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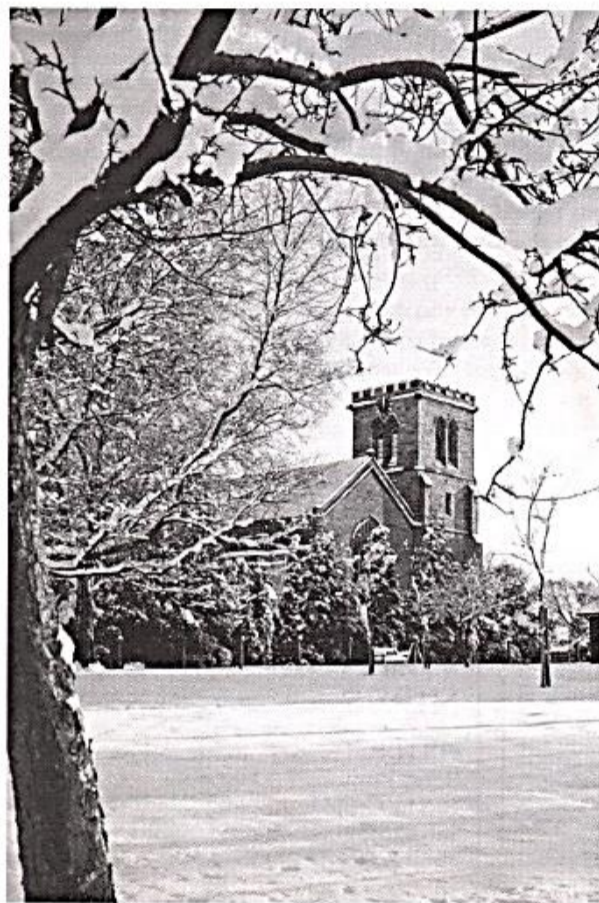
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Parish News & Comment

'PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS' IS GOING ON THE INTERNET!

'Pembury Village News' is to have its own Web Page on the Internet.

Pembury Parish Council has agreed for the Editorial Committee of this magazine to arrange for the setting up and editing of this new initiative. We are at the present time preparing the Web Page with the kind co-operation of our Host Sponsor, Pembury Business & Secretarial Services (PBSS).

It is the intention that interesting details and information regarding Pembury, together with news about forthcoming events and up to date news will form the major part of the Web Page which, although still in the course of construction, will be online by the time this magazine is published.

Why not give us a visit and let us have your comments? Our web site address is <http://www.pbss.demon.co.uk/pvn/index.html> This magazine is also to have its own e-mail address. So if you have any comments or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of the magazine these may be sent to us via our e-mail address: pembury.village.news@pbss.demon.co.uk

Please note that all communications regarding Parish Council administrative matters should continue to be sent, in the usual way, to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Barbara Russell.

It is our intention that for all interested Parishioners who do not have access to the Internet, that a copy of the Web Page will be produced as a hard copy and the folder displayed at various points in the village, e.g. the Parish Council office and the Pembury Library, once permission has been obtained.

Henry Plant

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DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

TWO local residents - Arthur and Sue Ross - celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last September. They were married on 3rd September 1938 at 11 am.

Exactly one year later, to the day and hour, England declared war on Germany.

Sue was 19 and working for the Central Telegraph Office in London when in the course of her work she phoned to pass on a business telegram which she had received. She spoke to a man and gave him the contents of the business telegram and then asked the recipient if he would like confirmation of the telegram. The man - Arthur - said, "Yes", so Sue asked him for his address so that she could post on the confirmation but Arthur said he would only give his address if Sue gave him hers. Taken aback, Sue said, "Why? Do want to write to me?" Arthur quickly said, "Yes."

They met outside an Underground Station called the Post Office Station (now St. Paul's Cathedral Station) soon after and the friendship blossomed from there. Two years later in 1934, when they were both 21, they became engaged. Four years later they got married at Christ Church in East Sheen in Surrey. They only had one wedding photograph taken which is reproduced here. They spent their honeymoon touring Devon in a Vauxhall 10 and lived for some time, after the War, in Germany.

In 1970 when Arthur was 57 he was made redundant from his job and they both decided, without any past experience, to buy Hilden Post Office, a post office which also sold groceries and which grew and prospered under their joint management. Then in 1980 they both retired and moved to Pembury to their present address.

Before coming to Pembury they had taken up the game of lawn bowls and, because of their

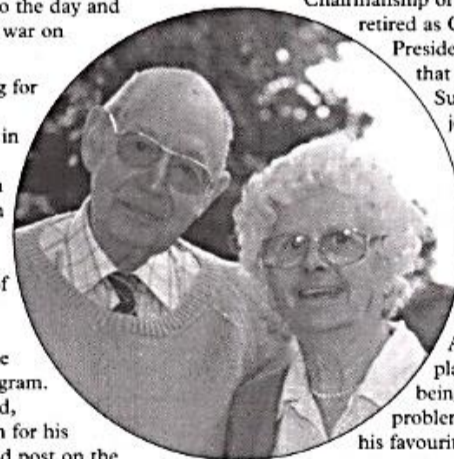
love for the game, directly they had settled in Pembury they made an application and were accepted as members of the Pembury Bowls Club. In 1982 Arthur was made Captain and on leaving this office he took over the

Chairmanship of the Club. When he retired as Chairman, he became President of the Club, an office that he still holds. Meanwhile Sue was getting on with the job of playing bowls and to this day she is an active member of the Club and a regular member of the Tunbridge Wells Ladies League (which just missed promotion this year). Unfortunately Arthur has had to suspend playing bowls for the time being because of a knee problem but hopes to return to his favourite pastime in the future.

Sue and Arthur have four children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. By coincidence the lives of the happy couple followed in Arthur father's footsteps as he and his wife had also lived long enough to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Arthur and Sue's life turned full circle when another fateful telegram came into their lives - this time from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth - congratulating them on their long and happy marriage.

(Photograph shows Sue and Arthur on their wedding day.)
Henry Plant



PEMBURY VILLAGE HALL

RECENTLY I became involved with the players production of "Darling Buds of May" and, in so doing, it really came home to me what a poor state our hall is in. Like most of you I have read from time to time articles advising that we were to have a new hall. However, progress seemed very slow. With this in mind I attended the Village Hall Management Committee in June to try to ascertain what was going on. Hey presto, before a few discussions had transpired it was suggested that I become a member of the committee. In addition, as I showed an interest it was also suggested that I chair a committee to raise funds for a new hall.

That was in June. However, I am sorry to say that I have not moved the process forward since then. As I was trying to find out more about the status of play regarding defined and possible funding, the delay occurred.

