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Comment

Firstly, may I extend a warm welcome to our new Parish Councillors, Tony Baker and Sarah Clarke on their election, and to all former Parish Councillors on their re-election to the Pembury Parish Council on May 4th last. Congratulations also to our new Borough Councillor, David Mills.

As mentioned in the Spring issue, the Parish Council's Editorial Committee, consisting of Councillors Mrs Betty Roberts, Mrs Gillian Matthews, Derek Goodwin and Kit Kelly, under the Chairmanship of Henry Plant, has taken over the production of this magazine following the resignation of Elizabeth Repath as Editor.

There is no doubt that since Mrs. Repath was appointed as Editor some seven years ago she has served the community extremely well in putting together an admirable and highly readable magazine. Her professionalism as a journalist has shone through in each publication. Elizabeth Repath was also instrumental in giving this publication a welcomed fresh

look when the front page was re-designed to incorporate the change of title from Pembury Newsletter to the more interesting Pembury Village News - her expertise will be greatly missed!

It is the hope of the Parish Council that this magazine will continue to be a publication that brings you the news and achievements of local people as well as keeping you up-to-date with the work of the Parish Council. The presentation and style will, of necessity, change but the commitment to continue to produce this quarterly publication and to try to attain the standards set by the previous editor will remain the same.

Henry Plant
Editor.

Editorial Committee -

Councillors Mrs Betty Roberts,
Mrs Gillian Matthews,
Derek Goodwin
and Kit Kelly.

*Any news item or articles for
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Pembury's Wine



One of the items that the Parish Council has decided to use to commemorate its centenary year is a special local wine - Pembury Magna - produced by Pippins Fruit Farm. The wine, which has a centennial neck label, has been described as being "bright, with lots of fruit on the nose, dry to the palate, but with a pleasant sweet aftertaste" and is selling well in the Village. This wine is now available to the public either direct from the producers or from Unwins in the High Street.

Our thanks go to David Knight for all the effort he has put into producing this pleasant wine and making the whole project possible.

The adjoining photograph, shown with the kind permission of the Kent Messenger Group, shows David Coleman, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and David Knight, the producer, at the launch of the centenary wine.

PEMBURY VILLAGE FETE

The Annual Village Fete will be held on Saturday 15th July 1995 in the Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road starting at 2pm. Please come and support the Fete as this is the main fund raising event of the year for the Scouts & Guides. All monies will go towards the upkeep of their headquarters building and to provide further equipment. The Fete Programme priced 40p, which also acts as a ticket for the Fete, is now on sale throughout the village.

Single pitches measuring 16' by 16' costing £15 or double pitches measuring 32' by 16' costing £25 can be hired outright or on a 50/50 profit sharing

basis. For details of availability please contact the Fete Secretary, Paul Russell on 823193.

"STAN'S" - The end of an era

All villagers were sad to hear that Stan's, the village shop, had to close at the end of March. Our very own Stan - Stan Moxon - had to make this difficult decision when his health and the present economic climate forced him to close down his shop in the High Street after a lifetime of service to the village. We all wish him a speedy recovery and a happy retirement with his wife, Jean, his two children and four grandchildren.

THE VILLAGE PROJECT

Back in the late sixties and early seventies the then Parish Council and a specially formed Community Centre Association were at the head of a strong movement to get a community centre built in Pembury but for various reasons their efforts came to no avail.

In 1991 the Parish Council, acutely aware of the lack of facilities in Pembury, set up a small committee to prepare a feasibility study on the provision of a communal facility - but no sooner had the first steps been taken than the Tesco Supermarket and Park and Ride proposals appeared with regard to a site at Woodsgate, with the carrot of a community centre being built there if the Supermarket and Park and Ride options were given the go ahead. As we all know this project at the edge of the village was and still is the subject of enquiries by the Department of the Environment and the Local Plan Inspector. In the early stages of these enquiries discussions continued on the feasibility study although account was taken of the Woodsgate proposals.

