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## Comment

Many of you will have watched the television series "Heartbeat" set in a rural Police Station during the 1960's.

It is difficult to recall nowadays that just 25 years ago all of Britain had such a service - and in Pembury there were no less than three Police Constables stationed in the village. With a rising tide of vandalism and anti-social behaviour Pembury now has one Community Policeman shared with Paddock Wood, East Peckham, Brenchley and Capel; a few public spirited but part-time and unpaid Special Parish Constables; and the sterling efforts of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Surely the residents of Pembury should not have to rely upon volunteers - and the Parish Council and other village groups have to utilise private security companies? After all, the Council tax paid by the residents of Pembury contributes £113,000 a year to the policing of Kent.

But it is no use blaming the police. They work within national guide-lines and the creaking judicial and social systems. Because there are no easy answers to the problems of vandalism and crime (and these now affect all communities from inner cities to rural hamlets) the Parish Council has been trying to get the Home Office to rethink the basic issues.

These are complex and they range from social problems, including unemployment and the breakdown of families, across to the "law and

order" issues such as the lack of deterrents. The Home Office must stop piecemeal initiatives and set up a Royal Commission to agree the reasons behind the massive increase in anti-social behaviour and make firm proposals to reverse the trend.

Since this is so important, Pembury Parish Council has now obtained the support of the other Parish and Town Councils in Kent in making a county-wide approach to the Home Secretary. A response is now awaited.

The other major matter affecting Pembury is the Local Plan. The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has now endorsed its Inspector's recommendations and, while these are generally good for Pembury, there is still great concern about the future of the Woodgate Corner site and the inter-related issues of a supermarket, park-and-ride and a new village hall.

Because it is important that the views of all sections of Pembury's community are taken into account the Parish Council is working very closely with the Pembury 2000 Plus Committee, the Pembury Society and local Borough Councillors to make sure that when anything does happen on the Woodgate site it is with the approval of the majority of Pembury residents.

David Coleman  
Chairman  
Pembury Parish Council

## THE LOSS OF THE HOSPITAL'S OLD CEDAR TREE

Well, the cedar tree at Pembury Hospital has gone. No more will direction to almost anywhere in the hospital start .... "Go left at the big cedar tree" or "Go past the big cedar tree". And the sight of the tree hung with lights meant that Christmas was nearly here. No one seems to know its exact age but it was thought to have been planted early in the nineteenth century.

Now its been cut down - but that isn't the end of the story. It is hoped that eventually the timber will be worked to make something for use in the hospital as a lasting memento of part of its history.



## PEMBURY BEAVER SCOUT COLONY

Leaders are urgently needed to start another Beaver Colony in the village.

The existing colony started over nine years ago when Beavers was first introduced into the Scout Association. Beavers is for youngsters in the age range 6-8 years old and has an overall theme of fun and friendship for progression into the Cubs. A programme for a typical weekly meeting would include games, handicraft and a story. The waiting list to join the Colony currently has 60 names on it of which 24 are either 6 years old at present or will be by the end of 1995 and a further 15 who will become 6 years old sometime in 1996. The existing Beaver Colony is unable to take in any new boys until January 1996 when some of the existing Beavers will be old enough to go up to Cubs. With such a large waiting list there is now a very urgent need for a second Colony to be started in the village. This will only be possible if a Leader and at least two Assistant Leaders can be found to start and run a new Colony. If anybody is interested in taking on either of these roles or would like more information please contact the undermentioned as soon as possible. The Leaders in the existing Colony have kindly agreed to help any new Leaders by passing on programmes of activities they have used in the past. If Leaders are not found a very large number of those boys on the waiting list will not have the opportunity to join Beavers and will miss all the enjoyment and fun that it offers. Would parents please note, because of its size, the waiting list has now been closed until September 1996. This date may have to be extended if a second Colony is not started.

