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# VIEWPOINT



The motor car has always been Pembury's biggest headache. Before the opening of the two by-passes it was the through traffic heading for the coast in summer that caused endless tailbacks along the High Street, or the heavy lorries destined for Paddock Wood or Maidstone thundering down Lower Green Road that terrified mothers with young children. These hazards have now been eased, but local vehicles are still a problem, largely through their owners' lack of thought or consideration for neighbours.

In his regular feature P.C. Peter Vaughan has already written about street parking in some of the village's narrow roads, which poses a threat to other road users or blocks access for emergency vehicles. In many cases it is thoughtlessness, where cars are left in the road instead of in the owner's driveway. Part of the difficulty, of course, is the fact that many households now have two cars, so one vehicle has to be left on roads which were built at a time when cars were still a luxury for the minority. The need for wider residential roads was just not foreseen.

As most Pembury drivers know, to negotiate Hastings Road between the Church and Bo-Peep Corner has become something of a motorist's slalom course with a formidable amount of weaving in and out of parked vehicles. Is the solution an extension of yellow lines or other no-parking restrictions? The police are considering the options.

Meanwhile, persistent parkers are going to have to find alternative arrangements when major road works along the whole length of the High Street and Hastings Road are carried out during the autumn. This is part of the County Council's detrunking of the old A21 and involves complete refurbishment of the carriageways, new kerbing, improvements to drainage and final resurfacing. The work is expected to take five months and there will inevitably be delays for drivers and inconvenience for local people.

Editor



*Mr Bill Ralph was presented with the Robert Allen Trophy by Mrs Phyllis Allen.*

## Pensioner wins garden trophy

The winner of Pembury's 1990 Best Kept Garden Competition was Mr W. V. (Bill) Ralph of 187 Hastings Road, for which he was the first person to receive the Robert Allen Trophy.

When Mr Ralph and his wife moved to their flat at Bo-Peep Corner 13 years ago, the garden was a wilderness. For five years he used it simply to grow vegetables, but now the 60 foot triangular plot is a riot of colour and ingenuity.

Pride of place must go to the vine which was planted ten years ago and now covers some 75 feet. Last year it yielded one cwt of small black grapes and this season's crop looks even more abundant. The Ralphs turn the grapes into jam.

Three small, ornamental ponds are linked

by a water channel with miniature bridges. Around the tiny lawn are beds, tubs, pots and hanging baskets filled with petunias, marigolds, dahlias, fuchsias, roses, pansies, geraniums, lavatera and many other colourful varieties, together with some small conifers and evergreens.

A summerhouse, patio and aviary add to the interest of the garden where Mr and Mrs Ralph – and many of their neighbours – spend much of their time.

Mr Ralph has always been a keen gardener and has won many medals in the past. He started showing at Paddock Wood, when he was 14 and had his first small garden.

He was caretaker at Pembury Primary School for 12 years and retired in 1986.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Robert Allen Trophy is to be an annual award to an individual for his or her efforts to benefit the community. It is seen as an award to somebody deserving it rather than for something for which there is a competition.

The 1991 award will be for the Pembury Young Citizen of the Year, open to young Pembury residents aged from 13 to 16 for any sustained achievement or project between 1 October 1990 and 31 March 1991.

For example, any young person who

brings honour to Pembury through their achievement in music, art, education or sport, or some voluntary task undertaken for the village or for a charity could be a candidate.

Individual nominations for the trophy should be made by one or more adults and should reach the Parish Clerk by the end of April 1991.

For further details of the project and nomination forms please apply to Barbara Russell, Parish Clerk, on Pembury 3193.

## PIPPINS' PROGRESS



Mr David Knight of Pippins Farm and the restored barn which is now used as the farm office.

Pippins Farm's sixth annual Autumn Fayre, which will be held on Sunday, 30 September, gives the public an opportunity to see the varied aspects of fruit growing and cider production in this corner of Kent, on a farm that is somewhat unique.

Since he took over Pippins in 1981, David Knight has introduced a number of innovations. Although primarily an apple farm – there are 25 acres of apple trees and 150 tons of apples were marketed last year – there are also plums, soft fruit and some arable land.

It is for its speciality orchard that Pippins is most widely known. Here, 25 varieties of old English apples, not grown elsewhere, are to be found. Examples are Egremont Russets, Ashmead Kernel, James Grieve, Charles Ross, Blenheim Orange and Sunset, which has a particularly lovely colour in October.