After a meeting on 28 September I now understand our funding status is as follows:

The Parish Council has approximately £70,000 available; Tunbridge Wells Borough has £42,000 available; an application is outstanding with KCC - £80,000 we hope to hear by the year end; we have a Lottery application in for £200,000 (an earlier application for a Millennium Fund grant was unsuccessful). Total £397,000.

The Village Hall Management

Committee is setting a target of £450,000 for this project. Therefore, even if all of the above funding is achieved we need to start raising funds locally for the shortfall of £53,000.

Shortly a Target Display Board (similar to that shown here) will be erected outside the Village Hall to monitor progress. Also we shall encourage various local groups to try to generate funds for this project. More news will follow.

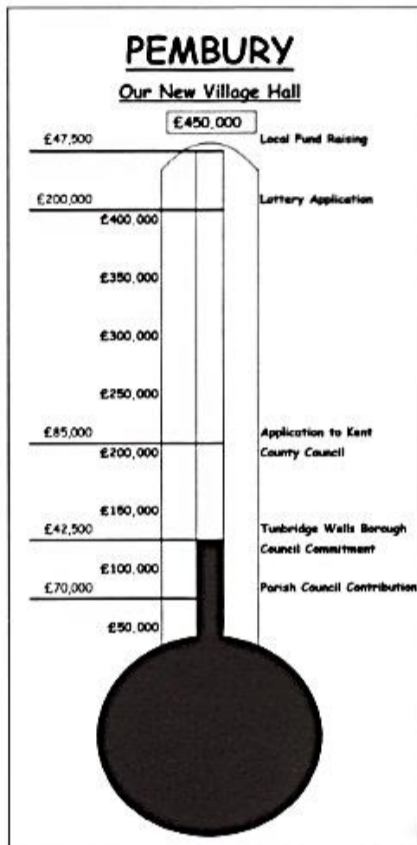
In the meantime some essential maintenance is to be undertaken in order to stop the Hall from further deterioration.

Should anybody wish to make any comments regarding how funds can be raised or make comments on the future use of this facility please contact me.

In conclusion, I strongly feel that we should have an adequate Village Hall for all the community. If the Lottery application is unsuccessful other means of funding will be required. Other villages smaller than Pembury have good community facilities, why not us?

With better facilities I am sure youth groups, local organisations, drama groups, etc would use the Hall. With adequate modern facilities this would be an ideal community meeting place for all types of social occasions.

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GILL'S GARDEN

IF THERE IS digging to be done - now is the time providing the soil is still workable. Incorporate organic matter into the ground. Remove leaves from lawns and borders to stop slugs and pests from overwintering.

Paint fences with preservative while shrubs and trees are bare. If using creosote try not to get it onto plants.

Trees overhanging a lawn may encourage moss and make mowing difficult. Saw off offending branches but remember to remove others for symmetry. Prune back shrubs and trees from pavements. If it snows brush conifers to remove the weight which may damage the branches. For those who have garden ponds a ball or empty plastic container should be placed in the water to help toxic gases escape from under the ice. This will also prevent sides of the ponds cracking.

Sow alpine or tree seeds that benefit from exposure to frost.

Gently fork over surface soil between bulbs to prevent moss and algae accumulating. Seeds of hardy perennials can be grown in pots on a warm window sill. By planting these early they can bloom in the first season. Varieties include lupins, hollyhocks and delphiniums. Seeds of begonias and geraniums can be sown now in the warmth ready for pricking out in a few weeks time before planting in the garden in June.

The cardboard at the centre of toilet rolls can

be used for planting sweetpeas. Place the rolls in an empty ice cream container and fill with compost; sow a few seeds in each roll. When germinated pinch-out the growing tip to encourage bushy growth.

The rolls can be planted within a border or pot, the cardboard will rot away and the roots will not be disturbed. Canes in a wigwam structure can be used for support.

Lilies can be planted in the ground provided it is not frozen. On heavy soil incorporate coarse sand or grit as well as compost into the planting hole.

Fuchsias that have been overwintered in doors can be started into growth by watering and placing into a light warm position. Similarly geraniums can be started into growth.

In the garden trim off dead heads of heather remembering not to cut into old wood. This helps to keep them tidy and compact. Prune cornus or dogwood to encourage new brightly coloured stems for the following winter.

Try to keep off the lawn if it is frosty. Now is the time to have the lawnmower overhauled if necessary before the summer rush.

Gill Matthews



CHRISTMAS

IT'S HERE again already. I hope you are well organised after my lecture from last year and that the two or three days before Christmas are stress free and a time of relaxation. Hopefully all you gentlemen have done your share of the preparation and not left it to all the ladies.

It is also a time to reflect, not only on the past year but also the present and to look to the future.

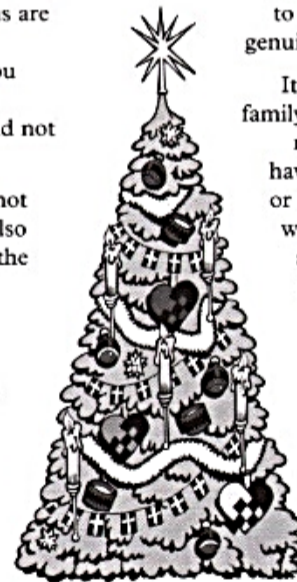
Many of us, if we are honest, will begrudgingly give, when under pressure, the smallest amount that we have to some of the charities which are always more prominent at Christmas and yet we are quite prepared to throw away on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and every day of the festive season many pounds worth of unwanted food, clothes, toys etc. that we needn't have bought in the first place.

Wouldn't we all get that feel good factor if we cut back our spending, cut out the waste and donated that money to the many, many worthwhile, genuine charities?

It is also a time to reflect on family differences and squabbles with neighbours, many of which have brought about years of anger or silence for things so trivial that when examined are ludicrous and unnecessary: when an apology or the simple word "sorry" could have prevented the situation in the first place. So come on, break the ice, not just for Christmas but for all time.

Please keep an eye on elderly or infirm neighbours over Christmas and through the winter and, if necessary, offer to get their shopping when the bad weather arrives. Have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Hugh Boorman



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Village Hall at 7.45 pm but in January we meet on the 8th in the Catholic Hall when we are being taught Line Dancing. For your first two visits all it will cost you is 20p for your tea or coffee.

For more information please ring me on Pembury 822577.

We look forward to meeting you.

Gillian Williamson

CHRISTMAS CHEER

1 litre Red Wine
1/3-1/2 bottle Port
1 glass Brandy
1/2 cup Sugar
2 sticks Cinnamon
1 quartered Orange

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ON THE "VERGE OF SOMETHING SPECIAL"!

