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Comment

Following up on the article in the last issue of this Magazine, it is understood that the Local Plan will be considered by the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council during the next session. Pembury Parish Council intend to be vociferous in trying to obtain the best for Pembury. It is of paramount importance that the Green Belt, which has been drawn so tightly around Pembury, is formally adopted as soon as possible. Better village amenity facilities will be sought and a reduction in development and infilling within Pembury will be campaigned for.

The Parish Council also has strong views on the "fresh" Local Government Review for Kent which concerns Gillingham, Rochester-upon-Medway, Dartford and Gravesham. If these four areas are turned into two unitary authorities there will be massive repercussions on the County of Kent, especially regarding Local Government. Your Parish Council wish to

see the retention of the present two-tier system in Kent in order to preserve the present infrastructures, particularly with regard to education and social services.

Nearer home, as mentioned in "Your Clerk Reports" we are all concerned about the increase of anti-social behaviour, particularly violence, vandalism, drunkenness and intimidation in Pembury. It is hoped that the new Police initiative Community Policing will be one way to try to eradicate these problems.

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PEMBURY RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Richard Nisbet, who last year retired as Headteacher of Pembury School, was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queens Birthday Honours List in June. The award was in recognition of his work in education in Kent. Following the 1988 Education Act, which brought into force a new system of local management for schools, Richard, because of his wide experience, was one of only two headteachers who were asked to help in writing the Kent County Council's School Governors training manuals.

Congratulations on an honour well deserved!

Sylvia Abbott. Following the local election in May of this year, when the

Liberal Democrats became the largest political party on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the honour of Deputy Mayor has been granted to Sylvia who lives with her husband Ron in Lower Green Road, Pembury.

Lorraine Braam, who lives in Woodhill Park, Pembury became the new Leader of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council following the first meeting of the Council since the recent local election. Lorraine has represented the Pantiles ward for nine years and works for a local insurance company. Her husband Pat is head of P. E. at St. Gregory's School in Tunbridge Wells and also runs the Tunbridge Wells Tennis Club.

PARISH COUNCIL QUIZ

The Annual Parish Council Quiz will take place at 8 pm on Thursday, 12th October in the Village Hall: teams of 4 people over 16 years of age; entry fee £6 per team; all profits to registered charities.

Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis with, initially, no more than 2 entries from any organisation.

Entry forms can be obtained from Betty Roberts, 16 Woodhill Park, Pembury.

PEMBURY PLAYERS

We are at present looking for actors / actresses to take part in our proposed pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk during the first week of January 1996.

Funds from this production will be donated to the Hospice in the Weald charity.

Please contact John Norman-Draper on 01892 823975 for more details.

PEMBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society held a very successful Summer Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th July. It was a very hot day and many visitors who came into the Hall were glad of a cup of tea or cold drink while admiring the exhibits on show.

There was the usual high entry of sweet peas, and it was good to see more roses on show this time. The

Floral Arrangements were as beautiful as ever and there certainly are some enthusiastic cooks in Pembury. But where were all the children's entries? However, well done to Mark and Victoria Penfold.

Our Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 9th September 1995.

Doreen Parfitt, Secretary

GILL'S GARDEN

Autumn is here again and it is time to look at the gaps in the borders now that the summer bedding plants have finished. After forking the soil and adding bonemeal, spring bedding such as wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-knots and pansies can be planted.

In addition to plants, spring flowering bulbs should be planted in the autumn. Beds of snowdrops, crocus, muscari, along with aconites, can give a beautiful early spring display especially if interspersed with winter and spring flowering ericas. They need not be confined to flower beds but can be planted into pots and troughs.

Plants in herbaceous borders that have finished flowering can be cut down and divided if necessary: when replanting add some bonemeal to the soil first. Sweet peas can be planted at this time along with hardy annuals such as godetia, larkspur, alyssum,

cornflowers and candytuft for an early display.

Plant trees and shrubs if the soil is not frozen or waterlogged: evergreen shrubs can be planted in October or March. New roses can be planted from now on until April and established roses should be pruned back by half in the autumn to prevent gale damage.

