of our surroundings. It is unrealistic to think that not one extra house will ever be built in Pembury. But we don't want easy communications by road to lead to a flood of newcomers whose very coming would spoil what at the moment they see as a pleasant semi-rural retreat.

The way ahead is not likely to be made any easier by what appears almost certain to be relaxation of planning restrictions as a result of the planned contraction of agriculture. The full effect of this change of policy is impossible to forecast. Preliminary hints, however, make one uneasy.

PEMBURY VILLAGE MARKET

After an existence of some 36 years Pembury's W.I. Market closed its doors on January 30th. During that time it had become part of Village life, spanning the period which saw Pembury change from a largely agricultural community to a semi-rural village most of whose residents earn their living outside its boundaries.

Some of the ladies who helped launch the venture were still playing a part in the W.I. Market when it closed. Many more had served it for years. Over the past year they had tried hard to recruit newcomers to take the burden off those who rightly felt they deserved a rest since several of them were in their seventies.

These efforts went unrewarded. Or did they? A few weeks before the end of January a small committee of younger women from the Parish Church decided to carry on the W.I.'s good work. So on February 6th Pembury Village Market opened its doors. Same place, same time. Not quite the same programme.

Mrs. Angela Parsons, one of this new committee, said the results of the first two weeks of opening were very gratifying. Attendances and sales had been up to the previous levels. And already some new features had been introduced.

For example, in addition to providing home-made cakes, scones and pies and fresh fruit and vegetables, there were craft stalls. And, a boon to the elderly, a chiropodist was operating behind the curtains on the stage. And, of course, cups of coffee were on sale.

As Mrs. Parsons pointed out, the Market is the only place, except the pubs, where one can get a cup of coffee in Pembury.

The aim of the new committee is to maintain the atmosphere of the old market as a place where people can meet and talk and drink coffee as well as buying interesting and reasonably-priced food.

At present the Market committee is feeling its way. Already it has a network of ladies to provide cooked foods, cakes and the like. But it can always do with more. If you are willing to provide such items on a once-monthly basis, you would be welcome. Also, if you are willing to help serve and in the organisation of the market you would be equally welcome. Cooks are paid for the cost of the materials used plus a little profit. Anything unsold is returned to the producer. The church takes ten per cent of the total profits of the market.

If you would like to help – although the market opens from 9.45 to 11.15 a.m. – you would be asked to be at the Village Hall at 9 a.m. to set out stalls and price goods. And the names to contact if you want to assist in the market – you need not be a member of the church, by the way – are Mrs. Angela Parsons, Pembury 2154; Mrs. Heather Hughes, Pembury 2764 and Mrs. Kate Lucas, Pembury 2448.

THE BY-PASSES

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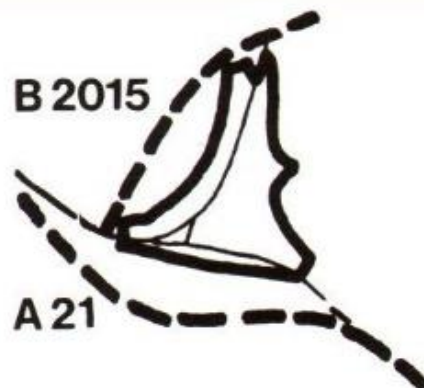
Although the drone of earth-moving vehicles has been absent from the village since about the end of October, work has been going on, although at a reduced level.

Most obvious is the re-siting of Woodsgate Corner in order to make it a straight crossroads between the A264 Pembury-Tunbridge Wells Road, the new B2015 by-pass and the existing A21. This has involved uprooting all the existing traffic lights and placing them in barrels so that they can be moved around as work proceeds on siting the traffic lights in their permanent positions. This, inevitably, causes traffic hold-ups but resident engineer Mr. Nick Wilson said it was hoped the work would be completed before the end of April.