Peter Brookes - 1st Pembury Group Scout Leader PW 833662

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## PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS

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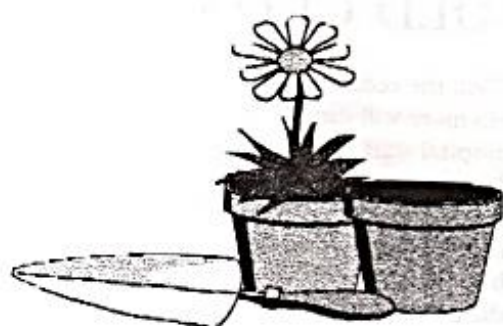
## GILL'S GARDEN

In winter few outdoor tasks can be undertaken. If you intend to create new areas of ground for a garden or even a new lawn in spring, it should be planned on paper first and the shrubs, plants and grass seed ordered now.

If weather permits the ground can be dug now, organic matter can be added; heavy clay soil should be broken down by the frost and produce a fine tilth in the spring; light sandy soil should be left until later in the season. If possible avoid walking on the ground when there is a heavy frost or when it is waterlogged, as this will ruin the structure of the soil. After a heavy frost check that plants have not been loosened from the soil. If so, lightly tread them back into position. Any snow should be brushed from conifers and shrubs so the branches do not break.

New shrubs can be stored in hessian or straw in a frost free place, or unwrap them and heel them in a trench in the garden where it is sheltered. Remember to water plants in sheltered areas, troughs, hanging baskets and patio pots.

Hanging baskets need not be confined to summer. Winter pansies, ivy, hardy cyclamen, polyanthus grouped together with an underplanting of small bulbs, can give a lovely display. Remove dead heads from winter



pansies and give a high nitrogen feed to continue flowering. Now in December, many bulbs are cheaper and can still be planted in pots and can then be planted in gaps in the borders later.

Cut back any herbaceous plants not pruned in November, apply a general fertiliser and check the plants for slug damage.

Sweetpeas sown in the autumn should be protected from severe frosts. Indoors, geranium and fibrous begonia seeds can be planted if they are to be ready in March. Indoor cyclamen, bought for Christmas, require plenty of light and a cool moist atmosphere. Stand in a dish of moist pebbles; a yellowing of leaves is a sign of overwatering and of heat. Poinsettias should be watered only when the soil begins to dry out and the leaves droop. Don't forget to check any garden machinery for repairs before the work commences in the Spring.

Gill Matthews

## PEMBURY SCHOOL

I would be surprised if any villagers in Pembury were unaware that the National Curriculum has been introduced in all schools. Many may be less certain as to what this means in terms of what the children are actually doing and learning. I therefore thought it would be helpful to give you a brief thumb nail sketch of what effect the National Curriculum has had in school.

The National Curriculum consists of nine subjects at the Primary School age. These subjects are English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Music, Art, Physical Education and Technology. All these subjects, together with Religious Education, must be taught in all schools.

In some respects the National Curriculum has not changed things as much as we might imagine. Children still have to learn to read and write. Writing still needs to be legible, written in clear sentences and the words have to be correctly spelt. That is something that has not changed.

One thing that is new, and sometimes causes concern, is the use of calculators in school; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum. Children need to have a good understanding of arithmetic if they are able to use a calculator, so the basic skills still have to be mastered. Children still need to add up, take away and know their tables. If they don't have that understanding they won't be able to press the appropriate buttons. The skill of estimation is now more important than perhaps it was previously. Estimates will give an approximate answer, the precise answer can be worked out with a calculator. For example children need to be able to estimate that  $19.9 \times 39.86$  will be approximately 800 ( $20 \times 40$ ). If the calculator answer is significantly different from the expected answer the calculator is



being used incorrectly. Children will still continue to need, and are taught, the ability to do mental calculations.

When many of us were pupils in school, science teaching consisted of the nature table. Primary science is now more complex. Children begin to set up and observe the results of simple experiments. The other day I was observing Year 3 (7+ year olds) children experimenting to see if seeds will grow without water. One tray of seeds was given water, the next was not. In a few days they would discover what had happened. Observing results and ability to draw conclusions is a vital aspect of the scientific process.

Another change is the use of computers in school. Computers are, and certainly will be for our children, an important part of their lives. You will see computers in all classes. Even 4 1/2 year olds begin to get used to working with a computer.

So yes, there have been some significant changes, but many things remain the same. What has always been true, and is still true, is that all our efforts are directed at delivering the highest possible quality of education.

