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VIEWPOINT

LITTER



It's sad to reflect that the British are now gaining a reputation as a dirty nation. The evidence, unfortunately, is there for all to see. Litter lies everywhere. Empty cola/beer cans lurk in gutters to trip the unwary, paper wrappers are blown along like multi-coloured leaves, cigarette ends get ground into the pavements and litter bins overflow. It's a national problem, not necessarily confined to the large cities, but clearly London is the worst example.

Tourists no longer just take back with them memories and photographs of St Paul's Cathedral, or Westminster Abbey or the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. What they tell their folks back home about is the filthy state of our streets and the piles of bursting plastic sacks of rubbish waiting for collection. Indeed, it's difficult to take a photograph in London now without litter appearing in it somewhere. No wonder overseas visitors are beginning to call our capital the Slum City.

It isn't just that the local authorities are not carrying out their refuse collection and street cleaning services efficiently, although that is part of the problem. It goes back further than that. To begin with, the packaging industry has a lot to answer for, with almost everything we buy now sealed in cling film or foil or plastic, and then placed in more plastic bags for us to carry away. Why can't packaging be less sophisticated and made of biodegradable materials? Even opening a packet of biscuits requires determination, ingenuity and several sharp implements! So it's no wonder that, having struggled to get at the contents, people fling the wrappers or containers away in sheer relief and exhaustion. But that's no excuse.

It comes back in the end to the way we behave as individuals and our attitude to the environment. Do we care enough to train our children not to drop their sweet papers or crisp packets on the pavements (from where they just blow straight into my front garden)? Do we set the youngsters a good enough example ourselves? It seems strange that people who are proud of their homes and their personal appearance, don't have the same pride in the streets where they live or work.

There is a current Government anti-litter campaign, with tougher penalties when people are prosecuted, the County Council is running a three-year campaign to clean up Kent and Tunbridge Wells has its Cleaner Borough Campaign. So let's make a start in our own neighbourhood – ask for more litter bins if they are needed, organise litter patrols and generally TIDY UP.

Editor

What future for Village Market?

Pembury Village Market is in danger of closing unless volunteers can be found to help keep it going. Members of St. Peter's have been responsible for the running of the market for the last three years, taking over from the W.I. In that time it has provided a much valued village amenity as well as some much appreciated funds. The biggest proportion of the funds necessary to repair the church clock came from this source, also the finance needed to undertake the feasibility study on the interior of the Upper Church.

The market provides an opportunity for people to meet, enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat, and purchase craftware, fresh vegetables and eggs, plants and home-made cakes and pastries. Many villagers visit the market on a weekly basis and faithful customers also come in from Tunbridge Wells because they say they appreciate the service plus the friendly, happy atmosphere. Similarly, those who provide the market service thoroughly enjoy their morning spent in the company of friends and the chance to keep up with all the village news.

One of the organisers is Heather Hughes, who explains: "Unfortunately the three of us who initially took on the responsibility for running the market are now finding it difficult to give it the commitment necessary, because for one reason or another we have had to return to work.

"We feel absolutely certain that there is a need for such a service to continue and therefore we are urgently seeking the help of one or two people who would be willing to offer their time one morning a week to keep this amenity running. If no such help is forthcoming, it is a sad fact that we may not be able to continue after Easter."

If anyone feels they can help, please contact Heather Hughes on Pembury 2764.

DANGER SPOT

There was a spate of accidents in the fog just before Christmas at the Kippings Cross roundabout at the southern end of the Pembury A21 by-pass. Fortunately, only one involved injury.

This roundabout is proving to be a hazard, mainly because of the speed of motorists coming off the by-pass. Although there are a number of traffic signs warning of a roundabout ahead and the usual three count-down exit signs, many drivers travelling at 70 to 80mph clearly fail to notice them. The by-pass also widens from two to three lanes as it nears the roundabout and some drivers seem uncertain which lane they should be in.

P.C. Peter Vaughan says, "The crucial factor here is lane discipline and keeping speed down on the approach. Motorists should refresh their memories about negotiating roundabouts by looking at their Highway Code booklet."