During the winter work has proceeded on building the abutments on the first of the two side-by-side bridges that will carry the A264 over the by-pass. If, as is hoped, the work is finished by the end of March, the bridge deck will then be constructed and placed in position. This will be of pre-stressed concrete with 27 steel cables passing through it under tension from the abutments. Each cable will exert a pressure of 400 tons, thus ensuring the rigidity of the deck. As soon as the deck is completed the service mains at present carried under a Bailey bridge alongside the old Pembury road, will be placed under the bridge. Then traffic will use the bridge in both directions and the present diversion over Bailey bridges, on what will eventually become slip roads on and off the by-pass, will be closed.

After that an identical bridge to carry the A264 over the by-pass will be begun. At the same time work is proceeding on bridges over Chalket and Cornford Lanes, while the basic structure of the footbridge carrying the footpath by Roughlands Shaw is nearing completion. Mr. Wilson said he hoped this bridge would come into use during the summer.

The contractors and Mr. Wilson are hoping for a fine spring and summer. Much remains to be done to enable the road to be finished by the contract date of April 1988, so the sooner we hear that familiar drone again the sooner the job will be done.



B2015

Here the first layers of the top surface have already been laid on the two ends of the by-pass at Maidstone Road and Woodsgate Corner. A further 4½ inches are needed to bring the work to completion. Most of the main drainage of the road is finished and concreting work on the bridlepath bridge at Church Road will begin about the end of March. The bridge at Downingbury Farm will, it is hoped, come into use before the end of the by-pass contract in September. Between now and September the main work will be concentrated in shifting about a foot of earth from the centre section prior to levelling and laying the top surface.

Site engineer Mr. Duncan Smith, speaking in mid-February, said because of good progress made last autumn it seemed likely the by-pass would be completed before time but much depended on the weather up to the end of March.

Pupils of the primary school have visited the works and Mr. Smith has twice visited the school to talk to children who are making a "project" of the by-pass, which is almost on their doorstep.

STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council has taken out a loan of £6,000 to pay for the next stage of street lighting conversion in the village. This will involve work in up-grading the lighting in Amberleaze Drive, Sandhurst Avenue, The Grove, Henwoods Mount, Canterbury Road, Stanam Road, Camden Avenue, The Rowans and Elmhurst Avenue.

Work has been completed on earlier conversions and at the time of writing the connection of new standards was all that was needed before the lighting of already-converted roads was handed over to the county council.

It is hoped that the latest batch of conversions and improvements listed in the opening paragraph will be completed during 1987. When it is completed it will mean that something like 100 of the 180-odd street lamps in the village will be taken over by the county, with a resulting reduction in the amount the Parish Council has to pay for street lighting. The change is already noticeable in the council's finances. This year's portion of the parish rate allocated to lighting is .6p; last year it was 1.2p.

The conversion of existing lamps and, in some cases, the installation of new ones, was necessary because the KCC will not take over street lighting unless certain requirements regarding equipment and spacing of lamp standards are met.



SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS FUND

JOURNEY'S END?

Pembury Scout and Guide Building Fund has received planning permission for its proposed new headquarters on the boundary of the Recreation Ground and hopes to start building operations in April or May.

Fund chairman Mr. Tony Berry said the amount raised now topped £24,000 and this would be supplemented by a grant of £6,500 in April. "That means we shall have the £30,000 we required to start building," he said.

The first work to be done, after completion of a lease with the Parish Council, which owns the site, will be to fence off the area. Work will then begin on erecting the building which, Mr. Berry said, he hoped would be completed before Christmas. Work on the interior would then begin, much of it undertaken by volunteers. At the same time the approach road from Jubilee Way to the site will be constructed.

The headquarters will be a sectional building 80 feet long by 40 feet deep, containing two halls, storage space, an office, kitchen and toilets. One of the requirements of the planning permission is that trees should be planted round the site.

To enable those using the headquarters to reach it other than from Woodhill Park, a footpath will be made linking the site with the existing public footpath from the Westway entrance. It is intended to light this path with bollard lights and a floodlight on the corner of the building. By this means the building can be approached without entering the Recreation Ground after dark.

