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Pembury's History



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VIEWPOINT

our village green

How would you like someone to come along, unasked, and plant a notice in your front garden advertising something that hadn't even any connection with you or your neighbour?

Not at all, of course. And that is the attitude of Pembury Parish Council towards those organisers of boot sales, clay pigeon shoots and various other events outside the village who increasingly seek to use the Village Green as a hoarding to advertise their undertakings.

The Village Green is, if you like, Pembury's front garden. Surrounded though it is by busy roads, it still presents itself as an oasis harking back to more peaceful days. The Parish Council staff make great efforts to keep it in good order, the Women's Institute ensures that the memorial horse trough has a pleasing succession of flowers through the year, and the magnificent horse chestnut opposite the Camden is a striking feature of the scene.

When the by-passes are finally constructed it is to be hoped that the Green will become more accessible as a place for rest and conversation than it is now. But not if it is scarred with unauthorised placards stuck up without as much as a by-your-leave.

Local organisations who wish to advertise an important event can ask for permission to erect a notice on the Green for a limited period, and the Parish Council rarely refuses such permission. Outside organisations, either through ignorance, or more probably self-interest, exercise no such courtesy.

The law regarding unauthorised notices is quite clear. They are illegal. On the other hand, as with the bye-laws regarding the fouling of footpaths, offenders have to be caught in the act for proceedings to be brought. Fly-posting on, say, empty shop premises, is an offence under the Borough Council's bye-laws; permission has to be sought from the County Council to erect notices on wayside verges and road signs. From the time of notifying these outside authorities of the offence to their removal by these local authorities may take days or even weeks.

However, Pembury Village Green is the Parish Council's own property and it needs to seek nobody's permission to remove unauthorised hoardings. And it intends to keep its front garden tidy as far as is humanly possible.

YOUR CLERK REPORTS

They say that Pembury is a dormitory village, where residents come home to sleep after their day's work in London or elsewhere. It may be true, but as shown by the number of village organisations listed in this Newsletter, parishioners certainly spend a lot of time enjoying themselves with their hobbies, pastimes and sporting activities each evening and at weekends before sleep overtakes them!

I suppose Pembury has gained that dormitory title mainly because of the great influx of new residents in the late sixties and early seventies; people who found Pembury an attractive place to live in, far away from their place of work.

I am sure there are a large number of parishioners who daily make the journey from Pembury to the stations at Tunbridge Wells or Tonbridge. It was this group of people who came to mind when the Parish Council recently received a letter requesting members' comments on British Rail's new timetable, and suggestions for the 1985 timetable. It was obvious that Pembury's 13 councillors could not even start to bring any matters to the attention of British Rail or suggest improvements as only one is a commuter.

It was then that I thought I would make this the theme for my December report. This Newsletter is delivered to Pembury's 2,300 homes so it should be read by quite a good proportion of commuters, their spouses or parents. If you are a commuter from either Tunbridge Wells or Tonbridge to London, or indeed to any other town, and feel improvements could be made to the present timetable, would you take the time to write to me at 16 The Coppice, Pembury, giving me your views, comments and suggestions for improvements. If that is done, at least we can say that British Rail knows what the commuters of Pembury think of the new timetable – good or bad.

May I end this report by taking this opportunity of sending to all readers – commuters and non-commuters – my own and my members' best wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

H. S. J. Plant

A book about the village

Why does Christ Church College, Oxford, appoint the Vicar of Pembury? Was Pembury Hall once the Pembury vicarage? Why are the almshouses named the Charles Amherst Almshouses and where are the sites of the two blacksmith's forges that once fronted the Village Green?

The answers to these and many other intriguing questions about the early history of Pembury are contained in *A History of Pembury* written by Miss Mary Standen of Sandhurst Avenue and published in August this year.

Miss Standen is the daughter of the late Jack Standen, who died in 1974, and who in the course of his life – all but the first two years spent in the village – took part in many local activities and recorded his impressions on the vast changes in Pembury life during the fifty years from 1910 to 1960 in his book *Just One Village* published shortly before his death.