The autumn will see the final cut of the lawn followed by aerating and a dressing of equal parts leaf mould and sand. All fallen leaves should be removed and any hollows can be levelled by removing the turf and filling the hollow with soil before replacing. Don't forget that the final cut should not be too low because of possible frost damage.

A few bulbs planted now in indoor bowls will be ready in time for Christmas.

Gillian Matthews

Pembury School

Sadly this year, the School have had to refuse to take some children who live in the village. I therefore thought it would be helpful to take this opportunity to explain the procedures for the allocation of places at Pembury School because of the growing pressure on places.



The Governors and I have taken the view that we will try to ensure that there is a maximum of 32 children in a class. We have to balance the needs of the children who wish to come in with those who are already in the school.

When there are more applications than there are places available, the County Criteria for Admissions has to come into operation. The most important criteria is that brothers and sisters get places in the same school and the next important criteria is nearness of children's homes and ease of access to the school. Two things that do not affect the decision are how soon you register your child at the school or sending your child to the in-house nursery is no guarantee of a place at the school. It assists us with forward planning, however, if parents can register their children at school 18 months to 2 years before they are due to start.

This coming term in the two Reception classes the older children (who have their fifth birthday between 1st September and Easter) will be starting in September and during that term there will be 17 children in each class. In January another 15 children join the class. During their first half term at school all Reception children will attend school for mornings only. I anticipate that a similar pattern will be followed in future years.

Should parents wish to view the school, and I always advise parents to look around schools before their children start school, they are welcome to make an appointment to do so.

Having now completed my first academic year at Pembury School, I have appreciated the warm welcome that I have been given by children, staff, parents and governors.

Bob Edom
Headteacher.

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Profile

BURMA STAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

As we are commemorating this year the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War 2, both in Europe and the Far East, it is appropriate that this Profile features the Burma Star veterans living in Pembury. The local Tunbridge Wells and Pembury Branch of the Burma Star Association has 26 members, 4 of whom still live in Pembury. These men and women served in Burma between 1941 and 1945. Burma is a little known country these days, having been ruled by a very strictly military regime for over 40 years. It was a very difficult area in which to fight a campaign; the climate is always very hot and humid and the jungle impassable. The brave men and women who fought the Japanese are so often forgotten, let us now remember them.



His unit formed part of the forces under American command who, with Chinese support, fought the Japanese in North East Burma. Bill has carried the Burma Star standard with great dignity and skill on many occasions in Pembury in recent years. **Peggy Harris** was living in Burma with her family when the War began. She was evacuated to Assam, in North East India, in 1942 but returned to Burma early in 1945 as a nurse where she cared for injured soldiers of many nations including Japanese prisoners of war. She remained in Burma for a while after the war had ended. **Peter Down** was in the Royal Navy serving in H.M.S. Redoubt, a destroyer which patrolled the Bay of Bengal and escorted troop and supply ships during the Burma Campaign. In January 1945 the Royal Navy played a vital role in the landings along the west coast of Burma when a new offensive was started.

Ron Whitlock, the Hon Secretary of the Association, is an Associate member as he did not serve in Burma. However he was based in India in 1945, was trained and ready to leave for Burma when the war ended. He has collected a great deal of interesting material about the Burma Campaign and tells me that two other Pembury residents, **Albert Frank Smith** and **James Birtchnell**, also served in Burma but are not members of the Association. I am most grateful to Ron for the help he gave me in compiling this special Profile.

Sylvia Abbott

Alfred Pimblett M.M., the present Chairman of the local Branch, served in Burma from 1944 to 1945. He was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action with the Commandos at Kangow in January 1945. This hard fought battle resulted in the Japanese being defeated and was the beginning of the difficult re-conquest of Burma by British, American and Chinese troops.

Arthur Latter, often known as "the grand old man of Pembury" - everybody knew him - died last October. He was proud to have been a Burma Star veteran and it is sad that he did not live to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. He served in the Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment and fought in the famous Battle of Kohima, a hill town in North East India, about 50 miles from the border with Burma. About 500 men held off attacks from 15,000 Japanese troops for 2 weeks in April 1944. Many men lost their lives, many more were injured but this battle proved to be the turning point of the war and gradually the Japanese were pushed further and further southwards.