THIS WINTER Pembury Parish Council is joining forces with the Kent High Weald Project (KHWP) in a scheme to make the routes into Pembury more attractive, for people and for wildlife. The first areas for attention are the verges either side of Hastings Road at the junction of the A21, south east of Bo Peep. The once featureless steep banks were covered in dense grasses and were being invaded by bramble and had only limited value either as a wildlife habitat, or visually in the landscape.

Now, local people are joining in with efforts to enhance these verges. Groups of trees and shrubs are being planted with native trees, characteristic of the High Weald, being chosen. Oak, Field Maple, Hornbeam and Birch are being established, with an understorey of Hawthorn, Hazel, Dogwood, Dog Rose, Guelder Rose and Holly.

Work has already started at the Bo-peep end of the village where, with help from volunteers and the KHWP, the undergrowth was recently strimmed as the adjoining picture shows. The area already has a surprising range of wild plants. Yarrow, Bird's-foot-trefoil, Sorrel, Cat's-ear, Broom, Oxeye Daisy, Ribwort Plantain, Germander Speedwell, Creeping Buttercup and St. John's-wort have all been recorded in the grassy area.

Other species are being introduced to create a wonderful colourful summer meadow between the newly planted trees. Almost 300 plant plugs, of 13 different species, have been planted into the grassland, including Tufted Vetch, Sneezewort, Meadow Vetchling and Devil's-bit Scabious.

In addition, 1kg of wildflower seed mix, harvested from a meadow elsewhere in the High Weald, has also been sown into the

meadow. Yellow Rattle and ten other species will add further to the interest of the verge, adding colour and a superb habitat for lots of insects, including butterflies.

Although it will take a couple of years for the meadow plants to start to show, the project should transform the southeast approach to the village. And other areas in the parish are also being considered for enhancement. The verges at Woodgate Corner and



Downingbury are also being looked at, and the KHWP is also enhancing the Roadside Nature Reserve on the A228, which is managed as heathland.

The KHWP is still looking for local volunteers to help with a variety of practical conservation projects in the area, including at Marshleyharbour and Forest Woods, where the Nature Trail is now becoming well established. Taking practical action to enhance your environment is an increasingly popular pastime, with the satisfaction of seeing a job well done combining with the opportunity for some fresh air and exercise! And what better way to enjoy the wonderful High Weald countryside.

For more information on how you can get involved in taking action for YOUR environment, contact Keith Rennells or Liz Kelly at the KHWP, Council Offices, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3EN, or telephone 01580 715918.

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Saturday 19th December	7.00 pm	Carol Concert at the Old Church with the King Charles' Singers from Tunbridge Wells
Sunday 20th December	6.30 pm	Parish Carol Service at the Upper Church
Wednesday 23rd December	7.00 pm	Carol Singing on the Green with "Churches Together in Pembury"
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Crib Service at the Upper Church
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist at the Upper Church
Christmas Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion at the Upper Church
	9.45 am	Family Eucharist with Carols at the Upper Church
	11.30 am	Holy Communion with Carols at the Old Church

St. Anselm

24th December	7.30 pm	Christmas Carols
	8.00 pm	Christmas Mass
25th December	10.30 am	Mass
27th December	10.30 am	Mass

Pembury Free Church

20th December	10.00 am	Service for all ages
	6.30 pm	Candelit Traditional Carol Service
23rd December	7.00 pm	Carols on the Village Green
24th December	11.30 pm	Communion
25th December	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service
27th December	10.00 am	Normal Service No evening Service



SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

There is a gradual increase in the area of the number of ladies taking up the sport of football especially in the Tonbridge and Crowborough areas. A letter has now been received from a young lady parishioner which reads:

DO YOU FANCY MICHAEL OWEN?

What about being Michael Owen? Would any girl like to play for a Pembury Ladies Football Team?

It would be excellent if we could get together and play the other girls teams from Tonbridge and Crowborough.

It would just be for fun to start with, it wouldn't matter if we were rubbish and didn't know the rules, although this could be a problem in a match situation. If anyone would like to form a team, be our Coach, Manager or just be someone to point out what the rules are, call me on 822448.

Rosie Lucas

PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

The recent wet and windy weather reminds those of us involved with cricket within the village of the Summer that has just passed, when matches seemed to be played under leavened skies with the threat of rain at any time. Whatever happened to long hot afternoons with the chance to sit out late into the evening with a glass in one hand discussing who performed well and who didn't.

Despite that weather the Club maintained its position as one of the stronger sides in the Kent Village League with the 1st XI finishing 4th and the 2nd XI 2nd in their respective divisions. The 1st team dropped two places from the previous season but at least had the satisfaction of beating the sides who finished 2nd and 3rd. Unfortunately the match against Hadlow, the eventual winners, was rained off, it should have taken place on the afternoon of the Village Fayre so the Club sympathises with the organisers of that event! Both teams were up for this match and the result would have been interesting. Pembury's problem was an inability to concentrate against the weaker sides, performing badly by losing to Four Elms and Plaxtol and only managing a tie against Eynsford off the last ball of the match.

The 2nd team's hopes of the title were dashed by the weather against Hadlow, who also won the 2nd Division, and the fact that St. Lawrence were unable to field a side thus depriving Pembury of a possible additional six points, which proved crucial

at the end of the season. Against Cranbrook Peter Davis turned in a unique performance bowling 9 overs, 9 maidens taking 3 wickets for 0 runs. As far as we can see from the Club's records this has never been achieved before and is unlikely to occur again. In general the 2nd team suffered from the comparative weakness of several of the opposing sides making it difficult on certain occasions to gain any sense of satisfaction in winning. The Club hopes that the situation will improve sooner rather than later.

The Sunday XI often suffered the backlash of the weather, pitches that had just been playable on a Saturday were often very wet the next day, and many games had to be abandoned or not started. The games that were played were nearly all closely contested and played in the right spirit. This was of great benefit bearing in mind the number of junior players that made up the majority of the Sunday sides and they were all given the chances they need to improve their skills and become more confident in their own performance. The Club looks forward to these young players taking their place in the League sides on a Saturday to ensure the future of cricket in Pembury.

The Evening League suffered badly in 1998. Two or three Clubs dropped out so those that were left ended up playing each other three times. As usual, however, these games were always enjoyable and very well supported. Whether this League will continue next year is currently being debated, we know that our supporters would really miss their Tuesday evening's enjoyment so we are doing all we can to ensure its future.

As usual the Club would not be able to function without the support of a large number of people and I would like to thank in particular all of the wives, mums and girlfriends that turned out to prepare and serve the teas; the bar staff for the service they provided and the hours they put in; the umpires and scorers; the cleaners for keeping us neat and tidy; and the barbecue gang for cooking, often under adverse weather conditions. Thanks also to our Vice-Presidents who are always there when they are needed. Special thanks to our groundsman who throughout a very wet year managed to produce wickets that were true, often with very little assistance, something that must be recited in the immediate future.