The fund organisers intend to seek other grants during the course of the year. In addition they are looking for a sizeable amount from this year's Village Fete on July 18th. Mr. Berry asked any person or organisation wishing to take part in the fete to contact either himself on Pembury 2517 or the fete chairman, Mr. John Russell, on Pembury 3243.

Dear Mr. Allen,

May I ask the many householders in the village who contributed so much to our recent jumble sale to accept our sincere thanks. The event, as usual, was a great success and will enable the club to purchase new equipment for our juniors.

The club itself is now firmly on its feet and has cleared all loans taken out to purchase the ground and extend the pavilion. Plans are now in hand for further improvements to the ground and pavilion, and the next three years will show the results of our labours.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 20th, at which it is certain that the club will agree to give wholehearted support to the By-pass celebrations, despite our fears that its completion could lead to this picturesque ground being surrounded by new development.

Many thanks,

PETER CHANDLER
Secretary, Pembury Cricket Club



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FESTIVAL OF THE BY-PASSES

It seems certain that some kind of festival will be organised in the summer of 1988 to celebrate Pembury's shaking off the yoke of incessant traffic following the completion of the two by-passes.

A preliminary meeting to discuss the project was held on January 20th. All village organisations were invited. Nearly 25 sent representatives; several more sent apologies. A praiseworthy effort, considering the meeting was held at the tail-end of the most concentrated spell of bad weather for many years.

Following two hours' discussion it was decided to call a further meeting on March 10th, when it is intended to form a committee to organise the event and draw up a list of activities.

Among the suggestions made at the January meeting were:-

A specially-written play or revue by Pembury Players; a historical display mounted by the local history group; craft displays; a carnival float procession; a vintage car display; pony and trap rides from Woodgate Corner to Bo-Peep; Morris dancing on the Green; a special church service; conducted tours of the parish church; an exhibition showing how the by-passes were planned and carried out; an invitation lunch, with a guest speaker; a specially-arranged cricket match; farm walks; dancing and a barbecue on the Green; a flower festival in the Upper Church; a fashion show; incorporation of the Fete and the Horticultural Society's Summer Show in the festival; specially arranged matches by the Bowls, Hockey and Tennis Clubs; the children at the Primary School be asked to design a logo for use on all programmes and notices.

Doubtless further suggestions will be made. One Newsletter reader has suggested "I love Pembury" car stickers; another that the village should decide on a period in its past and everyone should dress in the costume of that period and that shops should mount period displays.

No firm date for the festival was fixed but there was general agreement that it should be some time in July next year. There was some difference of opinion about whether it should be held over three or four days in succession or on the Saturday and Sunday of consecutive weekends.

If readers have any suggestions of their own – including a catchy title – would they please send them to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

There will be expenses in staging the festival. It will be one of the committee's first jobs to decide how this will be raised – probably by organising events this year. As a gesture of support the Parish Council has earmarked £400 to help launch the venture.

The 'Friends' still need your help

It is now nearly ten years since the first meeting was held in the village to set about finding a way to raise approximately £12,000. This was the estimated cost of urgent repairs to the parish church to prevent the roof collapsing.

As a result the Friends of Pembury Parish Church was formed as a registered charity to raise funds for the preservation and maintenance of this beautiful building. The problem which Pembury as a village has is the need to maintain two churches, the cost of which has proved to be more than the church members by themselves can manage. To meet this problem the "Friends" were formed as a village organisation with a membership of all those in Pembury, of whatever persuasion, who believe that our heritage is worth preserving. There are, perhaps, a few people who have recently come to the village who may not even know of the existence of this lovely old church.

It is about a mile from the bottom of the village, near Kent College, and is now somewhat cut off from the village by the new B2015 by-pass roadworks. Hopefully, by early spring, it will be possible to walk down Church Road and over the new footbridge. Later one will be able to drive to the church by turning left on the new by-pass just beyond Downingbury Farm. Although the church is in regular use every Sunday morning, and of course for weddings, it sadly cannot be kept open all the time due to the problems of vandalism. The "Friends", however, do ensure that the church is open for all those who would like to visit it between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays throughout the summer months.