Bill Brown served in Burma with the East Lancashire Regiment from 1944 to 1945.

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NEW ENTRIES IN THE LIST OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The list of Village Organisations continues to grow. There are three new entries in this Autumn issue :

ST. PETER'S PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This is a relatively newly formed Club offering the opportunity for both novice and more experienced photographers to meet, discuss and show both prints and slides. The meeting dates for the rest of the year are the 11th and 25th September, 9th and 23rd October, 13th and 27th November and the 11th December all at 8pm in the Upper Church Room, St. Peters Church.

Be assured that if you have a camera and an interest in photography you will not feel out of place and will enjoy these evenings immensely.

If you require more details please phone the Club's Event Secretary, Carol Brewer, on 822030.

NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE BLIND U.K.

The Chairman of the local Branch is Michael Coggles who helps to co-ordinate many projects to help the blind or partially sighted. The Federation is primarily a campaigning organisation and one of their current campaigns is "Streetwise" which is particularly appropriate to the village as accidents can occur on any cracked or broken pavements or because of obstacles such as illegally parked vehicles, cycles or shop display boards. (Please notify the Clerks Office or the Highways Department of the County Council as soon as you see any faults in the pavement.) Another

hazard in our village is overhanging trees and shrubs - imagine yourself blind, walking into a wet and prickly hedge - what a frightening experience. If your property abuts a public footway, please do all you can to keep your trees shrubs and hedges safely trimmed.

Michael Coggles can be contacted on 822705.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD - PEMBURY LINK GROUP

This Group, formed in April of this year, has 15 enthusiastic members. So far they have raised approximately £2,400 from various coffee mornings, summer fetes and the recent "Wimbledon in the Weald" event, which it is hoped, will become an annual event.

Dates for future fundraising events are 23rd September 1995 at the Allen Gardiner House Fete when Pembury Link will be doing the cake stall: during the weeks 2nd -16th October 1995 there will be a house-to-house collection in Pembury: all donations will be gratefully received. As you probably already know, there are fund-raising bricks for sale at £5 each. These bricks can be signed and will be used in the foundations of the Hospice. A thought for everyone in the village there are approximately 2500 households in Pembury. If each household saved their loose change until they had £5 and bought one brick we, as a village, could raise the sum of £12,500 !!

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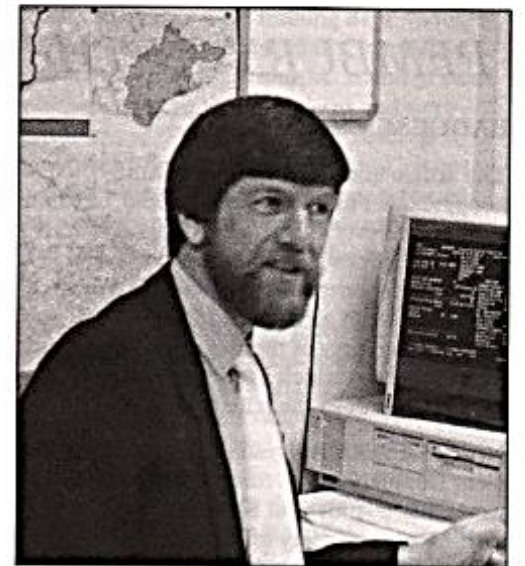
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NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the Parish Council election last May **Tony Baker** is one of two new faces now to be seen at Parish Council Meetings. Tony was born and raised in the village of Hildenborough, which has shown him the values of living in a village community. With his wife and two daughters he has lived in Pembury for 10 years during which time they have come to appreciate the village and its rural surroundings. He is employed by a local Water Company and has recently been appointed to a European Works Council.

Tony's interests are walking the family



dogs, Indoor and Outdoor Bowls, gardening and D.I.Y. One of his current pleasures has been to take aid, much of it donated by local people, to refugees in the former Yugoslavia. He has just completed his fourth trip.

Pembury Free Church

Amongst many other activities, the Free Church organises weekly children's Clubs:

Every Saturday morning, there is the Climbers Club for 5-7 year olds from 10am to 12noon.