A21 to Lamberhurst

A modified route for improvements planned to the A21 between Kippings Cross and Lamberhurst is to be requested from the Department of Transport by Kent County Council.

The KCC is asking the Department to investigate an alternative to the Blue Route, favoured by Pembury PC. The County Council feels that a more southerly route between Spring Bank and Parsonage Wood, avoiding ancient woodlands and a site of special scientific interest, would give the best balance between solving the traffic problem and maintaining the beautiful environment.



Henry and Irene Plant, Clerk of the Parish Council and Assistant Clerk, who are retiring on 31 March. An appreciation will be given in our next issue. (Courier photograph)

Garden Competition

The Pembury Garden Competition during May and June is going ahead and posters are being displayed around the village. Any type or size of garden is eligible for entry and the system of marking allows everyone a reasonable chance.

Cash prizes for the competition will depend on the number of entries received. A 16 inch shield in memory of Robert Allen will also be awarded.

Competition secretary Mr Bill Brown points out that along with the garden competition there will be a six week campaign for a Brighter Pembury, when individuals and groups can help in a programme of tidying, pruning and planting around the village.

GARDENERS' CALENDAR

March: Towards end of month mow lawn on high blade setting, remove moss and apply fertiliser. Prune, feed and mulch roses. Sow half hardy annuals under glass.

April: Start to sow new lawns or lay new turf. Plant conifers and evergreens, feed and mulch climbers and trim winter flowering heathers. Lightly prune fruit trees. Sow hardy annuals outdoors when soil warms up and prepare patio tubs for planting.

May: The month of rapid growth, so hoe weeds rigorously and mow lawn regularly, reducing height of blade. Sow runner and French beans. Treat roses for pests – planting lavender amongst roses helps to reduce aphid infestation. Plant up your hanging baskets.

Handy hint: To get rid of slugs without using chemicals, try sinking a jam jar of beer at ground level for them to fall into – at least they die happy that way!

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mr Bob Wilkes
Chairman
Environment Committee

Bob Wilkes was born and raised in Inner London, but moved to the countryside as soon as he was able, buying a house in East Peckham where he lived for 21 years.

A keen gardener and walker, he moved to Pembury in 1984 'to have a few hills to walk'.

He is married with a son and daughter, both of whom until recently attended Mascalls School.

Having a lifelong interest in wild life and the environment, he is a member of the RSPB and the Woodland Trust.

A member of the Parish Council since 1987, Bob Wilkes joined in the hope of influencing the development of Pembury as a village community into the 1990s.

As Chairman of the Environment Committee he was instrumental in co-ordinating donations and KCC grants for tree planting after the autumn 1987 storm. Planting to date totals some 55 trees and 500 hedging plants. He is also the parish representative on the Kent County Council Tree Warden Scheme.

WOODSIDE DEPOT

For some 15 years, Pembury Parish Council has been able to store its two tractors, grass-cutting and other equipment at the Henwoods Mount Depot which is leased from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

The Parish Council has been given notice to quit and must find somewhere else to keep its equipment by 8 April 1990.

The Borough Council intend to develop the site and have given themselves 'deemed' planning permission to build a four-bedroomed house.

The Parish Council are challenging the legality of this situation but will have to make provision in its 1990/91 budget for an anticipated sum of up to £40,000 to build a new depot.

Needless to say, there is a drastic shortage of alternative sites in the village, not to mention the money required to finance such a major project.

Ratepayers might question the totally unnecessary heavy financial burden place on a small community by a Borough Council capitalising its assets.



Keep the con-men out

Every week we read in the newspapers or see on television, reports about con-men talking their way into elderly people's homes, then stealing their money or valuables. It is not usually a great amount of money, just a few pounds, but to that person it may be their life savings, their rent or gas money and not only do they suffer the loss of the money but also the hardship that may follow.

What can you do to help stop this particular type of crime? Here are some simple steps which you can take to deter the con-men.

1. Have a door chain, door limiter or a special type of lock fitted to the front door. Do not leave the chain on all the time, but set it only when you intend to open the door to callers.