Over the last ten years the Friends of Pembury Parish Church have raised £40,000 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the church, which is now in very much better condition, having had the roof re-tiled and the central heating and electrical system overhauled. The original structural problem of the roof has also been attended to. There have also been many other more minor items which have needed attention.

The work of the "Friends", however, is not finished. The church was built in the 12th century and one must therefore expect the need for regular expenditure to keep it in good order for the use and pleasure of future generations. You can help by becoming a member of the "Friends". Any subscription of £1 or over entitles you to membership. Just complete the box or telephone the treasurer, Dennis Ould, on Pembury 2616.

Neil Young
Chairman



FRIENDS OF PARISH CHURCH . . . 2

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HOLDING FIRM

Pembury's parish rate looks likely to remain the same as in the current year – namely 8.7p in the £. That is the figure for which the Parish Council has precepted Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Nor has this state of affairs come about through parsimony. The Parish Council plans to spend in 1987/88: £1,500 on painting the outside of the Village (the Village Hall Management will chip in a further £2,000 for this project), £2,150 for fencing round the grass tennis courts in the Recreation Ground, £1,430 on re-surfacing the roadway at the Upper Church from Hastings Road to the roundel and £75 on half a dozen litter bins, mostly in the Rec.

In addition the Parish Council has agreed to write off a £1,000 loan made to Pembury Woodside Youth Club, to pay, for the time being, interest on the club's loans from the Borough Council and to provide £500 this year to enable the Youth Club to engage extra staff.

The reason for this action to help the Youth Club is that representations were made by members and those running the club that the more evenings it could be open the better for the youth of the village. This aid is for a trial period to enable the club to recover from a burden of debt. It is hoped that by providing more facilities the club will generate more income and that eventually it will become fully self-supporting.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

One of the main topics for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on March 18th will be the survey report of the Pembury Informal Planning Study, prepared by the planning department of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

The document, 112 pages long, is of vital importance to the future of the village, coming as it does about a year before the completion of the longer of the two by-passes which, it is hoped, will greatly improve life in Pembury.

The survey is divided into nine chapters, dealing with Pembury's background, housing, employment and shopping facilities, and how Pembury is affected by general planning policy. There are also chapters on the evaluation of possible sites for development, the landscape in which the village lies and the ability of the gas, water, electricity and drainage authorities to deal with any increase in population. The survey also deals with community facilities, such as health, transport and education.

Without in any way committing itself to the desirability of any further development in the village, the planners have taken a detailed look at 21 possible sites for development on the edge of the present built-up area.

The main points of interest in the survey are:-

Population At the 1981 census Pembury had 5,967 inhabitants, of whom 3,494 were of working age and 930 were pensioners. Between 1971 and 1981 the population had increased by 1,146 and the number of households had gone up from 1,668 to 2,088 in the same period. It was estimated that 73 per cent of those in work were employed in the Tunbridge Wells district, leaving just over a quarter who worked further away. Car ownership was above the national average, running at 77 per cent of all households. The number of dwellings in Pembury rose by 533 in the ten years 1971-1981.

Future Developments A quotation from the document reads: "Current planning policies do not permit the expansion of Pembury outside its built confines. The Borough Council and other interested parties consider that, following the construction of the by-passes, land outside the present built confines will experience considerable pressure for development."

Under the existing Kent Structure Plan most of Pembury lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt and the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Although the document does not say so, it has become obvious in recent weeks that following the shake-up of agricultural policy due to over-production, some of the policies governing these planning restraints may come up for revision.

The areas considered least likely to experience much pressure for development include land south of the A21 by-pass, east and west of the B2015 by-pass and east of the present built-up limits of the village. In addition, most of this land is rated as of good agricultural quality.

