



# PEMBURY

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## MAYORS ROSEBOWL GARDENS COMPETITION 1977

This competition is to find the Council tenant with the best individual garden. Judging normally takes place towards the end of July and an independent panel is set up for this purpose.

The Parish Council would again like to give its full support to the idea this year and would like to know from any Borough Council tenant who would like their garden entered for the Competition.

Our Parish Clerk, Henry Plant, 16 The Coppice, Tel. 3459 must know by Monday 4th July at the latest.  
Why not give it a try?

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A.E. Buck/57 Heskett Pk. - 3076  
B. Delves/34 Heskett Pk. - 3299  
D. Hawes Richards/54 Hastings  
Rd. - 2779  
Mrs. J. Holland/Romford Cott.,  
Romford Rd. - 2382  
J.L. Nankivell/27 Lower Green  
Rd. - 3270  
Mrs. V.M. Newman/90 Ridgeway  
- 3376  
R.F. Oxley/1 Westway - 3814  
A.G. Penn/11 High Street - 3957  
G.P. Simmons/22 Romford  
Rd. - 3809  
B.D. Walsh/43 Herons Way - 3840  
Mrs. M.A. Walter/7 Bulls Place  
- 2650

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At the ANNUAL meeting of the Council, Mr. A.G. PENN was elected CHAIRMAN and Mrs. M. A. WALTER was elected VICE-CHAIRMAN.

All meetings are held in public at the Dower House and anyone in the village is entitled and welcome to attend. If you have a problem then talk to one of your Parish Councillors - they have been elected to look after your interests.

## PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Amenities - Mrs. Walter/2650  
Burial and Allotments -  
A.B. Buck/3076  
Finance - B.D. Walsh /3840  
Highways - Mrs. J. Holland/2382  
Liaison - A.B. Ballantine/2156  
Planning - B. Delves /3299

## 2000 ACTION COMMITTEE

D. Hawes Richards /2779

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH  
COUNCILS - G.P. Simmons

## SCHOOL MANAGERS

- B. Delves  
- V. Newman  
- B. Walsh

## VILLAGE HALL

- R. Bigg  
- R. Oxley  
- M. Walter

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

- B. Delves  
- J. Nankivell  
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# community Centre

On March 7th 1977 a public meeting was held at the Village Hall Pembury to accept the resignation of the members of the Community Association Council who had been in office since September 1974 and to elect a new committee to consider whether the project was to continue in existence.

John Nankivell, a Trustee of the Association opened the meeting and tendered the resignations of the existing Council members, and the meeting was thereafter chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Penn.

Following general discussion as to the cost of the proposed building on the recreation ground site and the failure of previous fund raising attempts, Mr. Allick of Herons Way offered to form a new committee which was given no firm mandate by the public meeting; the new committee was to enquire into the entire project and whether or not the construction of a community centre was viable.

Further members of the public then volunteered to assist Mr. Allick and the new committee has the following members:

Mr. Allick - Herons Way	Mr. Gothard - Romford Rd.
Mr. Simmons - Romford Rd.	Mr. Nice - Westway
*Mrs. Walter - Bulls Place	Mr. Fraser - Woodhill Park
Mr. Nankivell - Lower Green Rd.	Mr. Brown - Sunhill Place
Mr. Walsh - Herons Way	

Mr. Woods of Romford Road continues to assist as Treasurer and Mr. Delves has also offered his assistance.

Meetings were held in March and early April when the project was subject to full review and a further meeting was held on May 10th when an alternative site was discussed, namely the rear of the Camden Hotel, Pembury. Following exploratory meetings with Whitbreads it was agreed that this alternative site should be placed before Parish Council for approval in principle so that further approaches could be made to Whitbreads.

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# adapted from The Lady by W.H. BROWN

If only hippie meant broad in the beam,  
And a trip was a train-ride powered by steam;  
Or fix meant mending with needle and thread,  
While pot was an object kept under the bed...  
This kind of English I understand.

If hooker meant fish caught firmly on a line,  
And acid the opposite of alkaline;  
Or IN plainly stated we'd all be at home,  
While a hang-up was cut-off when using the 'phone  
These descriptions I understand.

If groovy meant channels of various sorts,  
And birds were creatures like sparrows and hawks;  
Or pop was a noun we used for pater,  
And making a scene, the row with his mater...  
Such is the language I comprehend.

If cool meant something nearly cold,  
And junk was trash, thrown away or sold;  
Or grass was forage made into hay,  
And a man didn't mind if you called him gay...  
That is the English we all once knew.

If square meant simply a right-angled form,  
And oats were purely an edible corn;  
Or fairies lived only in childrens' minds,  
And didn't mean men of a dubious kind...  
Communication would be simplified.

If only dig meant work with a spade,  
And jam, preserves, quite often home-made;  
Or chicken was poultry, and cat ... a feline,  
Way-out an exit we reach by a bee-line...  
Oh for the English of yesteryear.