It was requests from Somerset cider makers for apples to supplement their

poor crops, that led David Knight to consider the possibility of making use of small or waste apples for a Kentish cider. The apples are handpicked, washed and sorted and no rotten fruit is included in the process. The main varieties used are traditional English apples such as Cox's, Bramleys, Russets and Worcesters as these produce the highest quality juice. The result is dry and medium still ciders with almost a wine character.

The success of Pippins Vintage Cider, now with a yearly production of 1500 gallons, turned Mr Knight's thoughts to wine making and he recently established a 2 acre vineyard of Russian vine. The first crop was last year, but the wine, both red and white, is not yet ready for marketing.

Honey is also produced on the farm and can be bought at the farm shop. The whole place operates, amazingly, with only one full time farm foreman, but with extra labour and pickers at

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mr Philip Horn

Philip Horn is Pembury's newest parish councillor, having been co-opted onto the council on 30 January 1989. He is now a member of the

Burial and Allotments Committee and the Highways Committee.

Born in Dover in 1948, he has lived in Pembury since 1978. He has worked in banking all his life and is now an assistant project manager concerned with the implementation of the 1990 Finance Act as it affects the National Westminster Bank.

Mr Horn believes that Pembury has grown over-large in the past and that we should now try to recreate, as far as possible, a village spirit within both the old and new communities.

Concerning parish council affairs, he tries to use a common sense approach, without being too dogmatic.

"The Pembury by-passes have created tremendous opportunities for the village," he says, "but there are also risks involved. The opportunities should be taken to increase social awareness, improve the environment and ensure Pembury does not become a dormitory village."

### Pippins' Progress

busy times.

"We do need help for the vineyard," says David Knight. "So if there are any local people with an interest in wine making there are a variety of jobs to be done on the vines right through the summer and autumn."

Pippins Farm has an unusual history. Up until 1983 it was owned by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, who also owned Downingbury Farm opposite. In the old days, up to the 1920s, there were hopfields, but unfortunately the oasts at Pippins have had their tops removed.

Interestingly, the Hawkwell spring which feeds Pembury reservoir rises

on Pippins farmland. Probably because of this there has never been any need for irrigation of crops here.

Around the farmyard are a group of barns dating from the 1830s, but after conversion now have very modern uses. One is the farm office, another houses Jill Noakes' dressmaking business, while the largest is available to hire for functions.

David Knight and his family live in the farmhouse, most of which also dates from the 1830s but with older parts at the rear. His wife Veronica is a barrister who works in London, and they have two young children – Edward, 5, and three year old Emily.



### Fireworks safety

Once again we are coming to the time of year for fireworks and Hallowe'en. Both these festivals can cause problems, so let me start with Hallowe'en.

Gone are the days when we used to hollow out a pumpkin, light a candle and have a party. It now seems that we have to follow American tradition with children going round the neighbourhood playing Trick or Treat. This in itself is not wrong, but some of the tricks that children play, especially on the elderly, can be upsetting.

You can always tell when Bonfire Night is near because for two or three weeks prior to November 5th fireworks are let off in the streets at all times of day and night. For me it means calls from local people complaining, once again, about youths causing a nuisance.

Most people, myself included, have no objection to fireworks – in fact, organised displays similar to the ones at Dunorlan Park and Leeds Castle are quite breath-taking. But, quite apart from it being a criminal offence, most folk object to fireworks being let off irresponsibly in streets or in our village recreation grounds. It is another of those anti-social habits some youngsters have fallen into, but they should remember the dangers to themselves as well as to other people. Last year, in our Health Authority area, three youths were

taken to hospital with firework injuries, and one of these lads will be scarred for life.

There may, perhaps, be a good argument for banning the sale of all fireworks except for organised displays. Incidentally, remember that children under 16 years old are not allowed to buy fireworks.

If you are having a family fireworks party, then don't forget the Fireworks Safety Code:

- ★ Keep fireworks in a closed box. Take them out one at a time and put the lid back at once.
- ★ Follow the instruction on each firework carefully. Read them by torchlight, never a naked flame.
- ★ Keep pets indoors. Dogs and cats become very distressed by the noise of fireworks.
- ★ Never go back to a firework once lit – it may go off in your face.
- ★ Never throw fireworks.
- ★ Never put fireworks in pockets.
- ★ Site the bonfire well away from the house, garage, shed, hedge or fence.