Bob Edom  
Headteacher

## Profile

KEITH ROWELL  
Y.M.C.A. YOUTH LEADER

Although Keith does not live in Pembury he has worked in the village at the Woodside Y.M.C.A. Centre for over six years. He is now the Senior Youth Worker for West Kent Y.M.C.A. and is responsible for the management and development of Youth and Junior work across the six Y.M.C.A. projects in the West Kent area. During the past 18 months Keith has made quite a major contribution, helping those young people in Pembury who need sympathetic support and encouragement. A special programme of informal education and counselling has been organised. This has included advice and help with job applications and training, discussions and talks on many aspects of health including sex, drugs, and alcohol abuse, also visits and sports activities. "A Crime Reduction" initiative was organised, which included a visit to Maidstone Prison where the young people were able to talk to short term prisoners and ask them questions. Keith described this visit as a very worthwhile experience between the regular police and the youngsters. Our Parish Constables have visited the Woodside Centre.

Keith is certain that young people need to be taught the fundamental Christian values and qualities; they also need leadership, discipline and the company of caring adults. Many of the young people who get into trouble have never had a job, or they have had a succession of temporary jobs. He asks that local people offer their help to the Y.M.C.A. for just a few hours to listen to these youngsters, share their experiences with them and help them to prepare for adult life.

Keith came to Kent 15 years ago. He has a young family, they all enjoy walking and discovering the countryside. Brought up in the North East, he spent some years in the Merchant Navy and became a volunteer youth worker 11 years ago. He soon realised that he



could foster good relationships with young people and because he was anxious to help them he took a 2 year full time Youth & Community Work qualification at Goldsmiths College at London University. The course was very demanding and he was required to do practical training in Inner London. He is enthusiastic and dedicated to his job. Keith has a commitment to give support to 'Y' Care International, a Third World Development Project started by Terry Waite. He is certain that improving international relations, especially through youth contacts, is vital for future peace and stability in the World.

Keith recently returned from Romania where he visited many Y.M.C.A. groups. He describes his experiences as "uplifting". He visited many rural areas; the people were warm and welcoming and though they had few material possessions they were rich in spirit. The youth work is all closely tied to the church. Also, many young people are very keen to learn English. Now that Keith has made so many contacts he hopes to raise some funds to take a party of local teenagers to Transylvania next year to camp with a group of Romanian youngsters. Individual exchange visits have been made; and more are planned and some local young people are already working with Romanian orphanages. If anyone would like to hear more about Keith's visit he would be happy to give an illustrated talk with slides. He can be contacted at the new Y.M.C.A. Office at Ryder House Tel: 01892 542209.

Sylvia Abbott

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## O.K. IT'S SUNDAY AFTERNOON!!

Most of you have had a little lie in, potted about the garden and then gone for what you feel is your weekly exercise by going for a walk. It's amazing how nearly all these walks end up at the pub! Not that there is anything wrong with that because the pub on a Sunday lunchtime is the best place to meet your friends and catch up on the week's news.

It's what we do in the afternoon, after lunch, that matters. Picture the scene: television on, no one watching it because they've adopted the "go for it" stance - head to one side, mouth open, eyes shut, the odd little snore and the occasional twitch. The amazing thing is the automatic alarm that wakes them up when somebody

else picks up the paper from where it has landed having slipped to the floor from its position on the heaving stomach. "Hey, I was reading that" is the normal awakening sentence. In future it will be compulsory to ring the Parish Clerk on Pembury 823193 and demand a Parish Footpath Map, price £1. No more than 30 minutes after lunch snooze allowed. Then boots on, and off you go. Endless miles of beautiful countryside you never knew existed. Take it easy though to start with because you've still got to get to the pub next week. After the walk, tea, then you can sleep.

Mine's a pint of bitter by the way.

Hughie Boorman

## PEMBURY PARISH QUIZ

In October twenty seven teams entered the Quiz, the seventh organised by the Parish Council. Comments varied from "too easy", "too hard", "not enough of this or that" but every one seemed to enjoy themselves which made all the hardwork worthwhile.

Two teams tied for first place "The Big A's" and "The Friends of Pembury Parish Church". The photograph shows them celebrating just after the presentation of the joint winners' trophy. The profits on the evening, in the region of £300, went to their chosen charities.