Dick Crouch

ASSOCIATION OF PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUBS

"It's summertime and the living is easy..." is what Gershwin would have us believe. He obviously has not been involved in the building of a new pavilion such as we now have in Pembury! I would be the first to agree that the weather this Summer was not very good at all for as a family we had very few barbecues this year. However, when looking through photos taken during the erection of the building I was surprised to see that for so many of the days in the first month of construction we had beautiful blue skies sunny days. This was vital for obvious reasons. However, once the external work was completed the weather turned. Thankfully the project was still delivered not only on time but also in budget!

Although we have been using the building since the beginning of the season it was not officially opened until Sunday 18th October. Wally Grainger performed the opening ceremony for us with Bert Kemp, two "young men" whose playing careers for the village teams go back to the late Thirties. They were ably assisted by Lauren Fitzgerald (8), Sarah Hendey (7), Ross Bromley (7) and Mia Archer (8) active members of the Juniors. The two senior chaps were representing our past whilst the youngsters represent our future.

The day was very enjoyable one for all concerned. Whilst it was pleasing to see so many folk from places such as the Lottery Sports Fund, the Football Association, the Borough, etc, it was particularly pleasing to see good old friends such as Stan Moxon, because without the work put in by Stan and his kind there would not be Pembury Football as we know it today.

Because of all this rain we find that now we have a drainage problem in as much as a boggy area has developed around the entrance and we have been advised that the best cure will be to concrete over the existing morass and put in a soak-away! Oh dear, just when we thought that maybe we could take a few months off from fundraising, etc! To help fund part of this extra expense we shall be holding a Christmas Draw. Hopefully you may find it possible to buy some of our tickets if asked. If you do may I take this opportunity to thank you now.

The future looks very bright indeed for the clubs with a combination of a great pavilion and pitches.

Our next big project is to obtain a further pitch, or two pitches, on the fields adjacent to the existing

pitches. We are not being greedy. These pitches are needed so that we do not overwork the existing ones in the village and so that not only football but also other sports may continue to flourish in the village. Both of these fields have been designated under the last Local Plan as... "Allocated for sports pitches and other outdoor recreation facilities..." It is imperative that this intent by the Borough Council should not be allowed to lapse and get lost in the next Local Plan at some future time!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best of Christmases and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

Jim Smith Chairman

PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

After all the heady excitement at the end of last season of trophy winning, etc. we now have our feet back on the ground and work has started on trying to win prizes this season. As anyone associated with team sports will know to win a divisional title needs great consistency and lots of hard work combined with a touch of luck. To this end all five senior teams are working hard and striving for that elusive friend, consistency. If we work hard enough then hopefully we will get our fair share of luck.



The season was hardly up to speed when the rains came and caused us to lose quite a few games. Still, things can only get better, or so they say!

You may have noticed in the first paragraph that I referred to us having FIVE teams. Since last year some of our, shall we say, not so young players found it not quite so easy to play in the upper echelons of the Leagues. At the same time we had some very promising recruits from the oldest team of the Junior Club moving up to join us, as well as other youngsters keen to play. Obviously it takes time to adjust from Junior to Senior football. We felt that it would be beneficial to start a new side in the lowest division on Sundays. The team is made up of the mature players and the youngsters, the latter benefiting from the experience of the former.

At the time of going to press all teams with the exception of the Sunday Reserves, are doing quite well. The Reserve team has won promotion for the last four seasons and it is taking them a time to get adjusted to this new division. Things are starting to improve for them so hopefully they have turned the corner.

Jim Smith

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PEMBURY GARDENERS

THOSE of you who chose to brave the atrocious weather on the evening of 31 October to celebrate Halloween night, on reflection, have wished you'd joined our festivities in the warm and friendly atmosphere of the Village Hall instead!

The Hall was decked with all sorts of appropriate decorations and an impressive table display, created by Mrs Anne Purton (whose talents are passed on during the monthly Floral Art Club meetings), was well worth more than a glance!

Everyone was greeted with a glass of wine and many people entered into the spirit of the evening, arriving either in fancy dress or wearing grotesque masks much to everyone's amusement. A prize was given to the best dressed and Victoria Penfold was the lucky young lady who really did look the part.

Lively music, capably supplied by Dave's Disco, soon had our feet tapping and the majority of revellers dancing, including the younger set who seemed to have endless energy. In fact, apart from the initial "settling in" time and the interval, the dance floor area was well used all evening until just before the witching hour.

There was very little left of the amply varied refreshments which were boosted by fresh buttered rolls and piping hot chips supplied by Marinos Fish Bar!

Many thanks to all those who helped make our event worthwhile and all the local businesses for their co-operation in displaying our posters- that must have helped enormously.

Lastly thanks to all the villagers who joined in the fun - without them it would have been very quiet!

Pembury Gardeners always welcome new members: membership costs £2 per year and for over-age £1. We open our shed at the Woodside every Sunday morning. The opening times are 10 am to 12 noon March to November, and 11 am to 12 noon December to February; please produce membership cards. We sell most of the aids gardeners need, from fertilisers to slug pellets, all below garden centre prices and of course we offer plenty of advice. We organise three Shows per year, spring, summer and autumn, plant sales and also organise successful coach outings to places of interest. This year we visited Kew Gardens and Hampton Court, both outings were greatly enjoyed.

If you would like to join please contact our Secretary, Mike Pavely on 822605 or any committee member.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

TRANSCO sponsored South East in Bloom this year. The judging took place in July and commendation certificates were awarded to the Chinese Cuisine, The Royal Oak, and The Black Horse for their floral exhibits. Pembury in Bloom is a competition hosted by Notcutts. The results were announced at an afternoon reception for the finalists at Notcutts Garden Centre in August. Jean Smith the garden centre manager and I presented the awards.

The Notcutts Best Garden prize

1st - Mr Gary Lawrence, Middlefield; 2nd - Mr and Mrs Robert Davies, Henwood Green

Road; 3rd - Mr and Mrs Richard Gare, Henwood Green Road.

Best Hanging Basket Category

1st - Mr and Mrs Valentine Smith, Lower Green Road; 2nd - Mr Gary Lawrence, Middlefield; 3rd - Mr John Beech, Camden Avenue.

The Notcutts Rose Bowl for the Most Attractive Commercial Frontage

The Royal Oak, Pembury, Lower Green Road.

The Notcutts Trophy for the Best Allotment

Mr Frederick Barden, Beagles Wood Road.

Gill Matthews

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

PEMBURY – 50 YEARS AGO

In the first of a new series of articles I have researched past issues of our local Courier newspaper and came across the following article published in the 24th December 1948 issue.