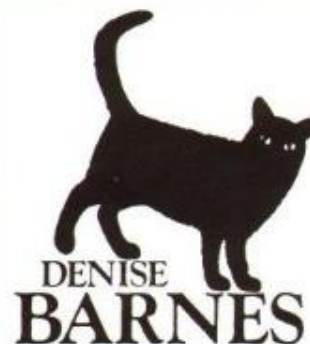
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# IN BRIEF

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The Friends of Pembury Parish Church will hold their AGM on Monday 19 November at 8pm in the Village Hall. Mr Rex Turner has agreed to talk about his 50 years as an organist. Refreshments will be available.

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Thanks to the very generous response from the people of Pembury to their recent appeal, the local Burma Star Association have been able to buy a new standard.

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The new head of Kent College is Miss Barbara Crompton, who was previously deputy head of St Anne's School, Windermere, where she also taught physics. Miss Crompton enjoys outdoor activities such as wind-surfing, sailing and camping. She takes over from Rev John Barrett, who left Kent College in July for a post in Cambridge.

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The annual Remembrance Day parade and service will take place on Sunday 11 November.

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The Darby and Joan Club celebrated its 40th anniversary on 24 July with a garden party at 52 High Street. Some 85 members attended and guests of honour were the Mayor and Mayoress of Tunbridge Wells and the Vicar, Rev Jim Brasier and his wife Sheila. The Club's oldest member, 91 year old Mrs Gladys Chivers, presented the Mayoress with flowers. The afternoon raised £70 through a raffle and sale of work.

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Following the success of last year's Quiz Night it is intended to repeat this event on Friday 19 October at the Village Hall. Once again the questions will be set by Cllr Mrs Betty Roberts, with teams of four participating. Proceeds will go to the charity of the winning team's choice. This year, to help – or hinder – the thought processes, a bar will be available. Entry forms should be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

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The soil is heavy and the digging hard work (not for the faint hearted), but it's the results that count. This year, like last year, has been very dry but the crops have been excellent.

Fruit – blackcurrants, raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries and so on, all did well. Vegetables had a difficult start in the dry spring and the blackfly made merry, but the midsummer rain and the friendly ladybird (for the non-sprayer) aided recovery and all bean yields were eventually heavy.

In spite of the attentions of the ubi-

quitous pigeons (easily frustrated by netting or humming tape) cabbages, cauliflowers and sprouts shaped up well. Most allotment holders did well with potatoes, particularly the organic growers.

If warm summers are to be a regular feature then some of the more exotic varieties could flourish and the tomatoes and courgettes will be joined by aubergines and peppers.

There are allotments available and if you like the fresh and fuller flavour of home grown produce and don't mind a little exercise in pleasant surroundings, why not give Barbara Russell, Parish Clerk, a ring on Pembury 3193 and book one now.

## YOUR CLERK REPORTS .....

July saw the end of a fifteen year era in Pembury with the departure of our head groundsman, Kevin Shaw. Kevin decided, somewhat reluctantly, that it was time to move on and pursue a different line of work. I am sure Pembury residents would like to join me in wishing Kevin all the best in the future and to thank him, most sincerely, for all the hard work he has put into maintaining the village properties and amenities to high standards.

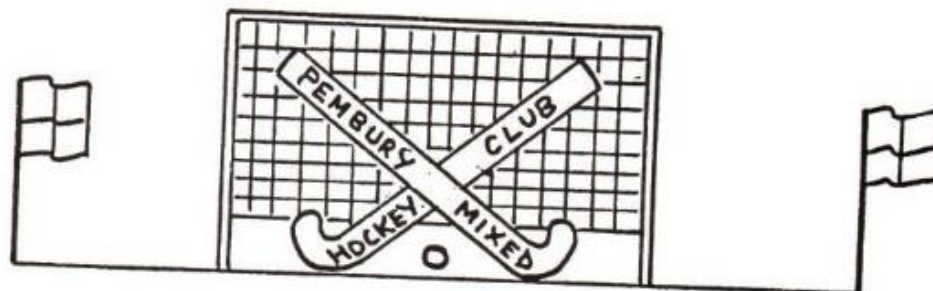
The Recreation Ground is being well used; how good it is to see the children playing football, cricket, rounders and so on, and using the play equipment. Unfortunately, the scene changes in the evening when it becomes the meeting point for a group of youths, some of whom do not respect the amenities provided. Indeed, they have even attempted

to set light to the pavilion.