Public Utilities The Mid-Kent Water Company is taking its maximum licensed extraction of water from Bewl Bridge and it is unlikely to bring additional supplies into use until the mid-1990s. The West Kent Water Company says it would need to instal extra water towers, pumping and mains to cope with any significant increase in housing. Present drainage facilities could accommodate no more than 190 new houses. Seaboard and British Telecom could cope with extra development. But Segas low pressure mains are reaching their design peak for supplies to Pembury.

The report states that any significant development in Pembury could strain police resources in the area and that the addition of another 500 dwellings would mean that another doctor would be needed. The number of children of school age appears to be dropping. According to the report the present school roll of 447 represents the school's maximum capacity. This figure is expected to drop to 438 this year, to 420 in 1988, 401 in 1989 and 390 in 1990. "Pembury last expanded considerably between 1972 and 1980," the report states, "and the maximum roll reached in excess of 650. It was then not possible to accommodate all children in permanent classrooms and six mobile classrooms were used. Due to the projected decline in the number of children on roll (presuming no development took place in Pembury) the Education Department is considering disposing of part of the school. If this proposal were acted upon there would be difficulties in the future should there be an increase in the number of children."

Employment The service trades - pubs, shops, filling stations, offices and the like in Pembury - employ a total of 92 full-time and 73 part-time workers. Of this total 95 live in Pembury. Industrial work employs 123 people altogether of whom only 23 live in the village. The report says it has been suggested to the Borough Council that the small number of light industrial firms in the village are successful because of comparatively low rents, the availability of small to medium premises and the sharing of services by firms.

Possible sites for development The report takes a close look at 21 possible sites for development on the edge of the present built-up area. In all, these total 162 acres and include such areas as the Woodside Road allotments, the cricket ground and some outlying farm land. One of these sites is the subject of a planning application. Many of them probably never will be. In any case under the terms of the report they have been looked at dispassionately and assessed on their amenity value in their present state, the agricultural quality of their land and the probable effect that development of them would have on the village. Concerning 14 of them the verdict on development is "No" and there is no very favourable opinion on the development potential of the other seven. As some indication of what the village could face if the developers really took off, these 162 acres could accommodate 1,658 new dwellings with an estimated population increase of 4,554 - just over 75 per cent of our present number of residents.

The report will now go before the Borough Council's planning committee which will then, presumably, decide on Pembury's planning future.

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IN BRIEF



From time to time the parish councillors are asked by angry residents to "do something" about bonfires. Often, it seems, when there is a fine spring or summer day, tempting people to sit out and enjoy their gardens – or even to dry the washing – some thoughtless neighbour thinks this is just the right time to start a blaze. The outcome is either that the would-be lounge or clothes-drier goes indoors and shuts all the windows or else he or she goes out to do verbal battle with the bonfire enthusiast.

In the latter case the only lasting result is, usually, ill-feeling on both sides. No, there is nothing in law that your parish councillor can do except to advise the complainant to have a quiet word with the neighbour. In the absence of bye-laws concerning bonfires, there is no legal means of stopping the burning of garden rubbish. However, if the nuisance is persistent, or if something noxious, like old tyres, is being burned, you should complain to the Borough Council's environment department. They are the people to sort out difficulties such as bonfire nuisance, undue noise and similar behaviour. Of course, having a good bonfire can be very satisfying; some people love doing it. But the real answer is to forego the pleasure and, instead, to use the weekly visit of the council's dustcarts on Sundays as a means of getting rid of garden rubbish.

Elections for the new Parish Council will be held on Thursday, May 7th – the same day as the election for a Borough Councillor. Anyone wishing to stand for election should write to the Clerk, Mr. Henry Plant, so that in due course he or she can be sent a nomination form.

About a month before the election there will be public notices in the "Courier" and on parish notice boards, setting out the dates by which nomination forms must be completed and submitted to the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells. However, there is no harm in notifying Mr. Plant now.