Every Wednesday night there is the Explorers Club for 8 to 10 year olds from 6 - 7.30 pm.

Every Thursday, there is the Pathfinders Club for 11-12 year olds from 6 - 7.30 pm and from 7.30 until 9 pm there is the CYFA Club Night for children 13 years and upwards.

The Free Church have also an established Puppet Ministry team which can travel to different venues for a production on practically any theme.

If you are interested in having a visit from this Puppet Ministry team or you would like your children to come to any of these activities or, indeed, if you yourself could help at these Club evenings, please contact Pastor David Graham or Youth Pastor Patrick Gillan at the Church Office on 825590.

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PEMBURY IN THE PAST

BAGGESEN'S GOLD

The article in the last issue about the honeysuckle bush "Baggesen's Gold" created a lot of interest. Villagers have called in with their own stories and Notcutts Garden Centre have written in with well documented evidence. From all sources I have pieced together the story of the Baggesen family and their Nurseries which I feel might create further interest in the telling :-

Niels Immanuel Baggesen came to England from Denmark at the turn of the century and worked as a student at Kew Gardens before starting up a Nursery of his own in Whitchurch, Glamorgan. In the late 1920's he moved to this district with his English wife and family, John, Harald, Mollie and Thelma. Their first house in Pembury was "The Shack" in Romford Road where he started a nursery business on a small piece of land purchased from a local farmer, a Mr. Cooper. Later, in the early 1930's, he moved his nursery to land in the Woodsgate area near to the site of what is now Woodhill Park and had a new house built in Lower Green Road, known as "Viborg". He was joined at the Woodsgate Nursery by his sons John, who organised the growing of stock, and Harald, who specialised more in landscaping. The Woodsgate business flourished on this site and just after the war a Mr. Acton Philips joined the business and Niels Baggesen retired. The Woodsgate Nursery was eventually taken over by Clarks of Dover and then sold on for development. In the meantime Niels had purchased what was to become known as Highfield Nursery which was taken over by his two sons. This Nursery, which had its main entrance on the Hastings Road, extended down covering the area on which Highfield Close now stands. John lived nearby at "Gaskins", Amberlease Drive. It was at this nursery in the very early 1950s that John was excited to discover one day, on a specimen of *Lonicera nitida*, a young shoot whose tip had golden leaves instead of the usual dark green. Although it measured only an inch or so, he propagated the sport, built up stock and in 1952

exhibited it at a Royal Horticultural Society Show as *Lonicera nitida* "Baggesen's Gold". This was the second success for John as a few years after the Second World War on a Lawson Cypress - *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* - he spotted a sport with dove grey foliage and in 1950 exhibited the young tree at the R H S under the name of *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* "Pembury Blue". Not many villages can claim to have a tree named after them, but such is the good fortune of Pembury. Neither exhibits were a commercial success until they were included in the catalogue of Jackmans Nursery of Woking who still have the original Cypress stock plants which are now some 20 feet high. In common with many nurseries in the late '60s, Highfield Nursery struck hard times and eventually closed, the land being sold for development. A rose nursery which he had started in Stonecourt Lane was kept on as a going concern but later it too closed..

Neils Immanuel Baggesen died on the 18th December 1961 at the age of 85 years. Harald died in 1978. John died a bachelor in retirement at Holtye in 1985. Both Mollie and Thelma are still living. The Baggesen connection with Pembury remains: Harald had a son, John, who still lives in Pembury.

Henry Plant

"PEMBURY MILL" by TURNER

There has always been an element of controversy concerning which of Pembury's two mills the landscape painter Turner did paint. However, a simple enquiry by the Local History Group to the Tate Gallery may have resolved the matter. There are in existence three paintings by Turner entitled "Pembury Mill" held variously at the Tate, The Victoria & Albert Museum and the British Museum.

Two were painted about 1795 and 1796 when Turner was only 20 years old and are clearly of the same place, despite a certain amount of artistic licence. The third picture

was painted some ten years later in about 1807 and even the art experts at the Tate, who did not know we had two mills in Pembury, pointed out that this picture is of a different location.