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## NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Sarah Clarke is, with Tony Baker who was featured in our last issue, the other newcomer to the current Parish Council. Sarah cannot be described as a "new face" at Parish Council Meetings as she has previously been a Parish Councillor for nearly 10 years, 8 years as Chairman from 1979 to 1987. She holds the unique record of being the only Pembury Parish Council Chairman who had a baby during her term of office. Sarah, married to a local builder, is a qualified solicitor having practiced locally for the last 20 years and is now a partner in the firm of Thomson Snell and Passmore at Tonbridge. Her daughter, now aged 15, is a pupil of the Tunbridge Wells Grammar School. Sarah is the current Chairman of Pembury 2000 Plus Committee, is a member of the committee of the Horticultural Society and the League of Friends of Pembury Hospital and Chairman of the Friends of Pembury Parish Church. What leisure time she has she spends with her family - enjoying gardening, music, reading and trips to France.



## 1ST PEMBURY SCOUT GROUP

The Group, which is comprised of six units: a Beaver Colony, Penn and Sturgeon Cub Packs, Magna and Camden Scout Troops and a mixed Venture Unit, has a total membership of over 130 youngsters and Leaders. This year has been another very enjoyable and active year of scouting for all members of the group. Some of the highlights of this year have been:- The Beaver Colony Fun Afternoon on Ashdown Forest enjoyed by a large group of Beavers, parents, brothers, sisters and Leaders. The Cub camp in May during which Cubs from both packs enjoyed a week of fun and games at their annual camp held this year at the International Scout Camp site at Kingsdown, near Deal. In a week of almost continuous fine weather, the Cubs enjoyed a wide range of activities which included: Air Rifle Shooting, a Fitness Trail, Wide Games, Hiking, a Sausage Sizzle and Boomerang Throwing. During the week the Cubs earned a combined total of 39 Athlete, Camper, Communicator and Map Reader Activity badges.

The Kent County Scout Week-end Hike. A combined team of four Pembury Scouts, Andrew Edwards, Michael de Wolf, Mark Shipton and Aaron Taylor, took part in this bi-annual event at Hopehill, Meopham and gave an excellent account of themselves coming a very creditable 12th out of 104 teams in a competition consisting of a back-packing incident hike, camping out over night and an orienteering course.

The Magna Scout Troop summer camp, held this year at the Corf District Camp site near Newtown on the Isle of Wight. There the boys took part in a wide range of activities and a number of badges and awards were obtained including: the Camper, Camp Cook and Athlete Proficiency Badges and the Scout Award Badge. The Venture Unit's summer excursion to Dartmoor. Twelve members of the unit and two leaders spent the August Bank Holiday week-end in a Camping Barn, self catering bunkhouse style accommodation at Watercombe. Making the most of the fine weather and beautiful countryside they spent most of the time on the moors hiking and "letterboxing". This activity is unique to Dartmoor and consists of following sets of clues to find containers which are discreetly positioned each containing a rubber stamp of a different design. Once found, a print of the stamp can be taken using an ink pad to build up a very interesting and varied collection.

A very big vote of thanks goes to all the Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Helpers who give up a tremendous amount of their spare time to organise and run these and various other events as well as the weekly meeting of their respective units.

Peter Brookes  
1st Pembury Group Scout Leader  
PW 833662

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## PEMBURY IN THE PAST

### PEMBURY'S ROAD NAMES

Have you often wondered how many of the road names in Pembury were chosen? A little bit of research has come up with the following information, most of which I would suspect has some truth. If you know otherwise perhaps you could let the Editorial Committee know.

It is understood that Heskett Park was named after the builder who erected the houses. Stanam Road was again named after the builders but this time their names were Stanbridge and Ames and it was decided that the first part of each of their names should be used. I have been told that Albans Terrace was named after a Mr. C Gower, the then Chairman of the Parish Council, who lived at Albans Farm. Elmhurst Avenue was again named after the farm in which Mr. Gower lived - Elmhurst Farm.

Snipes Close is an easy one, with Snipes Wood just behind it. It is thought that there is an association between this Close and the nearby Herons Way which carried on the connection with a type of bird similar to the Snipe.