2. Have a door viewer fitted to the front door. This will allow you to see who is knocking on the door.

3. If the person claims to be from one of the services, always ask to see an identity card. Don't allow the caller to keep the card. Take it and if necessary shut the door on him while you check the card. You can always phone the service he represents to verify his identity. If you don't have a phone, refuse entry but make an appointment for a later date and get a neighbour or friend to be with you.

Most of the services will write first to arrange an appointment. If the caller claims to be a meter reader, ask him for your account number, then get an old account and check this number.

Remember: it is your house. You decide who can enter it.

These con-men use many different types of excuses to gain entry to your house. Here are some of the ploys used by these people.

★ Children call – they say their pet, ball or other item is in your back garden and can they go and look for it.

★ A man and a pregnant-looking female call asking for a glass of water.

★ Builders or roofers may try to get you to agree to a small repair, then present you with a large bill.

★ Bogus meter readers may claim the meter has been read incorrectly and you may be entitled to a refund.

Always remember: You decide you can enter your home. Once you have let that person into your house you are at a disadvantage.

If you require advice on home security contact me and I will visit you at home.

Special offer

If you wish to purchase door or window locks, you can get a 10 per cent discount by presenting this magazine at S.J. Osborne, 40 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Pembury Village Police Office in Amberleaze Drive will be open to the public on the following dates: 7 March, 6pm-7pm; 14 March, 10am-11am; 21 March, 10am-11am; 28 March, 6pm-7pm; 4 April, 10am-11am.

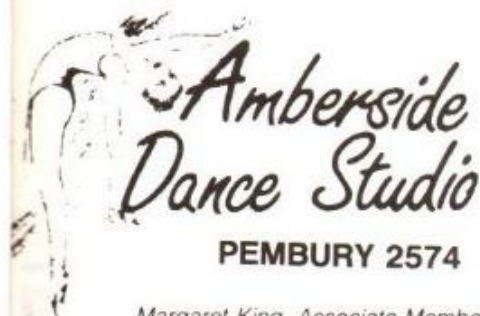
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The latest information on the community charge will be the subject of a talk by Mr G. E. Levitt at the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21 March. Mr Levitt is Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Director of Financial and Central Services.

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Poor street lighting in Pembury is worrying many local people, with Lower Green Road a particular cause for concern. One resident there – Vera Durant – writes: 'This road has now been in almost complete darkness for weeks and is a great danger to anyone crossing or even walking on the pavement. A few nights ago when coming home by car I saw a small girl, aged about eight or nine, walking by herself. It was very worrying. I understand that other people in Pembury have telephoned Seaboard about lighting in the village, but have had no response.'

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Requests from parishioners for the planting of memorial trees in the grounds of the Upper Church will be completed with the addition of two more flowering cherries, a red hawthorn, a cercis (or Judas tree) and possibly a yew.

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The WRVS Meals-on-Wheels service needs drivers and helpers for regular journeys one day a month, or as emergency volunteers to cover holidays or

sickness. The service operates every Tuesday and Thursday and the round takes about two hours, starting at 11.45am. Meals are normally collected from Pembury Primary School kitchen, but from Pembury Hospital during school holidays. The KCC pay a car mileage allowance of 25.6p per mile. If you would like to help for two hours a month please contact Mr and Mrs Whitton, 102 Henwood Green Road, or ring them on Pembury 2088.

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A Barn Dance organised by the Friends of Pembury Parish Church is to be held at Kent College Girls School on Friday 11 May at 8pm. Tickets cost £4.50, including food (but bring your own drinks). Music for dancing is by the Royal Borough Dance Band.

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The Parish Council is publishing an updated Footpath Map of Pembury, based on the definitive Ordnance Survey map for the area. The maps are unpriced but will be available for a small donation. The County Council has recently announced that it is to spend an additional £1.5 million on maintenance of minor roads and footpaths.

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Children can take part in story-time, colouring and craft activities to do with Easter at Pembury Library on Wednesday 18 April between 10.30 and 11.30.

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Legion's 60 Years in Pembury

The Royal British Legion (or the British Legion as it was then) was formed in 1921 to draw together several organisations to look after the welfare of ex-Service people and their dependents. The Pembury Branch has been operating for many years, thought to be from the late 1920s. It had a club, now the Village Hall, which was given to the Parish Council a number of years ago when reducing numbers of ex-Service members made the club no longer economic to run.