In the last few months a working party of Parish Councillors has revived the feasibility study and continued tentative investigations into the need for a Centre for the community of Pembury, currently called the Village Project.

The working party, on behalf of the Parish Council, has a vision of a multi-purpose facility where usage is not restricted to one activity at a time; where drama groups can perform simultaneously with recreational activities

in other parts of the same building; and where meetings can be held at the same time as a Youth Club evening. The combinations of usage by different groups within such a facility seem to be endless if the current ideas on the proposed layout of the building are retained. The facility would also be available during the day and would help to bring together the various clubs and groups in the village and reduce the need to go out of the village for the pursuit of enjoyment from leisure activities. Parishioners will have seen what the Parish Council have in mind at the Annual Parish Meeting in March when a model of the suggested building with its multi-purpose facilities went on show.

The working party's studies are very much in their infancy with the need to study sites and highway problems still to be examined but in due course every organisation in the village will be contacted so they can become involved in the project and when their needs are made clearer every parishioner will be asked to comment on the project and to give their opinion.

Too many opportunities have been missed in recent years; the Parish Council are of the opinion that this project could be just the boost Pembury needs without transforming the shape of the village.

Hugh Boorman
Chairman of the Village Project Working Party

Dick Miles

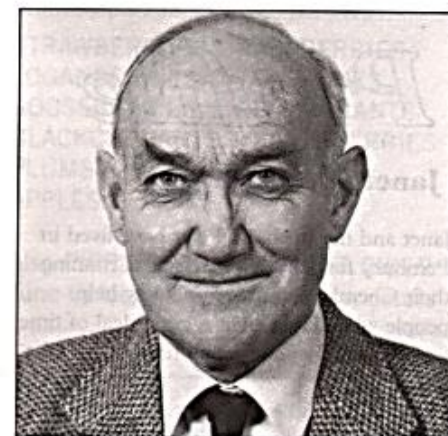
One of Pembury's most well known residents, Dick Miles, recently took the decision not to seek re-election to the Pembury Parish Council and thus ended his 25 years of service to the community as a Parish Councillor.

Dick's family came to Pembury in the early 1920's. Dick was born in Romford Road and continued to live in Pembury until 1949 when, after marrying his wife Frances, he sought work outside the village. Dick and his wife returned to the village in 1959 when they took over Fletchers Farm on the Hastings Road where they have lived ever since. Their family of two sons and twin daughters all attended the local village school.

In 1960 he was elected to the Parish Council and for the next nine years gave his unstinting service to the village. Reminiscing, Dick remembers that when he joined in 1960 the Parish Council did not own either the Village Hall or the Village Green, two institutions which are now part and parcel of our village. He also remembers that when he became a member of the Parish Council for the first time, two thirds of his fellow Councillors were all employed in the Village.

In 1969 Dick decided that his priorities were with his growing children and he did not stand again in that year's election but in 1979 he decided to again offer himself as a Parish Councillor and spent the next 16 years as Councillor, Vice Chairman and from 1987, as Chairman of the Council, a post he held until 1994.

At the meeting of the Parish Council in April last the Chairman, David Coleman, paid tribute to Dick for the work he had undertaken whilst on the Parish Council, making special reference to his enthusiasm and commitment as Chairman during what had been a very difficult and demanding period for the Parish Council.



Dick's wealth of local knowledge and the depth of his farming experience has been an extremely valuable asset to the Parish Council; his expertise will be greatly missed.

Well done Dick, after a quarter of a century's service to Pembury, your retirement is richly deserved!

THE PEMBURY / RONCHIN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

On Thursday 22nd June there will be a Special General Meeting held in the Village Hall at 8 pm. At this meeting, the Association's accounts will be presented. At a recent committee meeting the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary all gave notice that they will tender their resignation at the above meeting. Another committee member has already resigned.