It seems certain that several members of the existing council (which is elected every four years) will not be seeking re-election, so there may be four or five vacancies. The next four years should be stimulating for anyone interested in Pembury's future. With the completion of the by-passes there will be many problems to solve, which will affect the life of Pembury for decades.

If you wish to book the Village Hall, the person to contact is Mr. Jack Goodsell of 61 Belfield Road, telephone Pembury 2342. Mr. Goodsell, manager of the hall, is taking all bookings while the Village Hall Management Committee treasurer, Mr. Robert Good, is on holiday.

Pembury Players are following their highly successful pantomime early in January with a summer production. This will be the farce "Happy Birthday" by Marc Camoletti, to be produced by Douglas Edwards. The production will be in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on June 4th, 5th and 6th. There will be no matinee. The players are anxious to contact would-be members. If you are interested, as a potential actor, producer, scene-painter or behind-the-scenes dogsbody please get in touch with the secretary, Mrs. Pamela Wills on Pembury 3397.

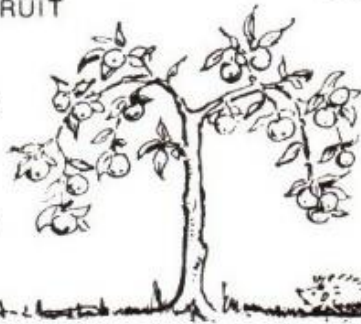
Because of the construction of the B2015 by-pass, which divides the two halves of Church Road for ever, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council asked the Parish Council if it felt the section leading to the old church should be re-named. The Parish

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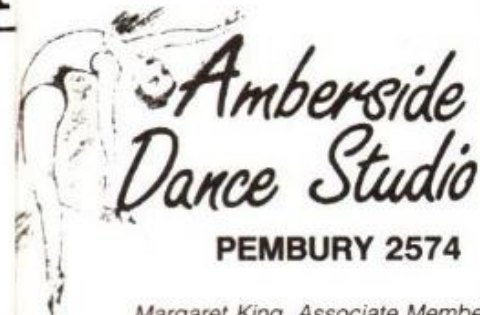


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IN BRIEF



Council decided that it would avoid confusion, especially to future generations, if that section were re-named Old Church Road. The rest of the road, from Lower Green Road to Gimble Way, will continue to be known as Church Road.

We made a mistake in the last Newsletter when we reported that Pembury Sequence Dance Club was meeting every Saturday in the Village Hall. Lines of information had unfortunately got crossed. This is the correct information. The club meets every Monday in the Catholic Hall from 7.45 to 10.15 p.m. It does, however, have a few Village Hall bookings on Saturday evenings. For the rest of the year these will be on March 14th, April 11th, June 13th, August 8th, October 10th and December 12th. All these sessions start at 6.30 p.m.

Because of financial help from the Parish Council, outlined elsewhere in this issue, Pembury Woodside Youth Club aims to open the senior section on three nights a week and on Sunday afternoons. Secretary Mrs. Pauline Hawker said Parish Council aid would enable the club to use its income to improve facilities. It has already bought a television set.

In connection with the plan to open more often, the club is seeking two people for one evening a week to be responsible for running the coffee bar and for general supervision. The rate of pay is £2.50 an hour. The position might be attractive for a husband and wife. Hours of duty are from 7.30 to 10 p.m. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Hawker on Pembury 4327 after 5 p.m. on weekdays or at weekends.

Here is a notice concerning the Amherst Almshouses in Hastings Road. "Any elderly person wishing to be considered for the almshouses as they become vacant is asked to contact Mr. A. Buck, 49 The Grove, Pembury. Preference will be given to those who have resided in the village for the longest period."