The Branch has now over 20 members, of whom some seven or eight are young enough to be active in the work of the Legion.

Organising the Poppy Appeal is one of the main tasks at present. It is very successful due to the involvement of relatives of the officers and committee and many other helpers. They carry out a house-to-house collection each November, in conjunction with the shop, school and Church collections. Money raised so far this year is nearly £1,500, a great credit to Pembury.

We, and the other 3,321 branches, operate to help ex-Service people, their widows and dependents. We run a local welfare service for the relief of distress, make visits to the long-term sick, and arrange holidays for convalescence and extra fuel for the elderly in winter. The Legion operates five country homes, three rest and convalescent homes, makes small allowances to the permanently incapacitated and arranges holidays for the severely disabled.

National departments are also run for pensions advice, providing work for the disabled, pilgrimages, retirement flats and many other things.

The Pembury Branch can accept new members. Ex-Service people can be ordinary members and those people who have not been in the Services may join as associate members. Anyone interested should ring Mr John Young on Pembury 4589 or Mr Alan Mitchell on Tunbridge Wells 862093.

A.M.

Holy Week Services at St. Peter's



Palm Sunday 8 April:
9.45am Palm Procession from the Camden Car Park. The Parish Communion.

Monday 9 April:
8.00pm Meditation

Tuesday 10 April:
8.00pm Stainer – The Crucifixion

Wednesday 11 April:
8.00pm Meditation

Maundy Thursday 12 April:
8.00pm Foot washing and Communion

Good Friday 13 April:
9.45am Morning Service.
2.00pm Meditation on The Cross

Holy Saturday 14 April:
8.00pm Service of Light and renewal of Baptismal Vows.

EASTER DAY 15 April:
8.00am Holy Communion.
9.45am The PARISH COMMUNION.
11.30am Holy Communion.*
6.30pm Songs of Praise.*

All services in the Upper Church except those marked with an asterisk.

HOP-PICKERS, HORSES AND DUSTY ROADS

Hopfields, horse-drawn buses, un-made roads and a water pump in the back yard is how Rex Turner remembers the Pembury of his youth.

Now a spry 86-year-old, Mr Turner was born in 1903 and was brought to Pembury at three months old when his parents moved here and set up a grocer's shop in Henwood Green Road. This was, initially, in the front room of the end terrace cottage in the row then known as Rose Cottages.

"My earliest memory is of my mother drawing water from a pump next to the cottage," says Rex Turner. "There was no gas laid on either, so we used paraffin lamps and candles for light and cooked on a coal-burning range."



Octogenarian Mr Rex Turner still rides his motor cycle around Pembury.

In about 1908 a Mr Batchelor, a local landowner, built a shop for the Turners on the opposite side of the road and this remained as Turner's, the grocers, for 50 years. The shop is now occupied by Weeks, the baker.

In 1909 the six-year-old Rex started at a private school in Tunbridge Wells and the daily journey there was a memorable and enjoyable one. He used to climb onto a horse-drawn double-decker omnibus, which set out from the Royal Oak public house, and was dropped off at the end of Garden Road in Tunbridge Wells. The regular travellers on the bus all knew him and made sure he got to school safely.

The buses and the horses were stabled on land at the rear of the Royal Oak. The roads in those days, Mr Turner recalls, were not properly surfaced and were very dusty in summer and muddy in winter.

Another early memory is of a serious outbreak of diphtheria in Pembury in 1910, so young Rex was sent away to stay with relations in Southborough until the epidemic was over.

Having been in the grocery trade Mr Turner finds it interesting to compare today's prices with those of pre-1914 days.

"Cheese was only 10d, old pence, a pound, or 4p in today's money, while a 2lb loaf was 3d, or just over 1p. I remember we sold cottage loaves which could be split in half, the top costing 1d and the bottom half 2d. A quarter pound of tea was less than 2p."

When he was about 10 years old Mr Turner changed schools and was sent to King Charles School in Tunbridge Wells until he left at 14. It was while he was at this school during the First World War, that Tunbridge Wells experienced its first bombing. Zeppelins dropped three bombs in Calverley Gardens in October 1915.