Jack Standen was a man with an inquiring turn of mind and a retentive memory who turned out to be a "natural" in recording the minutiae of village life. He left copious notes about his investigations and left many of his memories recorded on tape.

It was her father's encouragement that led Miss Standen into her first venture to write a brief local history. That was in 1947. The Upper Church was celebrating its centenary and wanted to publish a booklet to mark the occasion and, incidentally, to raise some money for the Centenary Fabric Fund for both of Pembury's Anglican churches.

Mary Standen, then a schoolgirl, originally began the work as a school project, drawing upon her own observations, her father's knowledge and some invaluable notes in her father's possession which had been compiled by the Rev. J. H. Battersby, Vicar of Pembury from 1889 to 1898.

This little book is now out of print. The new *History of Pembury* draws upon much of the information contained in it, but is considerably enlarged and brought up to date

In her foreword Miss Standen says, "I find that I could still go on adding to it because people keep providing me with yet more information which can be woven into our web of history, but as I have been working on this for at least seven years I feel it is time to draw the line – for the moment, anyhow!"

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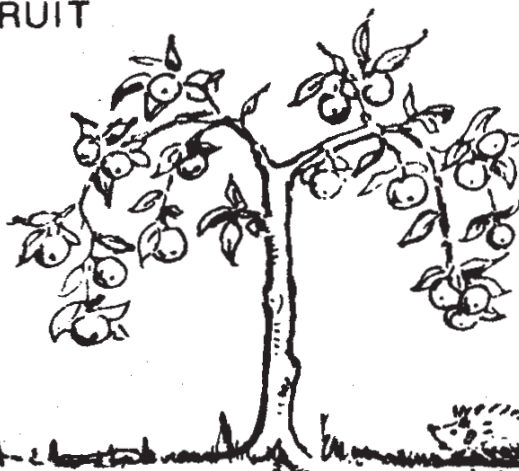
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Although no decision has yet been made as to the design of the headquarters, a party of four people – Scout leader Tony Batchelor, District Guide Commissioner Lilian Lynch, Parish Councillor Richard Miles and Parish Council Clerk Henry Plant has inspected a Scout and Guide building in Gillingham.

The Scout and Guide representatives were so impressed by the modular-type building that the Fund committee is to ask the makers for a quotation. The committee chairman, Mr Andy Cooper, said if the quotation was realistic from the fund-raisers' viewpoint, planning permission for the building would be sought.

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LEGITIMISING THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

Probably the best-known footpath in Pembury parish is the Old Coach Road, marked primly on footpath maps as Footpath 239. But in fact, from about the area of the picnic site, this footpath diverts to the east, reaching Dundle Lane by a track through fields.

The remainder of the Old Coach Road, believed among other things to have been the route by which medieval monks from Bayham Abbey travelled to celebrate Mass at the old parish church, is still not an official public footpath.

However, for some years, the Ramblers Association, Kent County Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have been engaged in negotiations aimed at making the old road a public footpath, not only to Dundle Lane but into the grounds of Bayham Abbey, leading to the old ruined abbey and beyond. However, the wheels of bureaucracy have turned extremely slowly with the KCC showing a marked lack of enthusiasm. Indeed the Parish Council has informed County Councillor John Barnes that it is "disgusted" at the County's apparent lack of interest. The latest position seems to be that the Ramblers Association is hopeful that the stretch as far as Dundle Lane may soon become a definitive footpath, so making official what many walkers have been doing unofficially for years.

In addition the Association is pressing for action to decide, one way or the other, on the Bayham Park section of the road. Mr. Charles Farmer, Pembury representative of the R.A. is anxious to hear from anyone who, during the last 40 years, has walked this section and whether, in doing so, they have ever been challenged as to their right to walk it. Mr. Farmer's address is 36 Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells and his telephone number is Tunbridge Wells 30638.