If there are any persons who wish to stand for any of these positions, please attend the meeting; otherwise the outgoing Chairman will propose the resolution that the Association be wound up and the remaining funds be given to the Pembury Parish Council to offset in part the loan made by them to the Association. If anybody wishes further information prior to the meeting - please feel free to ring the Chairman - Jim Smith on 82 3714

Profile

Janet Ditchett

Janet and her husband Peter have lived in Pembury for 10 years. As well as running their Chemist shop they willingly help people while Janet gives a good deal of time to Guiding; they are much respected in the village.

Janet was brought up in Tunbridge Wells, where her parents had a chemist shop, and attended Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Girls. In 1960 she gained a place at the London School of Pharmacy where she studied for a London University degree. Peter and Janet met at university and were married once they had qualified. Janet worked in pharmaceutical development and then at the Royal Free Hospital.

The Ditchetts lived in South Wales for a number of years where Peter was teaching pharmacy at the University of Wales in Cardiff and Janet was working in the hospital service. In 1984 they returned to Kent with their five year old daughter Judith and bought the shop in Pembury High Street.

They lived in the small flat above the shop but the street was noisy and dirty and the heavy traffic was certainly detrimental to trade until the by-pass was built. Janet says, "The only day in the year when it was quiet was Christmas Day!" Eventually, the shop flat became too crowded so they moved to Cornford Park three years ago.

Janet, Peter and Judith are members of the Catholic Church of St. Anselm in Pembury. Janet organises the choir but says she is not a vocalist. Since the age of seven, when she joined the Brownies, she has been a keen

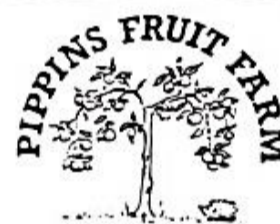


supporter of the Girl Guides. In the 1950s she was a Guide and then a Cadet, training to be a Guide Leader, and while in South Wales she started a Ranger Unit. At present she helps to run the Trefoil Guild in Pembury, an organisation for ex-Guides.

The Ditchett family enjoy travel, both abroad and in this country. They are especially keen on canal holidays and for the past 10 years have travelled the canals enjoying the leisurely pace of the boat, the countryside and the places of interest. Janet has little time for hobbies, although she says she is a jazz fan. With parents and grandparents all pharmacists Janet says that her daughter Judith intends to break away from family tradition and train as a teacher of children with special needs, once she has completed her course at West Kent College.

Sylvia Abbott

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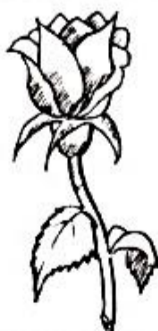
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Hildy Swinden

You may have noticed that one name was missing from the ballot papers last month, that of Hildy Swinden. She has recently announced her retirement as a Borough Councillor, a post which she has held for over 12 years, first as a Liberal and later as a Liberal Democrat. Her work at the Borough Council has been varied but she has been especially interested in Planning, Home Safety and the welfare of elderly people. For the last 5 years she has been a member of the Local Plan Working Party; she is pleased to hear the Plan may at long last be adopted later this year.

Hildy first came to Pembury in 1970 and, after teaching at Paddock Wood for a while, she joined the staff at Pembury Primary School in 1974 until she retired in 1980. She enjoyed teaching all age groups and all subjects but says she preferred 7 year olds "as they were so receptive and keen to learn".

Three years ago, Hildy became a grandmother. She has two lovely grandchildren, a boy Fabian and a girl Adele. Although Hildy spends as much time as possible with her family, she is also a keen bridge player and recently enrolled in French classes. She has now retired twice, from teaching and from being a Councillor, but is maintaining her involvement in voluntary work. She helps run the Wednesday Lunch Club in the village, works for Age Concern and the Council for Voluntary Service and is Chairman of the local Mental Health Association so we shall continue seeing her around the village, with her well loved and faithful old dog Sam, still helping others, for a long time to come.