The shop front of Turner and Son, grocers, in Henwood Green Road, with Mr Rex Turner in the doorway. The premises are now occupied by Weeks, the baker, and the door has been moved to the right of the shop window.

When he left school Rex Turner began to help his parents in the shop, but not long after – in 1918 – his father died as the result of a motor cycle accident. Rex himself learnt to ride a motor cycle in the 1930s, and is still riding one at the age of 86.

Mr Turner continued to help his mother run the grocer's store until her death in 1934, then he took over the business until he sold it in 1958.

A feature of Pembury life in the 1920s and 1930s was the hop-picking. The village had numerous hopfields – there was a large one at Beagles Wood and Downingbury Farm had several. Every summer East Enders would come down by train from London to Paddock Wood, where they were met and transported by farm wagons to the hopfields.

"In Pembury the pickers stayed in hopper huts in Beagles Wood and in those days it was no holiday," says Mr Turner. "They desperately needed the money and worked hard. They had to pick eight bushels to earn one shilling."

It was during the 1920s that Mr Turner learnt to play the organ and by 1925 he was skilled enough to be appointed organist at Tudeley Church where he remained for three years. In 1940 he was asked to stand in for the organist in Pembury who had been called up. He

has been the church organist here ever since and this June celebrates 50 years, during which time he has played for all Sunday services voluntarily.

A man of many interests, Mr Turner enrolled for Adult Education classes during the 1930s to learn French, German and Italian. This was to assist him in his long-standing passion for travel. His ability with languages stood him in good stead in 1956 when, already a member of the British Red Cross, he was sent to the Austria/Hungary border to help bring back some 200 refugees from the Hungarian uprising.

In 1958, after he had sold the shop, Mr Turner fulfilled his interest in travel by becoming a part-time courier for a Tunbridge Wells travel firm, and continued travelling to the continent with tour groups until 1974. He also motorcycled extensively through Europe during the 1970s, particularly in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy and even tackled Alpine passes on his motorbike when he himself was over 70.

Rex Turner has for many years been an active member of the League of Friends of Pembury Hospital. He was involved in the opening of the hospital shop in 1973 and still works there as a voluntary assistant.

Farm Fayre

The Annual Autumn Fayre at Pippins Farm will be held on Sunday 30 September and there will again be a number of craft stalls. Priority will be given to local residents who wish to exhibit and there is no charge for stand space. Anyone interested should ring Pembury 4624 (evenings only).

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LOOK BACK

An eminent Victorian

On 13 November 1989, a bust of Sir Samuel Morton Peto was unveiled by his great-grandson, Sir Henry Peto. The event took place on Thorpe Station, Norwich. What has this got to do with Pembury, you may ask? It so happens that Sir Morton Peto is buried in the churchyard at our old Parish Church and the lych-gate was erected to his memory. He was a very eminent Victorian, but one whose praises have remained unsung.

Samuel Morton Peto was born in Sutton, Surrey, on 4 August 1809. His father and grandfather were farmers but his uncle, Henry Peto, was a builder. When Samuel was fourteen he was apprenticed to his uncle, whose business was in London. Soon after he was twenty-one his uncle died, leaving the business to Samuel and his cousin, Thomas Grissell. These two worked together very well and quickly gained an excellent reputation for good workmanship. Their work during the next ten years included building The Reform Club, the Nelson Monument, the Lyceum Theatre and the Houses of Parliament.

Peto married and had four children, but his wife died in 1842. A year later he married again and it was mainly due to his new wife's father, Henry Kelsall, that he began to take a very active interest in the Baptist Church.

About this time the railways were being developed and in 1846 Grissell & Peto dissolved their partnership so that the latter could concentrate more on railway contracts. His firm were responsible for laying one-seventh of this country's railways. Eventually this work was to take him to other countries, including France, Canada and Russia.

It was while he was working on the railway in the Norwich area that Peto bought the Somerleyton estate. He rebuilt the village for his workers and then turned his attention to Somerleyton Hall. He also developed the town and port of Lowestoft. Peto and his friend, the Rev William Brock of Norwich, did much to improve the lot of the people employed by Peto's firm. The welfare of his workers was always Peto's first consideration

and the men, in their turn, were always loyal and did a good day's work.