But these are not the only people who show disregard for the open spaces. Some dog owners still do not seem to be aware of the dangers to health and the revulsion that dogs' mess causes. As a mother of young children, I appeal to these people not to allow their dogs to foul our grounds or to let them off their leash.

Lastly, I would like to ask everyone to take part in keeping the village looking pleasant. Don't drop litter – if you see some litter, why not pick it up and dispose of it properly? Finally, can we all ensure that our hedges are kept trimmed and not over-hanging the paths. It's our village, let's be proud of it!

Barbara Russell  
Clerk to the Council



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Come along and join us in September or ring Trevor (Pembury 2890) or James (Pembury 4854) for more details.

# ADVENTURE IN ALASKA

The adventure of a lifetime was experienced by 18-year-old Pembury school-boy Howard Beames when he went on an expedition to Alaska earlier this year. Pembury Parish Council was one of his sponsors for the trip which lasted from mid January to mid April. A former pupil at Skinners School, Howard chose this expedition as a good way to use a year off between leaving school and going up to Cardiff University, where he will read geography.

Mountains are lonely and soul-searching places. Material and social values and our regimented concepts of time are aspects of so-called civilised life which are highlighted in stark contrast to the simplicity of Alaskan life, where the environment is as yet untainted by the hand of man.

At least, this is how I found it on a three month expedition with the British Schools Expeditionary Society. This was not something I became aware of overnight, but was a gradual process of learning more of our surroundings and just what they mean. It is now that I realise just how lucky I was to have had this opportunity, which would not have been possible without the help of organisations such as Pembury Parish Council. In return for their kindness I am writing this article to share my experiences with others.

We numbered ten, two leaders and eight people not unlike me, inexperienced in most aspects of what we would be doing. The two leaders, however, were veterans of many an extreme cold and altitude expedition and over the three months we were to learn a lot from them and from each other.

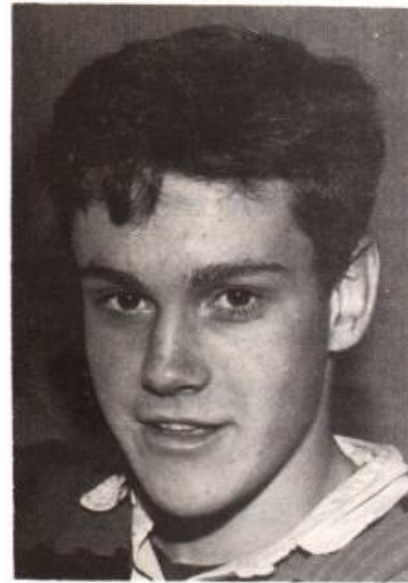
Roping up, that is climbing, mountaineering and ski mountaineering, formed a very general core of what we were to learn. It was not sufficient to just know these skills, we had to be perfect in every aspect of them. This was because the cold makes things more complicated and therefore more dangerous. Of course, there was no set pattern to our expedition, we learned as we saw best

under the guidance of the leaders and with the help of each other.

Small expeditions to practice camping, snow-holding and living with the cold were the start. Once we were acclimatised, longer trips involving mountaineering were begun and we started to get used to the heavier loads (100 lbs) that went with them. Everyone very quickly became adept on skis, mainly because they provided the easiest form of transport.

By this time we were hungering for a major peak attempt and it was decided we would attempt a mountain called Nikolai. This was a distant mountain which involved a technical ascent and complicated and committed descent. Whilst up on the mountain and surrounding ridges we would be spending some time on the permanent ice cap and once half way round there were no quick escape routes if there were an accident or injury. Therefore only the fittest and most adept were to attempt it, which turned out to be a group of six.

Not only was this to be a testing expedition in terms of physical and mental endurance, we were also trying a new style of mountaineering; instead of an Alpine summit it was to be an Alpine expedition. This basically meant that we would be travelling with a minimum of equipment for the whole trip and as a result tents and a lot of climbing safety gear were left behind. This was not because we had a death wish, in fact the opposite. The length of our proposed route meant we had



to carry at least six days food and fuel and so not a lot else could be taken.

Two days hard slog later we had reached the base of our mountain. After a further two days climbing in white-outs and snowstorms, we were just below the summit. By now all of us had realised how dangerous yet exhilarating work in extreme conditions can be – we were now experiencing temperatures of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  during the day. I think it was then that I learnt exactly what I was doing there. The days of hard slogging, frozen hands and feet, eyebrows stuck to eyelashes and unpleasant stomach problems were now all banished to insignificance. Being on top of a mountain gives you a feeling that is quite indescribable.