Sylvia Abbott



FRIENDS OF PEMBURY
PARISH CHURCH

Floral Festival - The Parochial Church Council has given permission for a Flower Festival to be held in the Old Church on the week-end of June 30th - July 1st. The Floral Arts Group of the Pembury Horticultural Society will support this festival. Would anyone else interested in providing a floral display and/or helping please contact Sarah Clarke on Pembury 82 3932. Donations are in aid of the Appeal for the Restoration Work for the Old Church.

Parish Church Appeal - This Appeal is about to be re-launched in the late Spring / early Summer. We are in need of volunteers / collectors. Please contact Sarah Clarke on Pembury 82 3932 if you are able to help.

Coffee Morning - The Friends are holding a Coffee Morning and Sale of Books & Plants on the Village Green on 9th September 1995 between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

MRS CHRISTINA LUNDBERG



Mrs Lundberg is pictured here with (from right to left) Mr Ivor Beynon (Headteacher 1951-76) Mr Richard Nisbet (Headteacher 1976-94) and the present Headteacher Mr Robert Edom.

On 1 April last Christina Lundberg completed 25 years service at Pembury School. In 1970 she was appointed to Pembury School as Head of the Infants Department eventually becoming Deputy Headteacher in 1976. Periods of Acting Headteacher followed during the Summer Term of 1984 and again during 1988.

Mrs Lundberg is renowned for her maths teaching. What is not widely known is that she wrote part of the SPMG Maths

Scheme, which is now one of the most widely used schemes in English schools. One of her exceptional contributions to Pembury school has been her effect on the quality of school productions and the very high standard of acting she has inspired by her leadership and direction. Her energy and commitment is boundless and leaves we lesser mortals gasping! Grateful thanks come from all of us for her commitment to the School.

CENTENARY
CHURCH SERVICE

A service of thanksgiving was held on 30th April 1995 in St. Peter's Parish Church to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Pembury Parish Council.

The Reverend Jim Brasier conducted the service which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Royal Tunbridge Wells,

Councillor and Mrs Hugh Wright, Parish Councillors and representatives of village organisations.

In his sermon Reverend Brasier stressed the need to work together as a community to care for the village and its people.

After the service the Mayor and Mayoress and congregation attended a celebration tea at Kent College.

PEMBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Pembury Horticultural Society sounds a very grand title but it is really an Amateur Gardeners Club, where its members have the same interest and enjoy each other's company because of this. Three shows are held each year; coach trips are arranged; there are open meetings where talks are given by an invited guest; and let us not forget the Floral Art Group. Another advantage of being a member of the Pembury Horticultural Society is that they have their own store where purchases can be made at cheaper than garden centre prices. Annual subscription is £1.50, Senior Citizens 75p. For further information contact the Secretary, Mrs Doreen Parfitt, on 82 2909.

The Society got off to a good start, with their AGM in February attended by about 60 members, followed by the Annual Fun Quiz in March where we could have done with a few more people participating; then the Spring Show on 8th April where there were plenty of exhibits in most classes; the Floral Arrangements were really

outstanding. The trophy and medal winners of the Spring Show were as follows :-

Huxtable Cup - For most points in Daffodil Classes - Derek Parks

Doris Down Cup - For most points in Flower Arrangement Section - Beryl Whiddett

Certificate for Best Exhibit in Flower Arrangement Section - Ann Purton

Kent Federation Medals were awarded to: Jean Aust for most points in Cookery.

Bob Purton for best exhibit in Daffodil Classes, Graham Baker for best exhibit in Pot Plants section and Joy Squair for best exhibit in Handicraft Section.

Victoria Penfold and Alison Green received 1st prize Rosettes, Mark Penfold received a 2nd prize Rosette and Elizabeth Hackett received a 3rd prize Rosette for their entries of a Poster depicting a Sporting Event.

Please also see "For your Diary" page for details of the Society's forthcoming events.