Peto became the MP for Norwich in 1847 and he was also treasurer for the Baptist Missionary Society, a very busy man indeed.

If it had not been for the financial backing given by Peto the Great Exhibition of 1851 would not have taken place. Prince Albert was not getting very much support for his project and it seemed doomed to failure. However, when it was known that Peto was offering assistance others followed suit. He also did much to help the British side in the Crimean War, one of his main tasks being the building of a railway from Balaclava to the battlefields. He even gave up his seat as an MP in order to go and supervise the work himself. It was more or less as a result of this that he was created a Baronet in 1855.

He decided to sell the Somerleyton estate in 1862 and it may have been some time around this period that he re-entered Parliament as the Member for Finsbury. In 1866, however, he had to resign his seat as he and his partners, Brassey and Betts, were badly affected by the Stock Market crash on Black Friday, May 1866. Undaunted by this, Peto and his partners made a fresh start and at least two more railway contracts were undertaken by them before Peto retired.

Even in retirement Sir Morton continued to be very busy, devoting much of his time to the Baptist movement. It was this that brought him to Pembury as his partner, Mr Betts, lived here and they were both involved in the rebuilding in 1885, of the Baptist Chapel, now the Free Church.

Peto and his wife moved to Tunbridge Wells in 1884. Five years later Sir Morton was taken ill and died on 13 November. He was buried in Pembury Parish Churchyard and it was fitting that the Service was conducted by the Vicar and a Baptist Minister, as Sir Morton first brought in the Burial Bill allowing Non-Conformists a proper burial in a churchyard.

M. E. Standen

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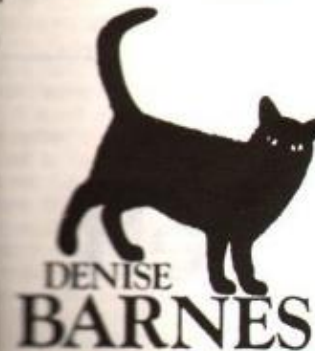
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YOUR CLERK REPORTS

As many of you will know, this Report is to be my last as Parish Clerk, after 18 years' service, as my wife and I have decided to retire as Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Pembury Parish Council on 31 March.

The last 18 years have seen an immense growth in the number of houses in Pembury and with it the intensification of responsibility for each succeeding Parish Council.

One of my first duties was to be involved with the purchase of what is known as the Woodside Playing Fields as part of the, then, Parish Council's intention to extend and improve the amenities in the village. One of my last duties will be to help the present Parish Council to see their contribution towards a better Pembury come to fruition with the publication shortly of the consultative draft of the Pembury Local Plan, a plan which it is hoped will help to curtail development around Pembury.

As Parish Clerk I have had the great pleasure to serve under five Chairmen — the late George Sturgeon, Derek Betts, the late Arthur Penn, Sarah Clarke and Dick Miles — all of whom helped me immensely in carrying out my duties to the Parish and who, in their own inimitable ways, have all carried out their own duties in the best tradition of Chairmanship.

It is not everyone who has the opportunity on retirement of not only being able to publicly thank both present and past members of the Parish Council for their help and encouragement throughout all the years, but also to especially thank my wife, Irene, for the practical help and understanding she has given me over the last 18 years which has enabled me to enjoy being so much a part of the public life of Pembury.

The last public duty I will be carrying out will be to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to give the annual Financial Report, which is reproduced below. I hope that you will join me at the Village Hall on 21 March for the Annual Meeting.

Financial Statement

"It is my duty to submit the following particulars in respect of the Parish Finances for the year ended 31 March 1989.

For this period Precepts amounting to £53,768.00 were demanded from the Rating Authority by your Parish Council. Receipts from burials, interest on capital and miscellaneous income amounted to £10,815.62 which, com-

bined with the sum of £11,129.90 brought forward from the financial year ended 31 March 1988, totalled £75,713.52.

Expenditure for the same year amounted to £72,859.95 which left a surplus of £2,853.57 carried forward to the commencement of the current year 1989/90 as a credit on the Burial Board Account of £62.27 on the General Account of £2,722.40 and the Loan Account of £68.90.