Was The Meadow so named because the houses were built in a meadow which belonged to "The Cottage" in Lower Green Road? Brickfield was recently suggested by the last Parish Council to keep the association of the Stone Court Brick Yard. Petersfield was named after the family name of Peters, who owned the pottery business on this site. Batchelors was named after the owner of Stone Court Farm and the surrounding land. Beagles Wood Road was all part of Beagles Wood Farm which was also owned by Mr. Batchelor. Highfield Close and Amberlease Drive were named after two large houses of those names sited on the land on which the estates were built.

The Glebe was named after Glebe House, which was used as a vicarage for the Lower Green Churchyard, the house being pulled down when the area was developed for housing. Was The Ridgeway named after the large house which was called Knights Ridge? This building is no longer with us, having been pulled down when the area around it was developed. Knights Place was named after the

large house in Lower Green Road which has now been converted into flats. Lack of space precludes me from continuing with this article until our next issue - in the meantime have you any idea how Sweeps Hill got its name?

### MEMORY LANE

Do you remember these shops in Pembury which have now closed?

In the old days, Pembury used to have two butchers, one in the High Street which closed in 1995 and the other, adjacent to the Royal Oak Public House and the now non-existent Green at Lower Green, which started its life as a bakers (owned by a Mr. Young), then it became a shoe repairers (Mr. Perks), and finally it became a butchers.

Tracing your steps from this last shop, going up Henwood Green Road, then known as Slate Row (which is where the Surgery now stands) was Miss Ellis's sweet shop where all the school children spent their halfpennies. Almost opposite this sweet shop was Mr. Turner the grocers where sugar, tea, etc., were sold loose and bagged up as you bought them. About half way up Slate Row was another little shop. It was either a wet fish shop or a butchers, do you remember which? The only thing that has stuck in the memory was that the owner used to wear a straw boater! At the junction of Henwood Green Road and Romford Road, where the off licence now is, there was a little one room shop owned by a Mr. Nurden where he sold sweets, tobacco and beer. There was then quite a walk to reach the next shops at Bo-peep on the Hastings Road where you came upon Bo-peep Stores, a general shop kept by two ladies. Walking towards The Green there was Mr. Brooks' Dairy and then there was a grocers owned by a Mr. Seymour at the top of Canterbury Road on the site of what is now the Indian Take Away. It is understood that Mr. Seymour had started his business first at the bottom of Canterbury Road but then to catch more trade he moved his business to the top.

Where the new fish and chip shop is on the Hastings Road, there used to be another little general store which was run by a Mrs Nash. Further on down the road, on the opposite side where the garage showrooms are now, there used to be a cake shop. This shop was previously owned by a Mr. Walter who transferred his clothes business to a new shop built on the site of the present Happy Days Chinese Take Away at the top of Lower Green Road. This shop was then used as a haberdashery shop by a Mr & Mrs Betts. Going from Lower Green Road into the High Street was the Pembury Post Office where the National Westminster Bank now stands. The business next door has always been, as it now is, a Newsagents.

Next to the newsagents there used to be Raiswells the grocers (which is now Unwins) then, immediately after the Black Horse Public House, there was a small lean-to shop which sold cigarettes etc., and a barbers. Next door to this was Acotts the Bakers (where a Mr. Doughy Woods worked) then across the High Street was the Heartsease Tea Rooms and a Dance Hall. Further on, on the same side next to the Village Hall was the Square Deal Cafe (previously known, I understand, as Grove Cafe) which was very popular with the long distance lorry drivers.

I hope you have enjoyed your stroll down Memory Lane but is all that has been said true or does one's memory begin playing tricks? We'll never know unless you can tell us differently.

### Henry Plant

#### A DROVER

Just over thirty five years ago a familiar sight around the district was Stibby Read and his dog. He was a 'Drover'. His job was to move farm animals, mainly sheep, from farm to farm, farm to market. In the Autumn he would drive sheep from the Marsh up on to higher land for Winter 'Keep'. In the Spring he would return the sheep back to the Marsh, a few weeks before lambing at the beginning of April.

Today very few farm animals can be driven along public highways. Cattle lorries have taken over from the drovers.