PEMBURY SCHOOL

Sport

Pembury School's sporting achievements have been quite impressive so far this year. In **Football** the school has won the 1995 six-a-side Tunbridge Wells and District Primary Schools Football Association Cup at the Hawkenbury Astroturf and also won that Association's League Shield for the second consecutive year. In their first year of playing **Rugby**, they won the Sportsmanship Award at the Tunbridge Wells and District Primary Schools nine-a-side Rugby League held at the Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club. In **Netball** the girls reached the finals of the Tunbridge Wells

and District Primary Schools seven-a-side League whilst at **Swimming**, the school has entered a team for the first time at the Tunbridge Wells and District Primary Schools Annual Gala.

Well done Pembury School!

Maypole dancing

On Saturday 6th May in glorious sunshine, after Hannah Plane has been crowned the May Queen, the children of Pembury School gave a large crowd a delightful display of maypole dancing on the Village Green.

Tunbridge Wells Local Plan

Pembury residents will be aware that over the last three years the Borough Council has been preparing the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan. This is an extremely important document which, together with the County Council Structure Plan, will set the "planning rules" for our village well into the next century.

The Parish Council has been battling to ensure Pembury was adequately safeguarded in the Plan and made strong representations at last year's Public Inquiry.

The Inquiry Inspector has now reported back to the Borough Council. While a number of good recommendations have been made for the village, the Parish Council is extremely concerned about some important issues where the local advice has not been heeded.

As Local Plans are now "non-statutory" - that is the Secretary of State no longer acts as an independent arbiter and it is up to the Borough Council whether or not they accept their Inspectors recommendations - the Parish Council will have a lot of work on its hands in trying to persuade the Borough to make changes. Much will also depend upon the new Borough Council's attitudes.

Although there are many items which the newly elected Parish Council will have to pursue, the key elements of concern are:

A Park and Ride Scheme at Woodgate Corner has been favourably received by the Inspector against almost total opposition (and the Secretary of State for the Environment's conclusions last year);

Increased traffic problems in Pembury have not been addressed in the Inspector's report and indeed there seems to be a view that the village has no difficulties and all the additional vehicles drawn in by park-and-ride could easily be absorbed;

The policies for Pembury's rural fringe land are now unclear - the Inspector appears to be suggesting that the rural fringe policies (which provide a safeguard for limiting future building land) are no longer needed;

The Borough's attitude to Pembury's future village facilities - including sports and recreational - are now unclear. It appears that as part of the Local Plan the Borough Officers have commissioned consultant studies which say that Pembury does not need anything because local provisions are regarded as adequate ...!!!

These issues - and a whole list of further matters of concern - will need to be followed up quickly by the newly elected Parish Council once the Borough Council has decided how it is going to deal with the Inspector's recommendations.

A copy of the Inspector's report is available at the Borough Council Offices and if there are any matters on which you are particularly concerned please let the Parish Council know.

David Coleman

SOCCER ROUND-UP



Pembury Rovers Reserves - Pembury's Football Clubs continue winning ways - this time it is the turn of Pembury Rovers Reserves who won the West Kent Sunday League's Junior Trophy Cup Final beating Bayham Munich by two goals to one, both Pembury's goals being scored by their centre forward Rob Price - one a penalty. The picture shows the winners after the match.

Pembury Football Club, Pembury's senior team, built on last season's success by winning the Tonbridge and District Junior Football League President's Challenge Trophy on the 2nd May last beating Brenchley 3-1 at Longmead Stadium, Tonbridge. Pembury's goals were scored by David Waterman, Kevin Waterman and Stephen Waterman. This side, managed by another Waterman, Michael, capped a successful season by also finishing runners up in the Tonbridge Premier League.

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By now bedding plants will be well established. Please ensure that they are given regular watering and remember it is vital to deadhead the plants in order to prolong the flowering season.

If you are thinking of making tubs or hanging baskets and have worries about keeping them watered during hot days, there are now some water storing granules on the market which can be mixed with the compost to help keep the plants moist. A little liquid tomato fertilizer mixed with the water helps to keep the plants in healthy condition and less prone to aphid attack. If you are using an insecticide and slug pellets please remember to use a product which does not harm children and pets.