The simple conclusion was that Turner had, in fact, painted both mills; but which one was which? The site of Keyes Mill (also known as Herrings Mill) is on Footpath 222 just beyond Stonecourt Farm. The local History Group went and had a good look around the site and the two earlier pictures seem to fit with the evidence that is still visible. So what of the third picture? Despite earlier thoughts that it was of Keyes Mill it clearly wasn't. The History Group therefore arranged a visit with the present owner of Spring Grove Mill who very kindly explained how the water course had been altered and where the property had been extended in more recent times. With this additional information it was possible to see that this was where the third and more well-known picture was painted.

Tom Pettitt / Kathryn Franklin

PEMBURY'S HOME GUARD

As D Company, 22nd Battalion (Tunbridge Wells) Kent Home Guard, to give its full title, commenced its duties in 1940 after Dunkirk, the Government asked for Local Defence Volunteers (L.D.V.) During those early days an arm band and a various collection of weapons, liable to cause more damage to the user than the enemy, were the sole amount of equipment. The Volunteers were mainly first world war veterans, plus youngsters awaiting their call-up.

Slowly, uniforms were issued along with great coats, heavy American Winchester .300 rifles plus 25 rounds of ammunition and the title L.D.V. was changed to Home Guard. Conscripted of reserved workers resulted in an increase of Home Guard numbers and also an increase of armoury: Mills Grenades, short range anti-tank weapons and Sten guns were issued. These weapons were often cheap, crude and dangerous to use if care was not taken.

Sunday mornings were training days: "square-bashing", to discover how many "two left feet" members we had; weapon training: some members had eye sight problems and were unable to use the weapons; map reading; camouflage; field craft; all important lessons but with little time to become very proficient. Occasionally, we were allowed our turn at the local rifle range at the Castle Hill Range on the way to Tonbridge.

During lighter evenings, barbed wire entanglements were erected around the village running roughly on the line of the present Village Conservation area. Hop poles had already been erected in larger fields throughout the parish to prevent enemy gliders landing. Near to the entrance to the Old Vicarage, Hastings Road, was a so-called tank trap which was in the "line of fire" from the Army Pill Box on the Green - the Band Stand.

From the word go, night guard duties were carried out: a team of six to eight members did duty in various parts of the village, changing from time to time: a platform on top of a scaffold and a hut at Colts Hill, a hut in Roughlands Shaw, a garage in a private garden in the Hastings Road, the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground and finally in one of the outbuildings at Altrabreech (Sunhill Court). This was also the Company H.Q. which was previously at the Manor House on the Green. The guard duties were mainly to keep a look out for parachutists but were also the first stage when night emergency 'call-outs' were called. Exercises, both day and night, were sometimes organised with the Army. These often ended with bad temper by the Army who discovered that the Home Guard had used unorthodox methods which were not in the book.

As the war in Europe came to an end, the Home Guard was disbanded. All members who had seen service through out this period received a letter from King George VI thanking them for their services to the Country. Thankfully the Home Guard was never involved in active warfare and, with hindsight, do we realise how close we were to invasion by the Germans?

Dick Miles

NEW BUSINESSES IN PEMBURY

In the second of our series regarding new businesses in our village, the Pembury Business and Secretarial Services, which was set up the end of 1994, is proving to be a great success with its wordprocessing and book-keeping services, French and German translations, desk-top publishing and, an essential service for all small businesses to-day, on-going credit control. In addition they produce personalised wedding stationery and small runs of business stationery, cards, brochures etc.

The business is run by Amanda Masters, who co-ordinates the word-processor, mailshot and marketing side, and her partner Alison Morton who handles the translation and commercial side.



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SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB - Champions!

The Club has had a busy season as members compete not only in a large number of friendly games against nearby Bowls Clubs but also in the Tunbridge Wells Mens League, the Tunbridge Wells Ladies League and the mixed Weald League. All the league teams are having a reasonably good season but, in particular, the senior team in the Weald League has crowned the Clubs season by winning the Championship of the First Division of the Weald League.