One often wonders how the modern villager would enjoy driving along the A21 to Tonbridge at eight o'clock in the morning to be confronted by a flock of sheep being driven to Tonbridge Market!

Stibby Read lived in a hopper hut at Elmhurst Farm; his evening drinking hole was often the Camden Arms, accompanied by his faithful dog. When the last bus to Kippings Cross arrived his dog would dash across the road and get on the bus. The bus conductor knew that Stibby would follow.

Unfortunately the dog knew how to drive animals but had not learnt his Green Cross Code; one day he was run over and killed. Today there are no drovers in this part of Kent, no hopper huts at Elmhurst Farm and no Tonbridge Market; the countryside is a poorer place without them.

#### A. Farmer

#### OLD VILLAGE YARNS

This story was told to me several years ago by my father-in-law Peter Cole shortly before he died. Time approximately 1900 - 1905

The farmer at Baileys Farm in Henwood Green Road was a Mr Robert Batchelor and the green fields which are now Belfield Road were part of the farm. The Old Brickworks and Stone Court Farm were also owned by Mr Batchelor who, for some reason, decided to close the footpath that ran from Henwood Green Road to the Hastings Road. Living in one of Mr Batchelor's cottages in Henwood Green Road was a chap who used the footpath to go to his work in the wheelwrights by the Green.

When the closure of the path was contested in Court this man decided to have his say, stating that he would have further to walk at the expense of his shoe leather. It was decreed that the path should remain open, but when the man received his next pay packet it was 6d (pence) short. When he enquired he was told that as he was saving on his shoe leather by being able to use the footpath, that would be his pay in future.

I'll tell you another story in the next issue.

#### Hughie Boorman

## RUSSIAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Many people in Pembury will remember the visit in May of the Russian Children's Choir "Harmony". There is now a tape available of the Choir singing their beautiful music in both Russian and English. The tape was produced locally and at the cost of £5.00 per tape is available from the Appeals Office, 59 Highfield Close, Pembury or at The Music Centre, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells: Tel: 526659 (Charity No: 30720).

Margaret Evans

## PARISH COUNCIL'S BURIAL AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Roundel at the Upper Church is undergoing a major face-lift to return it once more to a focal point. Work has now begun on this project (overseen by Councillors Mrs Matthews and Mrs Roberts in conjunction with the Parish Council's Ground Staff) and re-planting will be put in hand as soon as possible. At the request of some of the Parish Council's Allotment Holders a Liaison Committee has been formed to discuss with the Parish Council any problems arising on the allotment site. Items for discussion should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk.

Betty Roberts,  
Chairman

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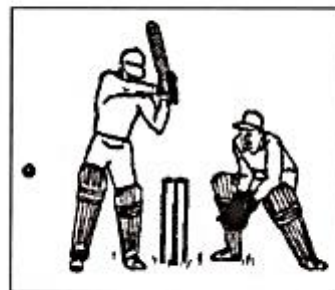
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## SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

### PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Club has had only an average year in their last season in the Mid-Kent League with the First XI



finishing in Division 1. However the Second XI were successful and lost only two of their matches, finishing fourth in Division 2. The Club were disappointed to lose the Courier Cup Final by ten runs after dominating the match until the last three overs. As always, the teams have been backed by a hard core of social members and vice presidents, hard working groundstaff, bar volunteers and ladies: without their efforts costs would rise dramatically.

This was the last season in the Mid-Kent Leagues after twenty one enjoyable years. The league is becoming more North Kent orientated with the inclusion of new Clubs at Faversham and on the Isle of Grain. Next season both teams will play in the Kent Village League which is mainly based in West Kent.

The Club have purchased an all weather wicket at a cost of £2000 and hope this will give unlimited opportunity for practice in April and May 1996. In addition the Club are co-operating with the Housing Association in providing a new fence between the ground and Camden Court. It is also hoped that with the co-operation of the Parish Council and the Housing Association the existing water supply

to the cemetery and the cricket ground will be renewed.

Social events will dominate the winter scene although two teams will be entered in the Crowborough Indoor League. New members will be welcomed for 1996 as will interested youngsters for Monday evening coaching.