Amazingly, on our third day the clouds were breaking and by the time we made, what was to us, the roof of the world the weather was clearing. The panoramic views that opened up around us, the feeling of total abandonment with the world and yet togetherness with each other and our mountain is difficult to

describe on paper. We had become so close during this time that it was easy to communicate our feelings to each other, but now it seems so far away.

It is only on return that I realise how privileged I was to be chosen and to be able to go on an expedition such as this. I learnt so much, not only about mountaineering but about myself, the others in the group and what it is to live together as a close group in a hostile environment.

Many thanks once again for helping me to realise this goal.

**Howard Beames**

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## School facilities for hire

Now that the new system of local management is in operation most local schools have recently been turning their minds to various methods of generating income to offset the increasing running costs.

Pembury School is no exception. The Governors have decided that the two main school halls, staff room and playing fields are now available for hire and hope that, with favourable rates for local people, the villagers will take the opportunity of using these excellent facilities.

The school can offer to hold functions ranging from wedding receptions, dances, discos, indoor fairs, conferences, club events and meetings to basket ball, football and hockey matches and practice grounds.

The Governors sincerely hope that Pembury School can play an even larger part in community life than ever before. The school needs money not only to continue to provide a high standard of education, but also to set an example to pupils that school is not just a place in which to learn but is at the core of village society and open to all ages.

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# LOOK BACK

The ease and speed of transport that we enjoy today makes it difficult for us to comprehend the leisurely pace of life only 70 or 80 years ago. A Pembury resident of that era, **E. J. Standen**, gives us a glimpse of the way it was with some of his memories recounted in his book "Just one Village".

"My father was a coachman at a large house in Romford (one of Pembury's hamlets) and he, my mother, two sisters and I lived in a flat over the stable, which held three horses, two were used in a carriage, what a smart outfit that was. The carriage was black with yellow lines, a crest on the two doors and two beautiful candle lamps for use after dark. The horses were black with white stars on their heads and one white foot each. But the crowning piece was my father, with a short black jacket, white buckskin breeches, black leather wellington boots with yellow tops, a yellow waistcoat and top hat. He sat on a high seat called the box, with no protection against the weather except a leather apron when it rained. At times, when the lady was only going for a short distance, the equipage would be accompanied by a beautiful collie dog, which usually ran between the back wheels; there was so little traffic that he could wander where he felt inclined.

"The third horse was a big chestnut mare, named Flycatcher, this animal was a great favourite in the district, being a wonderful high stepper, always keeping up a good pace. She was used in a four wheeled dog cart and frequently did two journeys a day to the nearest railway station, four miles away. The gentleman was a member of the Stock Exchange and travelled to and from London. Many times in bad weather after dark, my father was none too sure of his whereabouts on the road, and on these occasions he just left it to the horse and never once had a mishap.

"For some years the village was served by a horse bus service, which ran a two hourly service to the town on week-days only. There were two double decker buses which carried 24 passengers, pulled by a pair of horses on an ordinary run, but on Saturdays when heavily loaded or in bad weather, when the wheels sank into the mud, a third horse would be hooked on to the pole to help for the first two miles, which was mostly uphill. There was competition between the older school boys for the job of riding this horse and bringing it back ready for the next bus. The journey of three and a half miles took on average half an hour to complete.

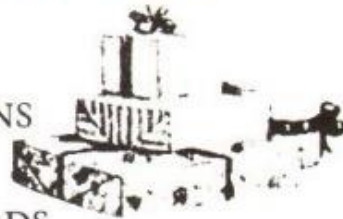
"About two years before World War I, saw the first motor bus. What an advance! Now there was an hourly service and the route covered in a quarter of an hour. This machine was a 24-seater single decker which was entered by a flight of five uncovered steps at the back; when the bus was full two more passengers were allowed to pay their fare and then climb to the front seat with the driver. There were no doors, no windscreen, the tyres were solid and there were no shock absorbers.

"The tradespeople all did daily deliveries by horse and van, each of which had something distinctive about it. The baker's was the smell of new warm bread, the grocer the smell of paraffin and an extraordinarily sharp trotting Shetland pony, the milkman the clatter of cans and churns, milk bottles had not been thought of then. I remember one day when the milkman was unable to do the round, his son who was new to the place, put the pony in the cart and just let him go, calling at the houses where the pony stopped. He never missed a customer. A motor car could never be as helpful as that."