The Club are also actively researching their history, which has been clouded by the earlier records being mislaid. If any villager has any knowledge of the early years of the Bowls Club from the 1930s or



knows the whereabouts of any minutes for the early years, would you kindly contact the Secretary, George Roberts, on 824914. To help unlock some memories can anyone put names to the faces in the Club photograph reproduced here, which was taken alongside the Green in the Recreation Ground in 1959.

PEMBURY SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The Club starts its new season when it opens on an enrolment evening at 7 pm on Friday 15th September at the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury. Clubs Nights thereafter are on the 1st Thursday and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays in the month, 7 pm to 10 pm. The Club also plays on the first Friday and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday afternoons 2 pm to 5 pm. The Club has two teams in the West Kent League and we try to arrange friendly matches when Saturday afternoons in the Village Hall are available.

For any more information, you can contact either the Club Secretary, C. Clifton, on 823272, or the Club Captain, A. Storey, on 822509.

PEMBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - NOW "PEMBURY ATHLETIC"

At a Meeting in June, Laurie Frowde was elected as Chairman and the Association of Pembury Football Club's Representative. It was also decided at that meeting to realign and rename this Junior Football team "Pembury Athletic". A new constitution is being prepared after which registration will be sought through the Kent County Football Association.

Reverend Jim Brasier

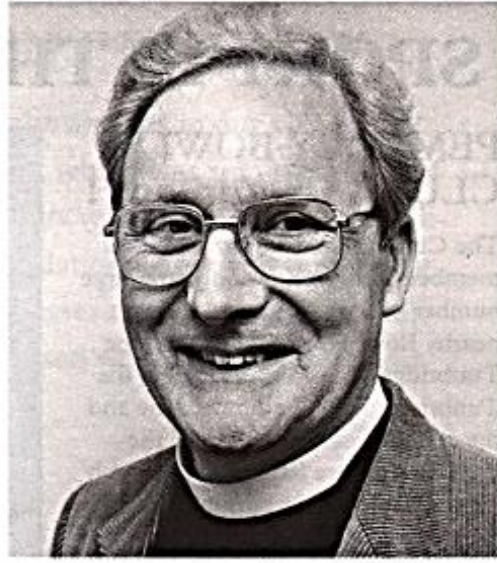
After six and a half years as the Vicar of Pembury, Jim Brasier is retiring and leaving the Parish on the 15th October.

Many things have happened during Jim's time at St. Peters, the most notable being the re-ordering of the Upper Church. The project was called Vision 91 and while, at the beginning, many people could not see the vision they now realise that it was the right way forward. Under his encouragement, Junior Church has been given a new lease of life and the Bible Study Groups have flourished.

He has encouraged people to discover their hidden talents and this has resulted in several additions to the Upper Church. One of these is the embroidered roundel above the vestry saying "From the rising of the sun to its setting, praised be the name of the Lord". Jim regards these words as the hallmark of his ministry. Many people found that they were secretly handy with a needle and thread and produced some beautifully stitched kneelers.

Jim recognises that the support of his wife Sheila in his Ministry cannot be measured. Sheila regularly brings people together for a meal at the Vicarage and, as many in the Parish can testify, her cooking is marvellous. Her enthusiasm is reflected in her leadership of the Church Music Group and she is also a member of the Paddock Wood Choral Society. She is also a voluntary staff member of the Darby and Joan Club and is involved in many other activities.

Jim says that he has valued the support of the Friends of Pembury Parish Church in helping to maintain the ancient building



during his time in Pembury and sees that the future will demand even stronger support from them as the first call on the Church's finances will have to be the maintenance of the Ministry.