If fuzz meant soft instead of the law,  
And pad was plainly a part of a paw,  
Gear, the lever we changed up a hill,  
And pill ... a medicine taken when ill...  
We'd all be able to talk with ease.

But what these mean, only few can know,  
Crazy ... turn on ... or, go man, go;  
I'll get me some bread, or skim the cream,  
Let's cut a rug ... see what I mean...  
This kind of English just ain't my scene.



# PEMBUR

## our by-pass campaign

Annual General Meeting May 3rd at the Dower House, Pembury.

Review of the Year:

June 1976. The formation of the Campaign at a public meeting in the Village Hall. £100 was donated by the Parish Council to aid the Campaign.

July 1976. Campaign addressed by Mr. J. Purchase of the successful A2 Action Group. Demonstration March on the A21. A letter was sent to all houses in Pembury explaining the Campaign's aim. The Committee decided to collect information concerning traffic flow on the two roads. The first traffic count took place for twenty four hours on the 31st July and subsequent ones on the 16th August and 14th October took place. The very heavy traffic flow figures discovered proved our case to be a real one. Rate reduction appeal: a letter was sent to all Villagers living on the A21 and the B2015 urging that a request be made by the individual householders for a rate reduction.

The Committee decided to organise a petition to present to the Department of the Environment, Kent County Council, our Member of Parliament Mr. P. Mayhew and the Minister of Transport. To date this petition has over 70% of the electorate of Pembury. Three hundred biros promoting the Campaign have been sold at a small profit.

November 1976. Exploratory meeting of Committee with planners of the Highways and Transportation Dept. Kent County Council.



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December 1976. Meeting with Road Improvements Dept. when the Committee put forward suggestions for traffic improvements around the Village. Exploratory meeting with Mr. P. Mayhew by Committee. £70 was raised by a Christmas Draw. £25 was paid back to Pembury Parish Council re the £100 gift/loan.

March 1977. A social event 'Poems, Songs and Pints' was organised by the Campaign, held in the Village Hall and raised £44.

April 1977. The Committee met with Mr. P. Mayhew and he agreed to meet a petition deputation at the House of Commons and present it to the Minister of Transport and assist our cause in several ways. On the 20th April there was a joint meeting with the Department of Transport, Kent County Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Pembury Parish Council where some hard facts emerged i.e. it is likely to be 11 years until the A21 By-Pass is completed and the start date for the northern By-Pass (B2015) has been pushed on to 1981.

Officers elected as follows:

Chairman - Mr. D. Betts  
Secretary - Mr. A. McQueen  
Treasurer - Mr. J. Reed

Other Committee Members: Mr. J. Barker, Mrs. J. Boakes, Mr. B. Walsh, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. W. Foord, Mr. A.B. Ballantine.

The Secretary was asked by the Committee to seek another member.

At the last meeting it was decided to make a further £50 repayment to Pembury Parish Council and it was agreed that no militant action would be taken until after the Jubilee celebrations. The next meeting was arranged for May 17th.

## **n.b. VILLAGE MEETING june 23rd**

# LETTERS to the EDITOR

Sir,

May I through the medium of Pembury News, appeal to the Village to help us maintain the facilities which have by hard work become established on the ground.

At the present, our pavilion has been the subject of attack - windows broken etc. and a new door to the 'ladies' been ruined by knife or chopper damage. On top of this more responsible persons (in many cases without thought) are using the ground as a dog airing facility. The subsequent fouling of the grass not only kills an area but leaves us a filthy mess. As we have just spent £405 on reurfing part of the playing area, you can imagine our feelings. In addition we have been visited by golfers who also cause considerable damage to the turf.

All the work at the ground is carried out by volunteers and it is extremely disheartening to have damage caused by persons who should know better.

The Club is probably one of the oldest organisations in the village and we will be celebrating our Centenary in 1981. We now have a flourishing junior section for the 11 to 16 year olds.

Coaching takes place every Monday at 6.30p.m.

The Club had a very successful season in 1976, the first eleven finishing joint top of the Mid-Kent League and losing the championship by .1 of a run. In addition they reached the semi-final of the Courier Shield. The second eleven won Division 2 of the League and were losing finalists in the Tonbridge Free Press Cup. New members are welcomed.

Peter Chandler,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Pembury Cricket Club,  
11 Sherwood Park,  
Tunbridge Wells.

Sir,

One of the recommendations of Pembury 2000 was that the Parish public footpaths should be way-marked as soon as possible and that clearance of them should be carried out on a regular basis. The Pembury Society arranges monthly walks when clearing and waymarking are carried out and the Parish Council is providing signstones to mark the start of footpaths across woods and fields. The Parish Council has now prepared an up to date map showing these footpaths. It is planned to display one in the Village and copies will be available shortly from the Parish Clerk or Councillors.