It is now time to sow seeds of Canterbury Bells, Wallflowers, Forget-me-nots, Stocks and Sweet Williams in prepared seed beds ready for next Spring.

To help keep your lawns in good condition,

they will now need regular mowing but do not cut the grass too short as this will starve the roots.

One other good piece of advice - don't forget to leave yourself some time to sit and enjoy your garden in the lovely sunny weather we are all hoping for this summer.

Gillian Matthews

Visit of Russian Choir

The Russian "Harmony" Choir comprising 30 choristers from St. Petersburg under their conductor/leader Irena Roganova recently completed a very successful tour in and around Pembury. The choir sang at Pembury School, the Upper Church and Kent College as well as at Mascalls School, Paddock Wood and in the Royal Victoria Place Centre in Tunbridge Wells. Congratulations to Elizabeth Coxon-Taylor and her helpers for organising the visit to Pembury of such a delightful choir.

Pembury Society

The Spring Meeting of the Pembury Society, held in the Village Hall on Monday, 1st May was attended by over 40 members. The meeting, chaired by Don Oke Vice Chairman of the Society, showed great interest in the Inspector's Report on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan, a copy of which, together with a map showing the areas under contention around Pembury, was on display.

The main event of the evening was a slide

show and talk by Roger Smith of the National Trust. He spoke about the past, present and future of the National Trust and showed some delightful slides of parks, gardens and houses owned by the Trust.

The Annual General Meeting of the Pembury Society will be held on Monday 30th October next in the Village Hall when Gerald Dickens will read from some of his Great Grandfather Charles Dickens' works.

Police Update In Pembury

After your house, a car is likely to be the most expensive item you possess. Would you put £10,000 in a tin box with large glass panels, then leave it in the road outside your house all night? That may be a simplistic way of looking at it but, in effect, that's exactly what you are doing every time you park your car, if you do not take some simple crime prevention precautions.

Throughout the U.K. over a quarter of all recorded crime is related to thefts of and from motor vehicles - no wonder our car insurance doesn't get any cheaper! In Pembury alone, 21 vehicles have been stolen and 27 vehicles broken into since 1st January this year.

Don't make it easy for them! Use a visible deterrent such as a steering lock to interfere with the steering wheel/gear lever / clutch pedal. Shop around and choose something

that looks heavy and strong - invariably it will be. Consider an immobilizer that will prevent the engine starting. Car alarms have had some bad press due to their being too insensitive and sounding off at all hours for no reason - the newer breed of alarm is much better in this respect. Security mark you car radio and, if you buy new one, consider one of the removable types. When you park in a car park, if it is not too busy and you have a choice of space, go for the well lit areas where people walk past constantly, such as near the pay and display machines or exits.

Simple isn't it? A small outlay and a little thought will protect your vehicle and save you the time, trouble and expense of replacing it. The Crime Reduction Officer at Tunbridge Wells Police Station will advise on car protection and all aspects of crime prevention - telephone 01892 502153.



Vandalism . . .

Sadly, since the last issue of this magazine there have been more instances of vandalism in the village, the main casualty being the Lower Green Recreation Ground Pavilion but happily there are indications that the number of offences have recently decreased although this may, of course, be a result of the lighter evenings at this time of the year.

However, whatever happens we as Parishioners must not let our vigilance drop. If necessary, call the police or the specials to deal with the problem in order that the offenders can be encouraged to behave in a more sociable manner.

Hugh Boorman

PEMBURY IN THE PAST . . .

A Village Shop

Imagine a retail outlet (a shop, to thee and me). Reasonable prices, personal service, astonishingly wide range of stock, technical advice and physical assistance, free delivery . . . dream on - you've just closed one. Without your support, our village shops will not survive. Granted, the uniform business rate, water and sewerage charges are also working against them - but unless you support them with your cash, don't expect them to be there indefinitely.