The proposal to build a day centre for the elderly in Pembury, the objective of Pembury Age Concern committee for several years, has encountered some snags. Although planning permission has been granted for the building on a site in Henwood Green Road near the Royal Oak, there is now some doubt about funding. Committee chairman Mr. Arthur Bromwich said it seemed that Age Concern Kent, which for some time had indicated it felt the need for such a centre in Pembury, had now had a change of heart, and no longer considered it necessary. This, he said, was hotly denied by those concerned with the project. Negotiations are still going on with Kent County Council, which at one time indicated that it would make a grant of £100,000 towards the building, with the hint that some money would also be forthcoming for running expenses.

Pembury owes a big debt of gratitude to Andrew and Donna Roberts, principal organisers of the very successful Pembury at Christmas celebrations, which raised over £1,000 for local charities. In little over eight weeks they planned a Christmas Fair, a jumble sale and a carnival procession, together with an illuminated Christmas tree on the Green and open-air carol singing. It left one wondering why no one had thought of it before. Local organisations which benefited from the proceeds were the Youth Club, the Darby and Joan Club, Larkfield Hall, the Scout and Guide Building Fund and Pembury Hospital's physiotherapy unit. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts promise there will be more of the same next Christmas.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

- APR.**
- 2 Afternoon W.I. - Birthday Party. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 3 Evening W.I. - Bonzai, living with a fanatic, by Mrs. L. M. Miles. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Bo-Peep at 2.15 p.m.
 - 13 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 14 Darby & Joan Club - Coffee morning and Sale of Work. Village Hall 10-12 noon.
 - 17 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) - Management Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 28 Ladies' Social Group - Desert Island Discs. 3 Woodlands Close.
 - 28 Darby & Joan Club - Talk on Wine by Mr. R. Prescott. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 30 Horticultural Society - Illustrated talk on Scotland by Mrs. Phyllis Bartlett. Village Hall 8 p.m.
- MAY**
- 1 Evening W.I. - Resolutions and a Singalong. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers - All-day walk starting from Camden car park 10 a.m.
 - 7 Afternoon W.I. - Resolutions meeting. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 11 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8.00 p.m.
 - 12 Ladies' Social Group - A.G.M. and Competition. 14 Knights Ride.
 - 12 Darby & Joan Club - Outing to Hastings. Depart 1 p.m.
 - 14 Outgrown Children's Wear - Sale. Village Hall 10.30 a.m. - noon.
 - 16 Horticultural Society - Coach trip to Luton Hoo house and gardens. Coach leaves Camden car park 9 a.m.
 - 18 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) Annual Meeting and Environmental Group. V. Hall 8 p.m.
 - 26 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting (Members of Chatham Over-60's Club will be guests). Village Hall 2 to 4.30.
 - 28 Horticultural Society - Talk on Plant Lore and Legend by Mrs. Joan Bowles. Village Hall 8 p.m.
- JUNE**
- 1 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 2 Ladies' Social Group - Video on work of the R.N.L.I. 6 Westway.
 - 4 Afternoon W.I. - Eating the healthy way by Mrs. P. Rogers. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 - 4/5 Pembury Players present "Happy Birthday". Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 6 Evening W.I. - Early Views of Tunbridge Wells by Mr. John Simon. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.
 - 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane bus stop 2.15 p.m.
 - 8 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) - Management Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 9 Darby & Joan Club - All-day outing to Eastbourne. Depart 10 a.m.
 - 16 Ladies' Social Group - Victorian Needlework by Mrs. Proctor. Lanes End, Lower Green Road.
 - 20 Primary School Parent-Teacher Association - ANNUAL FETE. Primary School 2 p.m.
 - 23 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting. V. Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 - 29 Parish Council (Question time 8.30) - Environmental Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 - 30 Ladies' Social Group - Bar-B-Que. 12 Amberleaze Drive.

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- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion
- 11.30 a.m. Junior Church (except last Sunday)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong

Parish Church

- 11.30 a.m. Mattins
- 12.10 p.m. Holy Communion (first Sunday)



Every Friday - Pembury Village Market - V. Hall 9.45-11.15 a.m.

Every Monday - Pembury Sequence Dance Club - Catholic Hall 7.45-10.15 p.m.