Outstanding loans on 31 March 1989 due to the Bank of England totalled £25,601.41. These comprised £1,111.39 for Burial Grounds; £222.20 for allotment land; £918.34 for Woodside Playing Fields; £6,697.29 for Lower Green Recreation Ground improvements and £2,798.73 for the Village Hall improvements; £1,459.44 for the Scouts and Guides Headquarters site and £12,394.02 for the conversion of Parish Lighting.

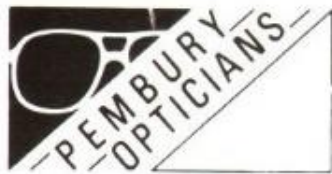
Major items of expenditure during 1988/89 were wages, graduated pensions, public lighting energy charges, new machinery, repairs and renewals to machinery and parish property, the continuance of the conversion of Parish public lighting and additional public lighting standards, financial assistance to the Pembury Woodside Youth Club and tree surgery in the Recreation Grounds and Cemeteries.

The accounts of the Pembury Parish Council were audited and approved by the District Auditor on 4 August 1989.

This year I am unable to give any comparative figures regarding the Pembury Parish Rates as, no doubt, you are well aware the term "the Penny Rate" will disappear with the introduction of the Community Charge this April. I have therefore precepted the amount of £81,954 from the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, which is an increase of £18,666 over last year. The new Parish Community Charge will be announced by the Borough Council in due course.

I would, with respect, request that the Chairman of your Council submits this financial report for the year ended 31 March 1989 for adoption."

Henry Plant
Clerk to the Council



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FOR YOUR DIARY

- APR**
- 2 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 3 Darby and Joan Club Meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
 - 5 Afternoon WI 70th Birthday Party, Village Hall 2.15pm.
 - 6 Evening WI - Resolutions, Village Hall 7.45pm.
 - 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers, walk starting from Camden Hotel 2.15pm.
 - 9 Horticultural Society Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 17 Darby and Joan Club Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10-12.
 - 23 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 26 Horticultural Society, illustrated talk by Brian Doe on "Kent Countryside", Village Hall 8pm.
 - 30 Pembury Society Spring Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
- MAY**
- 1 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
 - 3 Afternoon WI, Resolutions, Village Hall 2.15pm.
 - 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers, walk starting from Bo-Peep Corner 2.15pm.
 - 5 Horticultural Society coach outing to Spalding Flower Festival, leaving Camden Hotel 7.30pm.
 - 14 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 15 Darby and Joan Club outing to Rochester leaving Sunhill at 12.30pm.
 - 21 Horticultural Society, floral art demonstration by George Allard, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 26 St. Peter's May Fayre, opens 2pm.
 - 29 Darby and Joan Club AGM, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
 - 31 Horticultural Society, talk on pork products by Miss Hannah Pullar, Village Hall 8pm.
- JUNE**
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers, walk starting from Stonecourt Lane 2.15pm.
 - 4 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 11 Horticultural Society Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 12 Darby and Joan Club outing to Eastbourne, leaving Sunhill at 10am.
 - 25 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
 - 26 Darby and Joan Club Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.

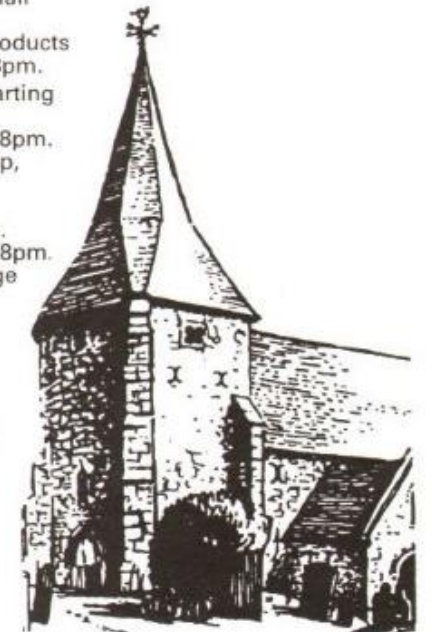
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- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion and Junior Church
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

Parish Church

- 11.30 a.m. Matins (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)



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.