“PREMIERE AT PEMBURY – Children act U.S. play

The first production in this country of “Magic Charm”, a popular American musical play for children, was only part of the Pembury Primary School’s Christmas activities which wound up the school term last week. The other functions were a display and sale of articles of needlework and handiwork, made by the children, the Christmas party with its sumptuous meal of numberless jellies and cakes and the two Christmas trees laden with presents.

The school hall was packed with people on Wednesday and Thursday last week for the concert. The main roles in “Magic Charm” were taken by Jean Latter, Shirley Wooden and Roger Young. Jean Latter’s performance was notable not only for her charming singing but also for her remarkable grasp of a part she had rehearsed for only three days – she took the place of a girl who was ill. There were 30 children in the cast.

In the interval, Alan Brown, Grace Peckham, Eileen Brown, Rosemary Figgitt and Marjorie Jenner recited poems. After the play two groups of the senior girls gave a demonstration of European folk dances and another group of seniors dramatised the national songs of various countries.

The accompanist and producer of the play was Miss A. E. Woodward. The scenery was made by the school staff. Mr. A. Armstrong was in charge of the lighting. The costumes were made by parents. The Christmas party was organised by the staff and parents.”

I hope you enjoyed this walk down memory lane. I would very much like to hear from any reader who remembers the occasion, or better still to hear from any of those who took part in the play who are still living in Pembury.

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As I looked through the items about Pembury, I also noticed an advertisement that said

PEMBURY
Dancing to the Modernaires
Saturday December 11th 1948 – 7.30pm to 11.45 at the British Legion Hall
Last bus to Tunbridge Wells – 11. 22pm
Admission 2.6d

Ah! Memories are made of this. – Henry Plant

CHRISTMAS FUN OR CONFESSION TIME?

Many years ago, when I was a teenager many of the woods around the village had an abundance of Christmas trees among them, especially the woods between the waterworks and Pembury Hospital.

Mick Waterman and I, and sometimes some of the other lads, including Dennis Cole, were often over the woods on Sunday afternoons anyway, but at Christmas time our main objective would be to select the best Christmas trees, mark them and return under cover of darkness to uproot

them and take them home. We only took for our own use. Depending on where the trees were, this dictated the route home.

Our normal route to the woods would be down Rowley Hill and enter the woods by the

Waterworks. Picture the scene, cold foggy night, low lying mist, the sound of running water from the many streams and the frequent screeches and hoots from the owls. The shortest route back home would have been over the big fence at the bottom of the school playing field but we soon learnt that there is nothing more uncomfortable than being stuck on top of a barbed wire fence on a cold, frosty night.



We would locate the trees previously selected, grasp the trunk about two feet above the ground and just pull and lean backwards and up they would come. You did not need a spade as the soil was very sandy. We would then run a piece of string around the branches pulling them in tight against the stem, making it easier to carry.

We would then head for home, sometimes stumbling head first in either frosty or soaking wet bracken; often we would stop because of a recognised sound or movement in the undergrowth. Then we came to the most difficult part of the operation, getting the trees up Rowley Hill, past the houses at the top and to my home in The Grove. Sometimes we would be part way up the hill when we would see the reflection of car headlights coming towards the top of the hill which meant we had to run like hell back down the hill and throw ourselves and the tree into one of the two big ditches that used to be there. That could also be very uncomfortable.

Once over the top of the hill we still had to get past the houses and we frequently had to drop the trees over somebody’s hedge or gate when a car or people approached. Once the danger was passed we would quickly go back to the house and retrieve the trees, tip toting stealthily across the lawn and then that last desperate dash for the safety of The Grove. Very often we would be soaking wet, muddy and scratched but it was good fun.

In hindsight, it’s a lot easier going to buy one at Notcutts.

Hugh Boorman



I thought you would like the opportunity to see a rather special photograph (kindly made available by local residents, Chris and Roy Dawes) of our Village Green trough with a horse close at hand.

Henry Plant

CHRISTMAS STORY

Following an article in the last issue of this magazine, when we invited stories from children aged between eight and eleven years, the following two stories were received and were judged to gain first and second prize in the Competition. We set out the stories, as they were written, to show the quality of young authors we have in the village.

THE DOBERMAN, THE RABBITS AND THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

AS THE rabbit ran through the dark night her friend Jemima hurried the kittens into the burrow. The Doberman chased her past the hollow where she and her six kittens had had beautiful Summer days. She panicked about them for Jemima had four of her own so she could not care for them. Then they passed her burrow. Clever, the youngest, hopped out to shout at the dog only to be pulled back and scolded by Jemima.

They ran all around the pond and jumped over a rock which Clover had named Black Rock after falling off it and getting a big black bruise on her bottom. Then they left the woods and raced across a boggy field past a horse and the dog realised she was tiring. He would have given up if she hadn’t just got so tired for his owners gave him plenty of food. They ran through the gap in the hedge into the churchyard.

Just as the dog was about to pounce the people in the church started singing “Deck the Halls”. A strange feeling came over him and he thought “What am I doing? It’s Christmas Eve and she has six kittens snuggling up to a friend because their mum is about to die”. So he said “What’s your name? Lets be friends.” The rabbit, totally bewildered, said “My name is Sally. Please please don’t hurt me. I have a litter of six over there and they need me. Winter is going to be hard enough as it is.”

“Don’t worry little friend I will not hurt you. Spend the cold Winter at the bottom of my garden behind the compost heap no-one ever goes there and you will have food and water every day. Come and see it now.”

“I would only Jemima and the babies will wonder where I am.” Jemima, who had been nearby listening, hopped over and said, “No I won’t. I’m right here and I’ll tell the babies

when they wake up. Go ahead.” This made Sally jump with fright but she agreed to go and look. They ran along in silence for a while and then Sally said, “What made you change your mind about eating me?”

“Well, when the people started singing I thought I can’t do this on Christmas Eve. When I saw your six beautiful kittens I decided to give you a home instead.” Then they ran the rest of the way in silence.

When they arrived at his garden he took her under a gate and behind a compost heap with a plank of wood over it. It was absolutely magnificent for them.

“Oh,” she exclaimed, “It’s perfect. Thank you so much Mr . . . ?”

“Trigger, Trigger Ramsey.”

“Thank you Mr Trigger.”

“Just call me Trigger.”

“Okay, let’s go back for my babies.”

They trotted back and Sally, Jemima and Trigger took them one by one to their new home. They all slept as they were being carried and stayed asleep at the new home but as Sally dropped the eldest, Elderberry, in with her five brothers and sisters she awoke and squeaked “Where am I?”

“A kind dog has given us a new home. Get some sleep” replied Sally. Then she snuggled up to her babies and slept.