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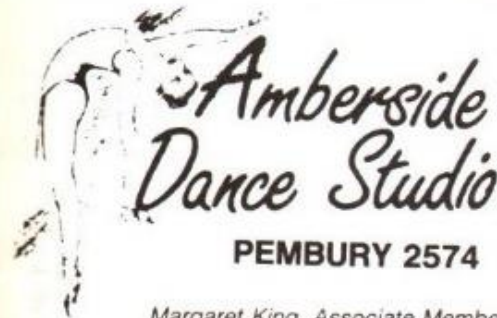
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## OBITUARIES



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MR REX STURGEON

The death took place on 28 June of Rex Stanley Sturgeon, aged 56, one of Pembury's best known and much liked and respected residents. The name Sturgeon has long been associated with Pembury and Rex

Sturgeon, together with other members of the family, built up the business into a nationally known haulage concern.

Born and raised in the village, Mr Sturgeon went to Pembury Primary School and then to Paddock Wood School (now known as Mascalls). He later served for some six years in the Grenadier Guards and saw service in the Middle East, in Egypt at the time of the Suez crisis, and in Jordan and Israel.

He started his working life delivering coal with his father, but soon bought a lorry of his own and branched out into haulage. He continued in direct control over the business as it grew and set himself a demanding schedule of work, particularly following the death of his father in 1987.

Away from work he enjoyed sailing and travel. Thirteen years ago he had a massive heart attack and later underwent major multiple-bypass open heart surgery.

Rex Sturgeon was devoted to his family – his wife Gillian and their two sons, 22 year old Ross and Jon, 19.

## ROSEMARY LUFF

After a long and courageous fight against cancer, Rosemary Luff died in Pembury Hospital on Wednesday 18 July. She was 49 and leaves a husband, Brian, and six children.

The Luff family moved to Pembury in 1982 and Rosemary was for several years a registered child minder. She came to love the village and many of the people here, particularly the mothers and children.

**Brian Luff writes:** A young mum once said to me about Rosemary that her kindness and wisdom had helped her to become the mum she is today and that she would always be grateful for this.

As Rosemary's husband I wish to thank all those kind friends who helped in so many ways. To Dr Hillier of Waterfield House, and the Radiotherapy Unit of Pembury Hospital for all their care, sympathy and understanding at a very difficult time.

My thanks also to Bill Eason, Deacon of St Anselms Catholic Chapel, for all his help and support, and to all those kind people of all faiths who said so many prayers.

The people of Pembury are indeed a loving and caring community, for which I shall always be grateful. Pembury is an example to all others.



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# FOR YOUR DIARY

- OCT**
- 2 Darby and Joan Club: talk by Phyllis Bartlett "Here and There", Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
  - 4 Afternoon W.I.: talk by Miss Marjorie Vinell "Countryside in Music", Village Hall 2.15pm.
  - 5 Evening W.I.: "Original ideas for Christmas" by Mrs L. Bardsley, Village Hall, 7.45pm.
  - 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from Stonecourt Lane 2.15pm.
  - 8 Horticultural Society: Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 15 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 16 Darby and Joan Club: Sale of Work, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
  - 25 Horticultural Society: illustrated talk by Phyllis Bartlett on "Islands in the Sun", Village Hall 8pm.
  - 30 Darby and Joan Club: film presented by the RNLI, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
- NOV**
- 1 Afternoon W.I. Annual Meeting, Village Hall 2.15pm.
  - 2 Evening W.I. Annual Meeting, Village Hall 7.45pm.
  - 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from the Camden Car Park 2.15pm.
  - 5 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 8 Pembury Footpath Walkers AGM, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 12 Horticultural Society: Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 13 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
  - 26 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 27 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
  - 29 Horticultural Society: talk on greenhouse and general gardening by Gerald Chilmaid, Village Hall 8pm.
- DEC**
- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from Bo-Peep Corner 2.15pm.
  - 3 Afternoon W.I. Christmas Party, Village Hall 2.15pm.
  - 7 Evening W.I.: talk by Southern Water representative, Village Hall 7.45pm.
  - 10 Horticultural Society: Floral Art Group, Village Hall 8pm.
  - 11 Darby and Joan Club Christmas Party, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
  - 17 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Upper Church

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

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

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