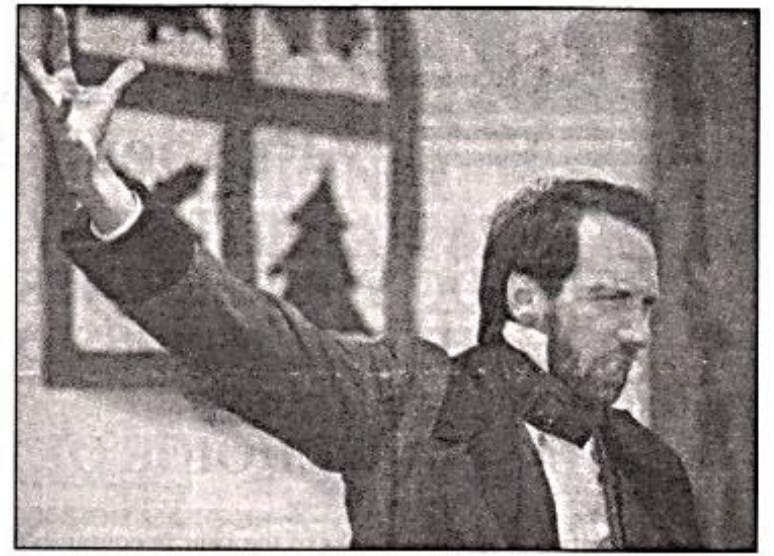
In his time at Pembury Jim has been closely associated with both Pembury School, as a School Governor, and Kent College, through his ministry at the Old Church. He is also the Chairman of "Charles Amherst Almshouses" and is a founder member of the St. Peter's Photographic Club.

Jim and Sheila are retiring to Botley in Hampshire which is a centre point for four major cathedrals. Before coming to Pembury Jim was a verger at Canterbury Cathedral and he intends to restore his association with cathedrals as a visiting worshipper. In retirement, Jim plans to pursue his hobbies of carpentry and needlework and he says that he may even do a spot of gardening but he recognises that it is more than his life is worth to invade Sheila's kitchen.

Thank you Jim for all that you have done for the village and Best Wishes to you and Sheila for a long and happy retirement.

PEMBURY SOCIETY

The Society has decided to break slightly from tradition for the Annual General Meeting which takes place on Monday 30th October 1995 at 8 pm in the Village Hall. Gerald Dickens, the great great grandson of Charles Dickens, has accepted an invitation and will perform extracts from his much acclaimed One-Man Show "Mr. Dickens is Coming".



Favourite characters will be brought to life by Gerald's "skilfully performed accents, humour and understanding". In between the characterisations, Gerald Dickens will also talk about the life of Charles Dickens with reference to his letters and other sources. Please make a note in your diaries! All Members, friends, guests and new

Members are welcome at this AGM with the difference.

If transport is required to and from the Village Hall please contact Mrs Marshall, Secretary, on Pembury 82 2659.

Ron Abbott
Chairman

BURIALS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The above Committee keep a watchful eye on the burial grounds and allotments. Councillors Gillian Matthews and Kit Kelly have enthusiastically undertaken the care of the War Memorial garden with plants generously supplied by Larkfield Hall. The Parish Council also has plans to clear and re-plant much of the roundel at St. Peters Upper Church in the autumn.

At the Parish Council Meeting on 17th July, it was decided not to ban vehicles from the allotment site but it was stressed that the Parish Council do not accept responsibility for any vehicles taken into

the allotment site or for any loss and/or damage caused by those vehicles. The groundsmen have made a start on clearing weeds from untenanted allotments and will continue to do so as their working time permits. It is, however, the responsibility of allotment holders to keep down the weeds on and around their plots. If anyone has rented a plot but has since changed their mind about cultivating it, please let the Clerk's Office know.

Betty Roberts
Chairman.

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the Hall can be arranged if necessary.
The meals are cooked at Sandown
Court and transported to Pembury by
Compaid Trust; two helpers from
Larkfield Hall do the heavy lifting and

assist with the washing up and other
duties.

Some financial assistance is given to
the service by the Lions organisation
and any small profits are ploughed
back into the funds to provide extras at
Christmas.

The Club, which closes during the
school holidays, re-opens on
Wednesday, 6th September 1995.

If you would like to come along, please
contact either Mrs Hildy Swinden (Tel
823378) or Miss Barbara Howard (Tel
82 2926) a day or two before you plan
to come.

PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S ARCHIVE CAPSULE

The Parish Council, aware of the
growing interest in local history, has
accepted its Public Relations
Committee's recommendation that at
the end of each of its four year term of
office as many items of interest,
records of events and photographs, etc.
be forwarded for safe keeping in an
excellent controlled environment in the
Archive Office at County Hall,
Maidstone. It is felt that this is a small
start but one that can be built on and
eventually used by those people who,
in the next millennium, wish to have
access to well documented evidence of
Pembury in the Past.