Next morning the little girl from the house woke up to a beautiful Christmas morning. She opened all her presents but not one of them contained what she really wanted – a rabbit. She went out to her favourite thinking spot to cry secretly. As she drew nearer to the



compost heap Sally woke up and tried to hide but the girl saw her and said ever so softly.

“I won’t hurt you, you’re my friend.”

Her parents came out to call her for breakfast but she turned and threw arms round her father and said.

“Thank you so much.” Her parents had a quick discussion inside and agreed she could keep them. The girl was thrilled. Later that day they went out and bought a big hutch and everyone agreed it was the best Christmas ever.

Ella Davis Age 9
37 Heskett Park, Pembury

LEFT ON THE SHELF

“Will I every be bought?” wondered the scruffy brown teddy.

At that moment a little boy came and said to his parents, “Can I have that teddy bear?” “No!” said his parents and the little boy started to cry and walked on.

That night it was very dark in the shop and the scruffy brown teddy was fast asleep dreaming of a new home. Suddenly he felt himself lifted up and dropped to the bottom of a big dark sack. He looked up and saw the top of the sack closing. “Burglars!” thought the scruffy brown teddy and started to tremble. Before he knew it the sack bumped down. “Ow,” said teddy and rubbed his bruised bottom. He popped his head out of the sack and saw “Santa!” He put his head back in and was delighted.

The next day the boy had some money to spend and went into the shop and looked for the bear. He was very sad when he couldn’t find the bear so instead he bought himself a yo-yo.

Back in the North Pole the bear was hoping to go to the boy and he was thinking if he would go to him and what he would do in the night.

One month later Christmas Eve came and

the bear was at the bottom of the pile.

Santa went to the boy’s house and put the scruffy brown bear into the boy’s stocking.

In the morning the boy woke up and found the bear at the end of his bed.

“YES! YES! YES! YES!”

“Jack – you woke us up” shouted his parents. “And me” called his brother, but Jack was so noisy and excited that he didn’t hear them. Clutching his new bear so the poor bear could hardly breathe, he rummaged in his stocking for his other presents. There was another yo-yo (“another yo-yo” thought the bear) an army set, tangerine, silly putty, a sponge, a Bible and a sugar mouse.

Downstairs was a ticket to a rugby game which was on a new rugby ball. As well, there was a table football game, a Nintendo 64 and a fish tank (“What a lucky boy!” thought the bear).

Jack could see that last night Santa had eaten his pie and had his drink. The vegetables for the reindeer had gone too. Later that day Jack was busy playing with his Nintendo 64 and he was winning the race and sat on the cat’s tail. The cat jumped up and knocked teddy out of the window.

As the scruffy brown bear lay there in the snow he thought to himself “This isn’t what I planned at all”.

That night the boy couldn’t find his bear and was upset. Before bed his mum asked him to go out to the log store.

He went out and found his bear and forgot about the logs and went back . . . “Jack!”

Sorry! After that Jack and the scruffy brown bear were never separated again.

David Davis – Aged 8
37 Heskett Park, Pembury

As this competition was so well received the Parish Council would like to extend an invitation to all 12- to 14-year-olds to write a similar story on any chosen theme, the winning stories to be published in the next issue. The first prize will again be a £15 book or music voucher and the second price a similar £10 voucher – Editor.

NEW COUNCILLOR

MY NAME is David Barrett and I have lived in Pembury since 1990. I am married to Melanie, who is a local Childminder, and we have two sons aged 4 years and 18 months, the eldest attending the School House Nursery.

I was co-opted onto the Parish Council in July and am involved with the Planning Committee.

I am finding all aspects of being on the Council interesting as I am concerned with the well-being of the village and its residents.

I took forward to serving you for a long time to come.

David Barrett



THE LEAGUE OF THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

NOW THAT we are plunged into dismal weather and incessant rain our wonderful Summer Fete seems acones ago and, indeed, we are already planning next year's event! We had the most amazingly successful day, thanks to all of you, and we raised much more than we have ever done before. Our previous record was £17,000, this year, to date, it stands at £20,265, with still a little more to come. We hope we will reach £20,500! Certainly the X-ray machine for the children's ward has been ordered and we are waiting delivery.

Mrs Bridget Mitchell of Pembury – last year's Lady Captain at Lamberhurst Golf Club – chose the Children's Ward at Pembury as her charity for the year – and raised £2,820. We are so grateful to her and to all her friends and supporters for this wonderful donation.

Thanks to all of you for all your support – and please help us to keep up the good work!

Diana Barber, Chairman

PEMBURY PLAYERS

YOUR MONEY or your life! Well – not exactly. Your money and an entertaining night out! The Pembury Players are putting on a new pantomime – Dick Turpin – 14th/15th/16th January 1999. The cast will include many familiar faces and some new to the Players' highly talented ranks.

Evening Performances start at 8pm with a 2.30 matinee on 16th January. There will be reduced ticket prices for group bookings for ten or more people and for old age pensioners for the Thursday evening performances. Profits will be donated to Hospice in the Weald.

So make a note in your diaries – don't miss the best panto in town!



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HOW THE HOSPICE WORKS

THERE ARE so many fantasies about hospices, and so often the fear our very name can engender in patients can work against us. Historically the name refers to a stopping place for those on pilgrimages, a resting place on the journey.

Most people, when they are asked, would rather end their days in their own home wherever possible. Hospice in the Weald began 18 years ago as Hospice at Home and our focus remains in the community. So why build a hospice? Sadly, it is not always possible for a person to die in their own home, even with the care of their GP and local District Nurses, supported by our Clinical Nurse Specialists in Palliative Care who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For some the symptoms of the disease are too hard to control and our specialist skills and knowledge are needed to achieve a good quality of life for them. In that case it may well be possible for us to admit someone for ten to fourteen days, get their symptoms under control, and then get them home again with whatever support is needed from both health and social services.

Something in the region of 50% of people referred to the hospice will stay with use for less than two weeks and then go home again. When many people fear that referral to the hospice means that they will never see their home again this is useful for them to hear. For those who do choose to die with us, it is often only at the very end that they actually are admitted. For those who may have longer to live, say six months or more, then the more "normal" environment of a nursing home may well be preferable to a long stay in the hospice, watching others either go home or actually die around you.

The number of beds available here is small and we need to be responsible stewards, ensuring that those who need our specialist care have access when they need us. The wider debate now is around the fact that our skills would be just as helpful for those dying of diseases other than cancer. We have always cared for people with Motor Neurone Disease but there are so many other life-threatening diseases where our intervention could improve the quality of a person's life. Accordingly we do emphasise our education service, so that we can teach other health care professionals the principles of the palliative care approach, which is of value to the patients no matter what the underlying disease may be.