Our contacts :- **Richard Crouch** 823164 (Seniors) **Robert Price** 823349 (Juniors)

### PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

All readers of the last issue will have seen the picture of bowlers at Pembury in 1959 which was reproduced in the magazine. As a result of your interest we have been able to identify some 15 of the 25 persons appearing in the photograph and established that it was taken on the occasion of a game against Speldhurst. Some of the bowlers were, of course, representing that village. Thanks to all those who helped us and hopefully, in time, we shall identify the rest of the persons in the photograph.

The Pembury Bowls Club is trying to build a more detailed record of its history as, unfortunately, all records prior to 1971 appear to have been lost. The Club, as we know it today, seems to have been formed in 1929 but started playing in the Recreation Ground in 1935 so there are a lot of details to discover. If you have or know the whereabouts of photographs or any other memorabilia concerning the early years we shall be very pleased to hear from you. Photographs can be copied and the originals returned so precious mementoes will not be affected. Bowls was played alongside the Camden Arms and, we believe, at the Royal Oak in the very early years of this century but nothing is known of the existence of any club organisation at this time so any help in filling gaps in our knowledge will be warmly welcomed.

Please get in touch with our Secretary, **Mr. S.G. Roberts**, on (01892) 824914 if you can help in any way.

# ✠ CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS ✠

## St. Peters Church

### Christmas Eve

9.45 am Morning Prayer - No Communion - Upper Church  
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass in the Upper Church  
*There will be no 8 am or 11.30am Service in the Upper Church*

### Christmas Day

9.45 am The Parish Eucharist in the Upper Church  
 11.30 am Eucharist in the Old Church  
*There will be no 8 am Service in the Upper Church*

## St. Anselm

23rd December	7.30 pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas (Carols from 7.30pm)
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Mass

## Pembury Free Church

22nd December	6-7pm	Brownie Carol Service
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Christmas Service
Christmas Day	10.00 am	Christmas Service



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## JIM BRASIER

The retirement of the Vicar, Rev'd Jim Brasier and his wife Sheila, has left a gap in village life. They were always very interested and involved in community matters and supportive of the Parish Council. The adjoining picture was taken at a presentation party which was held in the Upper Church on Monday 16th September 1995.



## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Why not brighten the New Year with a visit to the Pembury Players production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" in the Village Hall on 5th and 6th January 1996.

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## POLICE UPDATE

A message from your Community Officer

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to introduce myself and to briefly explain my role as your local Community Police Officer.

I have over 26 years service in the police and have been stationed at Tunbridge Wells since 1975. I spent many years as a Scenes of Crime Officer (Fingerprints, Photography and Forensic) followed by three and half years as a local Crime Prevention Officer. I then moved into Communications with a period in the control room and then most recently manning the new Crime Desk.

In July this year, with the amalgamation of the Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks police areas and the formation of the new Community Unit, I took on the role of Community Officer. My area of responsibility includes the Parishes of Pembury, Paddock Wood, Capel, Brenchley and East Peckham. As you will realise this is a very large area, with a population of around 23,000.

My job is **not** to deal with urgent response calls but rather the long term issues that affect my area, to liaise with Parish and Town Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and other groups who have the interest of the community at heart.

I have been to a meeting of your Parish Council and discussed the problems that are foremost in your minds, the vandalism and the petty and more serious crimes that have been the cause of concern to us all for some while now. Solving these matters with help from the community, we will be able to find ways to combat the problems and make living in this very pleasant area of ours more enjoyable.

On a Crime Prevention note, can I take

this opportunity, especially with Christmas very close, to remind you of the problems of vehicle crime. Please don't give the thief even more reason to break into your car by leaving shopping on view inside the car. Lock everything out of sight in the boot. This includes the radio if it will slide out (or the front if it is of the new type with removable controls). Fit either an engine immobiliser or a visible steering wheel clamp lock. This last measure is even more important if you are obliged to leave your vehicle parked in the street overnight.

Police Constable **CHRIS JANES**  
Community Officer.

## VANDALISM

Sadly, this problem is still with us, with parishioner's and parish property still taking the brunt of the vandals' attention.