Back again ! ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ —

For the past four years Pembury Music Group, formed 15 years ago, has given its concerts in Mascalls School, Paddock Wood. This has meant that the group has, to an extent, lost touch with old friends in Pembury.

However, the group plans a return to the village with a concert in the Village Hall on March 9th, offering a varied programme of vocal and orchestral music under the conductorship of Philip Baker. These will include a Rossini overture, ballet music from Gounod's "Faust", Eric Coates' "Knightsbridge" March, songs by the Occasional Singers and David Heritage and Richard Hill singing the duet from Bizet's "Pearl Fishers". The group numbers nearly 40 but new members are always welcome. Any instrumental players interested in joining should contact Jim Hill, Maple Cottage, Five Ashes, Mayfield. Tel: Hadlow Down 402.

IN BRIEF



There was an error on page 17 of the September issue of the Newsletter, where it was stated that Mr. Brian Sands was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr. Richard Miles was elected to this position at the council's annual meeting in May. The editor offers his apologies to both councillors for this mistake.

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For most of the year the Horticultural Society's shed on the allotments at Woodside Road is open on Sundays between 10 a.m. and noon for the sale of various gardening supplies. At the same time the Society's other shed is open for the receipt of waste paper, from the sale of which it receives a valuable income. Between December 2nd and January 27th inclusive, the opening times for both sheds will be from 11 a.m. to noon, and on December 23rd, the Sunday before Christmas, neither shed will be open.

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The withdrawal of the refuse skips from the Dower House, which took place last August is final. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has told the Parish Council that abuse of the facilities provided there made it imperative to remove the skips. It should be emphasised that they were not used by Pembury people alone and, in fact, much of the refuse dumped in the skips indicated that some commercial enterprises were using the skips as a means of avoiding payment for the removal of trade waste from their premises. The Parish Council has sought the Borough Council's assurance that the skips at Bulls Place and Elmshurst Avenue should be emptied every two days. For your information, the opening times of the public rubbish dump at North Farm, Tunbridge Wells, are:—

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The WRVS Lunch Club, held every Wednesday at the Village Hall, is still seeking a few more volunteers to serve, wash up or transport guests to and from the hall. The time involved is roughly from 11.30 a.m. until just after 1 p.m. Drivers can claim mileage for journeys transporting guests. Anyone interested is asked to contact either Mrs. Hildy Swinden, Pembury 3378 or Mrs. Marie Williams, Pembury 2503.

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The Darby and Joan Club's sale of work in the Village Hall on October 16th raised £177 for club funds.

The vacancy on the Parish Council, caused by the resignation last July of Mrs. Hildy Swinden, has been filled by Mr. Geoffrey Burdge. At the council's meeting on September 3rd there were two candidates for the vacant seat – Mrs. L. Braam and Mr. Burdge. Mr. Burdge was elected by six votes to four.

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It is hoped the hold-ups at the Woodsgate Corner traffic lights experienced by drivers from Pembury wishing to turn left to Tunbridge Wells have now been eliminated. When the lights were amended by the K.C.C. during the summer it was found that although through traffic in both directions on the A21 benefited, unnecessary delays occurred to west-bound traffic while vehicles from Tunbridge Wells were turning right towards Pembury. As a result of Parish Council representations, amendments have been made to the phasing of the lights which seem to have overcome this problem.

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Is there any talent in Pembury? That is the question Pembury Players are asking and they hope to have the answer on January 25th when they are holding a talent evening at the Village Hall. The idea is that anyone who can perform, with a stage act, poetry reading or the like, should come along and show what they can do. The Players themselves will contribute a performance to the evening, which includes supper. Anyone interested in taking part is asked to contact Mrs. Vivien Clark, Tel: 3898. The Players have had to cancel their Christmas pantomime this year but on December 11th they are holding a play reading with the view of putting on a production in April next year. And in December they plan to go carol singing round the village. The Players are always looking for new members and anyone interested in joining should also contact Mrs. Clark.