You will have guessed by now that we're lamenting the demise of "Stan's" shop in the High Street. Too late, people are realising what they have lost. Glowing tributes will not be printed to spare the man embarrassment. Look again at your local shops. Value them - use them.

Pembury Parish Guide

In the wake of the warm reception accorded to the Centennial Guide, it has become apparent that there is much local information out there which all the research has failed to uncover (does anybody have a photograph of the bandstand?). Please, therefore, let us know about your memories and recollections; they are more important than you might think.

Kit Kelly

Baggesen's Gold

Senior citizens of Pembury who watched the Garden Programmes on T.V. during the last year will have been reminded of the past by three separate references to a bush called "Baggesen's Gold". This small honeysuckle bush, which is usually cut in a spherical shape, was produced by the family who had nurseries in the village many years ago. This name is also remembered by the Pembury Horticultural Society which has a John Baggesen Rose Bowl as one of its trophies.

T.F.Pettitt

If there are any villagers who remember anything about the family, their work, where the nurseries were in Pembury or any other snippet of information, the Editorial Committee would be pleased to hear from them.

Rixon Indenture

Following the article in the last issue, Pembury Local History Group have recently researched the whereabouts of this piece of land and can now pinpoint its location more accurately. From evidence that they have, it would appear that the land abuts the parish boundary near Woodsgate somewhere in the vicinity of "Grovehurst".

Kathryn Franklin



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PEMBURY'S beautiful 12th Century Parish Church will be open to visitors every summer Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm from now until 3rd September.

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ST. Peter Church will be holding its Annual Barn Dance at Pippins Farm, Stonecourt Lane on Saturday 22nd July next commencing at 7.30pm. The cost of the tickets (which includes a ploughman's supper) are £5 each and are obtainable from Paul Russell on 823193, Sheila Brazier on 824761, Pauline Hawker on 824327 or from Ditchetts the Chemist.

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THE St Peter Annual Quiz Evening was held on Thursday 25th April last when 21 teams took part. The event, which was

organised by Quiz-master Keith Merrin, raised over £200. The winners, for the third successive time, were Wayne's Wizards, who received a trophy and a bottle of wine, with the Friends of Pembury Parish Church a close second. The Waterfield Wizards - made up of the ladies from the reception office at the Waterfield House Surgery - won the booby prize of a bottle of lemonade!

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OUR very own Hughie Boorman completed the London Marathon course in 5 hours 11 minutes. The time would have been much better but early on Hughie unfortunately turned his ankle on a drinks can that had been thrown into the road making the remainder of the race very painful - it later turned out that he had cracked a bone in his ankle! His marvellous effort raised the grand sum of £1,500 for The Cancer Research Fund. Believe it or not, Hughie has already put in his application for next year's Marathon!

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

On 25th April 1995 in the presence of the Mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Councillor Hugh Wright, and the Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Daisy Fletcher, Mr. John Salter, Chairman of the Hospice in the Weald, launched an Appeal to raise £4.3 million to build the hospice at Pembury and to run it for the first year.

The 16 bedded hospice will complement the Hospice at Home service in providing palliative care for patients and help and support for patients and their families over an area of 400 square miles in Kent and East Sussex.

The building will provide facilities for research and training for nursing staff as well as housing the administrative offices for the service.

Henry Cooper, the well known boxer, who is a patron of the Hospice in the Weald, spoke of the need for such a facility in the area and urged the community to support the project. A Pembury Support Group has been set up and contact can be made through the offices at Allen Gardiner House: Tel : 01892 544877.

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Your Clerk Reports...

Summer is here once again and we all hope it will be a good one. Plenty of events are taking place in the village in anticipation of good weather. It is at this time of year when local clubs and organisations have to make the most of the weather to raise money in order to keep these organisations alive.