If you would like to have any old
photographs, postcards or other
mementoes included in the capsule,
please contact any member of the
Editorial Committee.

Whilst on this subject, please note
that Pembury Library is planning a
display this month illustrating local
industries in Pembury from 1845
onwards. This is bound to be an
interesting and very informative
exhibition of memorabilia so try
to get along to see how the
village lived and worked 150 years
ago.

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- OCT**
- 1 Pembury School Association - Treasure Hunt - Pembury School - 2.30pm.
 - 3 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30 pm
 - 5 Afternoon WI - "Upstairs Downstairs" : Mrs Joan Hunter - Village Hall - 2.15pm
 - 6 Evening WI - "From Farm to Fashion" : Mrs Angela Vinson - Village Hall - 7.45pm
 - 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Camden Car Park - 2.15pm
 - 9 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 9 St. Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Room - 8pm
 - 10 Parish Council Quiz - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 16 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 17 Darby and Joan Club - Sale of Work - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
 - 23 St. Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Room - 8pm
 - 26 Horticultural Society - "Bulbs" : Mr. Bob Collard - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 30 Pembury Society - Annual General Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 31 Darby and Joan Club - Lunch : Entertainment : Mr. Higbee - 2-4.30pm
- NOV**
- 2 Afternoon WI - Annual Meeting - Village Hall - 2.15pm
 - 3 Evening WI - Annual Meeting - Village Hall - 7.45pm
 - 4 RNLI Autumn Fair - Catholic Hall - 10am
 - 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Bo-peep Corner - 2.15pm
 - 6 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 12 Remembrance Day Service - St. Peter's Upper Church - 10.50 am
 - 13 Horticultural Society - Floral Art Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 14 Darby and Joan Club - Talk : RNLI - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
 - 18 Autumn Fair - St. Peter's Upper Church - 10.30am
 - 20 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Annual General Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 23 Pembury School Association - Toy Fair - Pembury School - 2.30pm
 - 25 Catholic Church - Christmas Bazaar - Catholic Hall - 2pm
 - 27 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
 - 27 St. Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Room - 8pm
 - 28 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- DEC**
- 1 Evening WI - Christmas Party - Village Hall - 7.45pm
 - 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Stonecourt Bus Stop - 2.15pm
 - 7 Afternoon WI - Christmas Party - Village Hall - 2.15pm
 - 8 Pembury School Association - Craft Fair - Pembury School - 6.30pm
 - 11 St. Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Room - 8pm
 - 12 Darby and Joan Club - Christmas Party - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
 - 18 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm

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Your Clerk Reports...

Since the last issue of this Magazine, the Parish Council has been very busy, especially after the May election, when the new Council had a great deal of new Policy to consider and adopt.

The main concern of Councillors at the moment is the problem of nuisance crimes in Pembury, such as vandalism, drunkenness and intimidation. Inspector Trevor Hall of Kent County Constabulary recently attended a Parish Council Meeting to discuss these and other matters. One of the new initiatives being set up is Community Policing. Our Community PC is PC Chris Janes who will be dealing directly with Neighbourhood Watch groups and other organisations. The Parish Council recently tabled a motion at the Kent Association of Parish Councils' AGM to request a full investigation into the reasons behind the increase in violence etc. which would lead to recommendations

which would reverse the trend.

Mr. Keith Searle, Deputy Chief Executive and Mrs David, Allocations Manager, of the High Weald Housing Association made an informative presentation to the Parish Council. The Council is happy that some of the problems experienced by tenants in Pembury are now on the way to being resolved.

In the Recreation Ground, the Parish Council are in the process of rectifying matters highlighted by a recent safety report on the play equipment. The car park has recently been marked out by a contractor provided by Kent County Council Highways Department: just one example of how different tiers of local government provide support and promote close working relationships with each other.

Many of you who visited the Scouts and Guides Fete in July will have seen the Parish Council's display in the Recreation Ground Pavilion which provided an insight into the responsibilities of the Council and its role in the local community.

Barbara Russell

CHURCH TIMES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

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