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At the time of going to press there is still no further news of Pembury's long-awaited developments – the two by-passes and the supermarket. In essence the situation with regard to these vital projects is no further forward than it was when we wrote about them in the last issue.

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Negotiations are going on between Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the Beefeater chain which owns the Camden, regarding the future of the Camden car park which is owned by the firm and leased to the Borough. The Borough has asked the Parish Council for its views on the importance of the car park to the village. The Parish Council has replied that the car park – the only one of any size in the village – is of vital importance to Pembury.

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Horticultural Society members who deposit their waste paper at the society's hut at the Woodside allotments will know that the building is well past its first youth. The society has now received the Parish Council's agreement to go ahead and seek planning permission for a sectional concrete building to take its place.

PEMBURY WOODSIDE YOUTH CLUB

The Club was officially opened by County Councillor John Barnes on September 7th.

Since then the car park extension has been completed and the addition of floor covering and built-in seating will follow as funds allow.

Senior club leader Malcolm Brown writes that since the official opening the programme has been as varied as limited funds allow. Already the club has competed against Mascalls Youth Wing at Paddock Wood in a number of activities and it is hoped to extend this form of inter-club competition. A number of members also accompanied him on a day trip to Margate. "Although our equipment is quite basic," he adds, "we have taken delivery of a quarter-size proper snooker table, which has enhanced our membership, and it is envisaged that further equipment will be purchased as the year progresses."

Mr. Brown emphasises that the village must remember that the club is Pembury's youth club. If it is supported it will benefit not only the youth of today but for many years to come, thereby playing a valuable role in Pembury's future.

He appeals to all parents to offer help in any way they can, or just to see what the club officers are doing and encourage their sons and daughters to participate in the local community's youth club.

Incidentally, there is provision for another paid helper at the club, to operate one night a week under a contract with the Kent County Council. The senior club's programme between now and Easter includes monthly discos and a varied number of in and out of club activities. The club meets every Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9.30pm and is open to boys and girls between 13 and 21.

The junior section, age limits 8 to 13, meets every Friday from 7 to 8.30pm. So far this autumn members have enjoyed discos, a night ramble, a visit to Larkfield Leisure Centre and a lesson on the human body. A Pembury resident has promised to pay the cost of a coach to take a party to see the pantomime "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at London's Westminster Theatre early in the New Year.

SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS FUND

Since its formation in November 1982 the committee to raise funds for a new Scout and Guide headquarters in Pembury has raised a total of £10,713.

Although there is some way still to go before the headquarters can be built, some progress has already been made.

In October the Parish Council was told that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, which owns the land on which it is proposed to erect the headquarters, hoped to complete the sale of the site to the Parish Council by February or March next year. This is the same plot of land which was earmarked some years ago as the site for the proposed community centre. The aim is that the Parish Council should own the land, which it would let to the Scouts and Guides at a peppercorn rent.

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Originally it was a clearing in the vast Forest of Anderida which covered most of the Weald of Kent and Sussex. But by diligent investigation in the Kent archives at Maidstone Miss Standen has established that there were two separate manors here in the twelfth century. It also seems likely that a church was built in the village in Norman times and administered by the monks of Bayham Abbey.

How about this for a description, by an unknown writer, of what Pembury was like in the distant days before juggernauts, or even the horseless carriage, were thought of?

“It is as pleasant a spot as poet or artist could wish to repose in; for crystal rills and shady groves, with smiling cornfields here combine to form a joyous and luxuriant picture.” As Miss Standen comments, the Pembury of today presents a far different picture, although there are still some pleasant places to be found on the outskirts of the parish.

Two more interesting facts, taken at random from Miss Standen’s book. The present Village Green was, at least as late as 1629, known as Copingcrouch Green and the reason for the development of Lower Green as a separate settlement was the discovery in the early nineteenth century of a rich seam of clay, which led to the establishment of a brickworks and a source of local employment. Some of the former brickworks workers’ houses are still standing at the lower end of Henwood Green Road.