Among the events arranged are the Pembury School Fete on 17th June, the Village Fete organised by the Scouts and Guides on 15th July and the St. Peter Church Barn Dance at Pippins Farm on 22nd July. Please support these events whole-heartedly. There is nothing quite like a village get together. Familiar faces you have never spoken to may become new and firm friends. It is only through events such as these that the village can get together, socialize and become a stronger, more closely knit community.

1995 is the centenary year of the Parish Council. Among the celebrations that have been arranged was the production of Pembury Parish Council's very own wine produced in the Village at Pippins Farm by David Knight. More details of this project will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Of course, not everything is rosy in the garden. The good weather brings out the vandals and trouble makers who persist in damaging village property and making our lives a misery. Long gone are the days when you could walk through the village without feeling antagonised and intimidated by gangs of youths who seem to congregate in ever increasing numbers. What a shame that so few can affect so many so easily.

The Parish Council has tried to find an answer to this apparently insoluble problem. Discussions have been held with the police; Security Guards have been employed to try to protect property at the Recreation Ground and Woodside Playing Fields; publicity has been sought through the local media and more local awareness has been encouraged. However, as with all problems like this, it is not easily solved and the community needs to close ranks in an effort to bring the culprits to the forefront and to make a stand.

On a brighter note, with Wimbledon just around the corner, why don't all you budding tennis champions take advantage of the hard tennis court this season. Permits are £8 for one month, £12 for two months and £34 for the entire year. Unbelievable value!

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 7th Evening WI - Flower Workshop - Mrs Renee Fry - Village Hall - 7.45 pm
 8th Horticultural Society - Summer Show Village Hall - 2.15 pm
 10th Horticultural Society - Floral Art Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 11th Darby & Joan Club - Meeting Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
 15th Pembury Village Fete - Recreation Ground - 2 pm
 17th Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
 22nd St. Peter Church Barn Dance - Pippins Farm - 7.30 pm
 25th Darby & Joan Club - Entertainment by the Brownies - Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
- AUG.** 3rd Afternoon WI Open Meeting - Village Hall - 2.15pm
 4th Evening WI Members Meeting - Village Hall - 7.45 pm
 5th Pembury Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Bo-peep corner - 2.15 pm
 8th Darby and Joan Club Meeting - Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
 14th Horticultural Society- Floral Art Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
 22nd Darby & Joan Club - Jean Morley - Talk "Passage to India", Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
 26th Friends of Pembury Hospital - Fete - 2pm in Hospital Grounds
- SEPT.** 1st Evening WI - Reflexology - A talk by Mrs Rosie Latter, Village Hall - 7.45 pm
 2nd Pembury Footpath Walkers - walk starting from Stoncourt Lane - 2.15 pm
 4th Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
 5th Darby and Joan Club - Meeting Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
 7th Afternoon WI - A talk from a representative from Safeways - Village Hall - 2.15pm
 9th Friends of Pembury Parish Church - Coffee Morning and Sale - Village Green - between 10am - 12 noon
 9th Horticultural Society - Autumn Show Village Hall - 2.30 pm
 11th Horticultural Society Floral Art Meeting - Demonstration by Mrs Susan Huckstep - Village Hall - 8 pm
 19th Darby & Joan Club - Meeting - Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
 25th Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
 28th Horticultural Society - Illus. Talk "The RHS & Chelsea Show" by Mr. Raymond Jeffs - Village Hall - 8 pm

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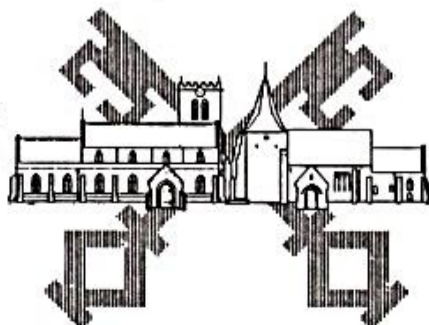
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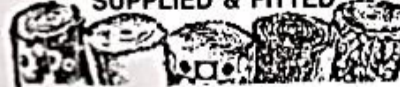
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