What a privilege to be head of nursing in this beautiful building, paid for with the love and support of the community around us. And for us to be sited in this beautiful village where we have been received with such kindness and goodwill. Please feel welcome to visit us, and have a cup of tea or coffee and browse in our little shop (though it is nowhere near as interesting as our shop in the village!). It will feel good to us to welcome our neighbours to share our beautiful gardens too.

Richard Cowie

HOSPICE NEWS

THE £4.3m campaign to build, equip and furnish the hospice closed at the end of October. We now need to raise around £1.5m each year to run the service. Eight of the 16 beds in the in-patient unit are due to open this month. We will gradually increase the number of beds as funds and the service allows. Well over 1000 visitors took the opportunity to tour the new hospice during October and November. We have received a tremendous amount of appreciation and support as a result of this.

The shop in reception will be open on a permanent basis for the purchase of gifts, cards, soft toys etc. The Popenbury Coffee Shop is also open and visitors are very welcome. A Hospice Garden Group (H.O.G.S.) has been formed. Details can be obtained from Mrs Cathy Morfett on 01732 810359. There are other opportunities for volunteers. Further details from Maggie Brain or Barbara Young on 820500. We are looking at the possibility of holding evening meetings at the hospice. We are seeking a voluntary caretaker to assist with this. Further details can be obtained from David Payne, General Manager, on 820501.

We would finally like to wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and thank you to everyone in the local community for your marvellous support.

Richard Snow

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CRIME IN PEMBURY

The good news is that the downward trend in crime figures continues both in West Kent and in Pembury. In West Kent, for the period of July, August and September, there were 1076 burglaries, down 15.1%; 840 car thefts, down 27%; 818 crimes of violence, down 6.8%.

The total reported crime in Pembury for this period and the corresponding period for last year is 60 in 1998 and 53 in 1997. Now, before you start saying, "I thought you said the figures have gone down", they have, but are being distorted by the fact that they now include minor crimes. In 1997 these were considered to be non-indictable burglaries, (dwellings) down from 14 to 10; other type of burglary down from 6 to 3; theft of vehicles, from 5 to 4; criminal damage from 11 to 13; but including those which were previously non-indictable. The worrying figure is the one of assault up from 3 to 8.

I think people are becoming more aware of just how easy we make it for the criminal, but with Christmas upon us please be even more careful.

Ladies, I know its not easy, especially if shopping on your own but please don't walk through the town or through the car park, both hands laden full of shopping with your purse or handbag perched on the top. Easy prey! Try to avoid taking armfuls of shopping to your car in the parking areas, leaving the shopping in full view on the back seat, and disappearing back to the shops to get more.

Most car alarms do not protect against the smashing of windows or the opening of car boots, and shopping piled on a back seat is again easy pickings for the watching criminal.

Sadly, there have been reports of car damage, threatening behaviour and foul language from a small element of riffaff who congregate by the bike ramp at the Woodhill Park end of the Recreation Ground. I must add that these people are not boys and girls for whom the ramp was built. The police have been informed and we are assured that they would focus on that area commencing Saturday 14th November. Please ring the police as soon as possible if there is any aggravation at all, not several days later.

There have also been reports of elderly residents, who have lived in Pembury for many years, having their lives disrupted by threatening and unreasonable behaviour by new and unruly neighbours, to the point where the original occupants have requested to be rehoused.

You can't tell me that this situation and the one at Woodhill Park is one that the vast majority of decent folk in the village are going to accept, of course not.

So, let's unite, show a bit of courage and teamwork, and clearly show these people that we don't have little enclaves or no-go areas and that they are not wanted in the Village unless they behave like the vast majority of parishioners.

A piece of late news – Persons posing as various officials and workmen have been gaining access to flats in Camden Court and Sunhill Court and goods and other items have been found to be missing. Wherever you are, be wary of any uninvited callers.

Hugh Boorman

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PEMBURY SCHOOL – A hive of activities – Two of the many events that have taken place at our School



BOOK WEEK AT PEMBURY SCHOOL

AN AIR of excitement rippled through a cloudy but dry day. Strange things were happening at Pembury School. A Fairy Godmother complete with wand was checking the diary, Just William was rubbing dirt on her knees (Yes – “her” knees), to create more authenticity and Mrs Wobble the Waitress was carrying a jelly in a most precarious manner!

What was happening at Pembury School? Why – Book Week of course! The teachers were arriving to begin a week of special events and days. The week had been chosen so that the school could join in spirit with many other schools for the National Book

Week from 5th to 9th October.

We began our week with a special assembly. Everyone in school dressed up as a favourite book or nursery rhyme character, even our caretaker came as “Mary, Mary Quite Contrary”, and cook dressed as “Fryer Tuck”. Each class was introduced by their teacher and the children walked along a catwalk to much excitement. It was a long assembly, but very interesting. The children and their parents had worked hard to make some fantastic costumes. The teachers had done well too, and the school secretary had a wonderful time as Cruella de Vil trying to catch the many Dalmatians that had come to school that day!

After assembly we all went away and wrote about our characters. Tuesday had been designated “Favourite Book Day”. Everyone arrived with their favourite book, staff too, and these were shared within the class and then with another class. The session was declared by the majority of children as their favourite event of the week, and it didn’t cost a penny!

Book jackets and book reviews were made of our favourite books and a Book of Books was compiled by each class.

Write your own book was the task for Wednesday. The Year 6 children decided to fulfil a need for Literacy Hour and produced Big Book versions of some favourite stories for KS1. These were presented the following week and were greatly admired and appreciated.

National Poetry Day was on Thursday and was celebrated with another special assembly. Everyone had been asked to learn a poem or rhyme, by heart, during the week. Each class then chose their best one to be performed at the assembly. All winners received a book token from the school book shop, the only real cost during the week. Teachers also read their favourite poems, much to the delight of the children.

On Friday the children prepared a display for Book Week which was presented at an assembly to celebrate Book Week on the following Monday.

The range of work shown was astounding and the quantity was amazing. Favourite events were described and even recorded as block graphs. Many books had been written and Year 4 had learnt how to make a proper cover with a spine. There was lots of art work and it seemed most subjects in the curriculum had been covered. Literacy Hour

had not been compromised as shared texts and writing were an integral part of the week.

Parents had not been forgotten either. Many of them, together with Governors and other friends of the school, had come in to read stories and poems and it was difficult to tell who had enjoyed it more, children or readers!

The week was declared a resounding success by everyone. We had a lovely time, learned a lot and made some super books to keep, with little effort and little cost to the school.

We’ll definitely do it again!