It seems difficult now to realise that in 1931 Pembury’s population was 2,631 and in 1943 an estimated 3,000. Today it is about doubled.

But even in our more urbanised state the history of the village is still going on. It seems a fair guess that with an awakened interest in local history, which is a mark of our times, there will be scope for yet another History of Pembury in, say, ten years’ time. Keep sending information to Miss Standen. The building of the by-passes, the development of the Youth Club, the completion of the Scout and Guide headquarters, will all be history in a few years’ time and of interest to future generations.

Incidentally, Miss Standen’s fascinating book is available from the Upper and Parish Churches, or from Miss Standen, 38 Sandhurst Avenue or Mr. Jack Pearce, 9 Maidstone Road, price £1.75.

AGE CONCERN

Plans for a day care centre for the elderly in Pembury are still not finalised. The executive committee of Age Concern, Pembury, recently discussed Kent County Council's latest plans for extending part of the Upper Church to accommodate the centre – which differ from those originally proposed, which envisaged building what was effectively a new north aisle on to the church.

The latest plans seek to include part of the existing north aisle into the day centre, which could pose problems of possible interference with weekday services. The committee has sought a meeting with the county's architects to try to resolve this problem.

The anticipated cost of such a centre is in the region of £80,000, of which probably a quarter would have to be raised by voluntary donations.

In the meantime, the day-to-day work of Age Concern, Pembury, is being carried on by a band of 14 volunteer helpers who undertake home visiting and advice to elderly people. The organiser of these volunteers is Mrs. Marion Chambers of 77 Woodhill Park, whose telephone number is Pembury 4301. Mrs. Chambers would be glad to hear from more people – men or women – willing to undertake this very vital work.

In addition, the advice centre for the elderly, held at Camden Court every Monday between 2 and 3.30 p.m., the chiropody clinic, also at Camden Court on the third Thursday each month from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. and the toenail cutting service at home continue to operate and grow.

In September a house-to-house collection in Pembury for Age Concern yielded £309, which will be used to finance these services.

A SLIGHT CASE OF REORGANISATION

Pembury Parish Council has for some years operated through six committees. These are Amenities (dealing with such matters as the recreation grounds, sports clubs, etc.); Burials and Allotments; Planning (recommending the Council's opinion on planning applications in the parish); Highways (dealing with street lighting and footpaths); Public Relations and Finance.

In October the council decided to form these committees into three groups – Management, comprising Amenities and Burials; Environmental, comprising Planning, Highways and Public Relations; and Finance. The aim of this reorganisation was to try to improve efficiency in conducting council business. Meetings will in future be held every three weeks instead of fortnightly, one meeting being devoted to management matters and the next to environmental affairs. At each meeting necessary financial matters will be discussed. This new system will operate until the next annual Parish Council meeting in May, when its efficiency or otherwise will be reviewed.

The new system does not alter the right of the public to attend council meetings and to ask questions at 8.30 p.m. on any subject under Parish Council jurisdiction.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