Mrs. J. Holland, Romford Cottage,  
Romford Road, Pembury.

# YOUR CLERK REPORTS.....

I am pleased to start off my report with some good news for those residents in the Romford Road/Heskett Park area of our Village. After several years of trying to get the Kent County Council to make improvements to the dangerous unpathed section of Romford Road near the Heskett Park junction, I recently heard from the County Council that a survey is to be made soon in order that a proposed design might be considered to enable the works to be included in their 1978 estimates.

Bus travellers will also be glad to know that Council have now agreed to purchase a new Shelter at the Royal Oak Bus Stop to replace the one that became a total loss following the very heavy gale force winds at the end of January.

I am sorry to say that the response to the Council's question "Anyone for Table Tennis" met with little response, only four enthusiasts answered. I am sure that there are many more - I'll be pleased to introduce the four names that I have to others willing to start a local table tennis club.

Amongst future plans being looked at by the Parish Council is the systematic renewal of the old play-equipment in the Recreation Ground and, hopefully to introduce some specially for the under fives. The creation of an adventure type playground is also being discussed.

Arrangements have been made in conjunction with the Borough Council and the Maidstone & District Bus Company to publicise the new concessionary bus fare permits for Senior Citizens which enables them to travel on designated routes for a maximum 35pence. The Parish Council made its own arrangements to set up two further collecting points. If you missed this opportunity of collecting your Senior Citizen Permit, I can arrange to obtain further Permits if you will kindly contact me.

H.S.J. Plant.

# VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS

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Mrs. Balderstone/25 Lower  
Green Road - 3035

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB -  
A.R.Ward/20 Romford Rd.  
- 2948

PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB -  
Mr. Coppard/25 Sandhurst Ave.  
- 2648

PEMBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB -  
J. Goulder/17 Maidstone Rd.  
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PEMBURY LADIES NETBALL -  
Mrs. M.Walker/65 Belfield Rd.  
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PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB -  
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9 Petersfield - 2830

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2 Middlefield - 3738

GIRL COVENANTORS -  
Mrs. Davies/9 The Coppice  
- 2026

BOY COVENANTORS -  
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WIVES FELLOWSHIP -  
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Mr.J.Hill/Castle Hill Farm  
Tonbridge - 353498

PEMBURY BRITISH LEGION -  
J. Young/13 Bulls Place

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# *for your diary*

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- JUNE 18 P.T.A. School Fete - School Field 2p.m.  
23 By-Pass Report Meeting by Parish Council -V.Hall 8p.m.
- JULY 1 Evening WI - "My Experiences with the Courier" -  
Mrs. Clemetson - V.Hall 7.45p.m.  
2 Pembury Music Group - Summer Concert, Lower Church 8p.m.  
2 Pembury Society - Footpaths Walk Bo-Peep 2.15p.m.  
4 Parish Council - Dower House 8p.m.  
5 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5p.m.  
7 Afternoon WI - "Plants for Home and Greenhouse" -  
Mrs. Bowles. V.Hall 2.30p.m.  
9 PEMBURY VILLAGE FETE - Recreation Ground 2.30p.m.  
11 Hort. Soc. - Floral Art - V.Hall 8p.m.  
18 Parish Council - Allotments, Planning, Amenities  
19 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5p.m.
- AUG. 1 Parish Council - Highways, Planning and Finance  
2 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5p.m.  
4 Afternoon WI - Members Meeting V. Hall 2.30p.m.  
5 Evening WI - Demonstration of Flower Arranging -  
Mrs. V. Weight - V.Hall 7.45p.m.  
7 Pembury Society - Footpaths Walk - Stonecourt Bus  
Stop 2.15p.m.  
8 Hort. Soc. - Floral Art V.Hall 8p.m.  
15 Parish Council - Dower House 8p.m.  
16 Darby & Joan Club - RCHall 2 - 5p.m.  
30 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5p.m.
- SEPT. 1 Afternoon WI - "A Walk in the Kentish Countryside"  
by Mr. Buck - V.Hall 2.30p.m.  
2 Evening WI - "Wine Making" Mrs. B. Pullar V.Hall 7.45p.m.  
3 Pembury Society - Footpaths Walk - Camden Hotel 2.15p.m.  
5 Parish Council - Allotments, Planning, Amenities  
12 Hort. Soc. - Floral Art V.Hall 8p.m.  
13 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5 pm.  
17 Hort. Soc. - 33rd Annual Autumn Show V.Hall 3.30p.m.  
19 Parish Council - Highways, Planning and Finance  
27 Darby & Joan Club - RC Hall 2 - 5p.m.
- Every Friday - WI Market - V.Hall 10.30 - 11.30a.m.  
Every Monday - Pembury Old Tyme Dance Club - RC Hall -  
7.45p.m. - 10.15p.m. (20p Members - 25p Non-Members)

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