Linda Turner – English Consultant

THE SCHOOL POND

ON MY ARRIVAL at Pembury School in September 1997 I expressed an interest in the pond I was fortunate to have outside my classroom. The consequence was that I landed the position of Environmental Studies Co-ordinator, my love of the outdoors being my main qualification!

Having decided that the pond was the main priority, I enrolled the advice of the Kent High Weald Project who gave us advice and help. The pond project grew and was later entered into the Green Action Competition, a Kent based action supported by the Town Mayor.

The children are a school’s greatest resource and with this in mind the pond project was launched with children literally “applying” for the job as pond clearer! Sue Nicholas from the High Weald Project came along one cold January afternoon and the pond was transformed from an overgrown mass of iris to a serene wildlife haven! A log pile was introduced on the banks to encourage wildlife and mini-beasts!

The competition was then drawn to a close and the judging took place. We were all a little surprised when an official party of the Mayor and Mayoress and at least

10 other officials visited the classroom! The judging day passed and eventually, quite unexpectedly, four children and I were invited to the Town Hall for tea and the long awaited results.

We were all impressed with the winning school’s entry and we came Highly Commended for outstanding environmental projects. We received a bird box, two super books and a selection of tokens and plant voucher, much to the delight of the children.

From this the pond project developed to include the transformation of the garden. My aim is to make it possible for a whole class of children to use it to support their curriculum and contain them physically! This is well underway with the introduction of log seating. A border was dug out to encourage birds to come down to feed at the table. A kind grandad has also built a planter and erected some trellis to grow clematis and sweet peas.

In September I started the “Green Gang”, a club set up to promote environmental issues and awareness and to provide the opportunity for the children to get their hands dirty! We’ll keep you posted!

Louise Morgan, Year 4 Teacher

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PARISH COUNCIL QUIZ

WHAT AN evening! Judging by the buzz of conversation and the laughter everyone enjoyed themselves and didn’t find the questions too taxing (always a relief) and we made over £300 profit.

Two teams tied for first place: Trident and the Big A’s, and have nominated the Scouts and Guides and the Association of Pembury Football Clubs to benefit from their share of the profits.

My thanks to all who helped me on the evening: it was very much appreciated.

Betty Roberts



TEAMWORK

THIS YEAR has seen the completion of several projects within the village that cover different aspects of life. It proves that you can be a team-member without having to resort to physical exercise. Three of the projects have been long term. The Hospice in the Weald, Woodside Playing Fields new changing rooms and the Vision 91, completely reshaping the Upper Church of St. Peter. This project now enables the Church to be much more flexible in its activities and to accommodate several groups at once.

The Hospice will bring more care, comfort and relief to the victims of cancer and their families.

The new changing rooms at Woodside are a superb facility which will encourage and promote the healthy exercise of football to young and not so young for many years to come, plus other sports if necessary.

The last project is the completion of the Bike Ramp in the Recreation Ground, with the help of the Borough Council. Sadly, due to the awful weather this year, the weather-proofing treatment was never properly completed and a small problem is being experienced with the surface in a couple of places.

This ramp was built for the use of the decent boys and girls of the village, to encourage healthy exercise and keep them occupied, not for the unwanted riffraff who congregate there at night. At this moment in time we only have one Recreation Ground.

All of these projects have come to fruition by tremendous teamwork from people of all ages. The next major project is the proposed new Village Hall, so get behind the team and help drive this one through. After all it will be your Hall.

Hugh Boorman



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YOUR CLERK REPORTS

AS THE Winter nights have drawn in it has become clear just how many streetlights are faulty throughout the village. The Parish Councillors carry out a regular check each month but if you do know of a faulty light please ring me on 823193 and I will report it to the relevant authority. Unfortunately, the contractors have been experiencing problems recently and are not repairing the lights as quickly as we would like.

Overgrown hedges and trees are also causing problems throughout the village. Some are restricting the footways, some the roadways and some are covering up the street lighting. If you do have responsibility for a hedge or tree please ensure that it is kept under control and not causing problems to pedestrians or drivers.

On 5th February 1999 our local MP, Archie Norman, will be visiting the village and would like to meet parishioners. He will be in the Upper Church of St. Peter at 7.15pm and all are welcome.

The family of the late Lionel and Iris Webzell have recently donated a memorial seat, now placed between the two flower beds in the Upper Church of St. Peter. We thank them very much for this donation and are sure that the seat will be much appreciated by visitors to the burial ground.

Barbara Russell

MILLENNIUM KNEELER PROJECT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mission Accomplished!

A GREAT BIG "thank you" to everyone who has been so enthusiastic, supportive and industrious.

Thanks also to the "the press" - having mentioned we needed stitchers, the phone has been red hot and all the Millennium kneelers are now in the process of being stitched or reserved and awaiting collection. It is hoped they will be safely in the Parish Church by the turn of the Century. Having received two further donations half of the brass hooks from which to hang them are now paid for.

It is so exciting now that completed canvases are being handed in - the kneelers will truly result in a kaleidoscope of colour representing many of Pembury's activities, societies and buildings. The majority of designs have been created by the stitchers themselves or by talented relatives or friends.

However, we would like to acknowledge the help given by Alison Edwards who has used her creative design abilities to prepare complete interpretations plus offering advice and assistance to those who have encountered difficulties. Thank you Alison.

We are planning to have some postcards made for sale; the proceeds will go to the Friends of Pembury Parish Church repair and maintenance fund

Ann Toler

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FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Stonecourt Lane - 2.15pm
- 4 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: How we got our surnames - Free Church Hall - 2.15pm
- 8 Pembury Evening WI: Line Dancing - Catholic Hall - 7.45pm
- 11 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 14 } Pembury Players - Dick Turpin - Village Hall - see Posters for details
- 15 }
- 16 }
- 24 A United Church Service - St Peter's Upper Church - 6.30pm
- 25 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 26 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Victorian Wives - Free Church Hall - 2.15pm
- 5 Archie Norman MP - Upper Church - 7.15pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Tunbridge Wells Common Conservators - Village Hall - 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Bo-peep Corner - 2.15pm
- 8 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 9 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 13 Pembury Evening WI: Jumble Sale - Village Hall - 2pm
- 22 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 23 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 25 Pembury Gardeners: AGM and Wine & Cheese Party - Village Hall - Time TBA

MARCH

- 1 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Hopping - Free Church Hall - 2.15pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Customs and Excise - Village Hall - 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Stonecourt Lane - 2.15pm
- 8 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 9 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 15 Parish Council: Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall - 8pm
- 23 Darby and Joan Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 24 St Peter's Photographic Club - Upper Church Meeting Room - 8pm
- 27 Pembury Gardeners: Horticultural Spring Show - Village Hall - Time TBA
- 29 Pembury Parish Council - Village Hall - 8pm

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