- Jan 2 Parish Council (question time 8.30pm) Management Group matters. Village Hall 8pm.
 3 Afternoon W.I. – Film on RNLI presented by Mr. Darbyshire. Village Hall 2.30pm.
 4 Evening W.I. – “From Sheep to Woolly Jumpers”, talk on the art of spinning, Mrs. G. Lagnado. Village Hall 7.45pm.
 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk from Bo-Peep, 2.15pm.
 8 Ladies’ Social Group – “Good Health the Natural Way”, 30 Woodhill Park. Mrs. J. Lovell from “Shaklee”.
- 15 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
 21 Parish Council (question time 8.30pm) Environmental Group matters. Village Hall 8pm.
 22 Ladies’ Social Group – Taste and Buy a Recipe. 26 Batchelors.
 22 Darby & Joan Club – Talk and film show on Gardening, Mr. Joy. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
- Feb 1 Evening W.I. – “Just on the Way”. Travel talk by Mrs. Gwilliam. Village Hall 7.45pm.
 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk from Stonecourt Lane bus stop 2.15pm.
 5 Ladies’ Social Group – Fancy Dress Party. 22 The Coppice.
 5 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
 6 Outgrown Children’s Wear – Sale. Village Hall 10.30am to 12 noon.
 7 Afternoon W.I. – “Embroidery through the Ages”, Mrs. Self. Village Hall 2.30pm.
 11 Parish Council (question time 8.30pm) Management Group matters. Village Hall 8pm.
 19 Ladies’ Social Group – Dinner at the Old Vine, Cousley Wood.
 19 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
 28 Horticultural Society – Annual General Meeting. Village Hall 7.45pm.
- Mar 1 Evening W.I. – Making & Decorating Easter Eggs, Mrs. J. Stalley. Village Hall 7.45pm.
 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk from Camden car park 2.15pm.
 4 Parish Council (question time 8.30pm) Environmental Group matters. Village Hall 8pm.
 5 Ladies’ Social Group – Upstairs & Downstairs at Peshurst Place, Mrs. J. Hunter. 28 Woodhill Park.
 5 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
 7 Afternoon W.I. – Cooking for one or two persons, Mrs. Houghton. Village Hall 2.30pm.
 11 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8pm.
 13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Village Hall 8pm.
 19 Ladies’ Social Group – “How we got our Surnames”, Miss M. Vinall. 3 Knights Ridge.
 19 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 - 4.30pm.
 25 Parish Council (question time 8.30pm) Management Group matters. Village Hall 8pm.
 28 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk on Villages of Kent, Mrs. Bartlett. Village Hall 8pm.

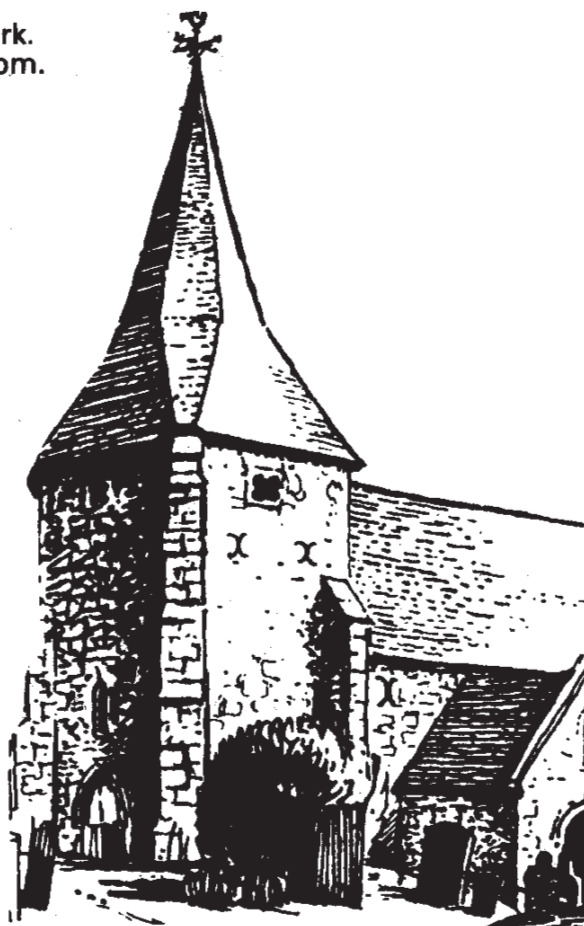
ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (First, Third and Fifth Sundays)
 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion
 11.30 a.m. Junior Church (except fourth Sunday)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong with sermon

Parish Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Second and Fourth Sundays)
 11.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon



Every Friday – W.I. Market – V.Hall 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.

(35p)

Every Monday – Pembury Old Tyme and Modern Dance Club – R.C. Hall – 7.45-10.15 p.m.

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