The good news is that several village organisations have now had enough and have shown an interest in joining forces with the Parish Council in providing an increase in the surveillance from the security service they use.

It still needs everybody to remain on their toes as far as providing information for Neighbourhood Watch is concerned and we relish the day when we see these offenders and their parents in Court.

All we need is for them to be caught in the act and someone to be prepared to stand in Court and testify that they saw the accused committing the offence. That is the most positive assistance we can give the police.

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- JAN 4 Afternoon WI - "Slide Miscellany"  
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- 5 Evening WI - "Bosnia": Mrs P Lavy - Venue to be arranged - 7.45pm
- 5 & 6 Pembury Players Pantomime - "Jack and the Beanstalk"  
Village Hall - 8 pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Camden Car Park - 2.15 pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
- 8 St Peter's Photographic Club - "Preparation for Exhibition"  
Upper Church Room - 8pm
- 9 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 22 St Peter's Photographic Club - "Slide and Print" Competition  
Upper Church Room - 8pm
- 23 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 29 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
- FEB 1 Afternoon WI - "Slides of Old Tunbridge Wells"  
Mr Simons - Village Hall - 2.15 pm
- 2 Evening WI - Circle Dancing - Village Hall - 7.45pm
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Stonecourt Lane - 2.15pm
- 6 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 12 St Peter's Photographic Club - "Night Photography"  
Upper Church Room - 8pm
- 17 Evening WI - Jumble Sale - Village Hall - Time to be announced
- 19 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
- 20 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 22 Horticultural Society - Annual General Meeting  
Village Hall - 8pm
- 26 St Peter's Photographic Club - "Practical Photography"  
Upper Church Room - 8pm
- MAR 1 Evening WI - "First Catch Your Sheep" - Village Hall - 7.45pm,
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Bo-Peep Corner - 2.15 pm
- 4 Horticultural Society - Floral Art - Village Hall - 8pm
- 5 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 7 Afternoon WI - "Liquers" - Mr Staples - Village Hall - 2.15pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8 pm
- 11 St Peter's Photographic Club - "Holiday Night" -  
Upper Church Room - 8pm
- 19 Darby and John Club - Village Hall - 2-4.30pm
- 25 St Peter's Photographic Club - Guest Speaker  
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- 28 Horticultural Society - Annual Fun Quiz - Village Hall - 8pm



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## Your Clerk Reports...

The run up to Christmas always seems to be the busiest time of the year for the Council. This year is no exception with a mounting pile of issues concerning Pembury to be dealt with. The emerging Local Plan is the main contributor with many matters concerning the future planning policies of Pembury to be considered. A joint meeting between the Parish Council, Pembury 2000 Plus Committee and Pembury's Borough Councillors considered the Schedule of Modifications issue by the Borough Council and the possible impact they may have on Pembury in the future.

Woodgate Corner is the subject of much discussion and is probably the most controversial item of the Local Plan affecting Pembury. The Parish Council will try to ensure that this piece of land is protected from unwanted development but it will be the Borough Council's decision as to what development will ultimately be allowed on this site.

With the Association of Pembury Football Clubs enjoying possibly the most stable and fertile period in their history encouragement from the Council will be forthcoming. It has been already agreed to mark out a second pitch in the Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road to cater for the ever increasing number of youngsters that have joined Pembury Athletic Football Club. The chance of increasing the playing pitch area of Woodside Playing Fields is a positive opportunity

the Parish Council will pursue. It would be wonderful to be able to provide extensive playing fields for all the outdoor clubs in the village in one area.

The deletion of Rural Fringe land around Pembury from the Local Plan is good news. This land has reverted to Green Belt once again as it should be and will safeguard wholesale development around the Limits of Built Development on the outskirts of the village.

Amongst other matters Council has been considering over the past months is the 1996/1997 budget. This deals with day to day expenditure and planned future improvements provided by Council for the benefit of parishioners. Details of these will be known once Council has agreed its spending policy. The Quiz Night was an enjoyable occasion once again and has firmly positioned itself as an annual event not to be missed.

Barbara Russell

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## CHURCH TIMES (See Page 16 for Christmas Services)

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#### Upper Church

8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.45 am The Parish Eucharist and Junior Church  
10.00 am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

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