

PEMBURY

YOUR COUNCIL will soon complete its fourth year of work for the Parish and we would ask you to make a note of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The **AGM** will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday March 10. The Agenda will include the reports of the Chairman of the Parish Council and of the District Councillors; & will finish with a film on KENT.

You will have every opportunity for questioning the work of your Council and raising any matter that concerns you in the village.

Questions requiring a detailed answer may be sent in advance to the Chairman of the Pembury Liaison Committee Mr. D. Hawes Richards at 54 Hastings Road. Tel.No.2779.

RATES: The Finance Committee have recommended the amount of precept for rating the Parish to the Tunbridge Wells Council as being 3.00 in the £, being an increase of 10% over last year. In money terms this means that the Parish Council are asking you for an additional £1,108. This increase is mainly due to increased wages and other costs in running the Parish and its services but does include some small capital expenditure planned for 1976/77.

YOUTH CLUB:

(help)

Did you know that our village youth club has had to close. It has met at the Village Hall on Tuesday nights and it is hoped that the present closure will only be temporary. However if it is to reopen in the Autumn additional help is urgently required. It has been run up until now under the guidance of a youth leader provided by the Kent Education Committee with volunteer help from Peter Brown, 61 Heskett Park, (Tel. ---) and Matt Dillon, 4 The Paddock, (Tel. 2931). Please ring either number if you can help in anyway to ensure that the Club does start again in September.

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PROGRESS REPORT NO.2

The appeals committee has been hard at work holding functions in the village to raise money and to publicise the forthcoming appeal for covenants and donations.

The functions held so far have made a profit of over £500 and the committee would like to thank all the people who have helped in the community centre shop, which proved to be a great success prior to Christmas. The shop is now open on Thursday afternoons and all day Saturday for good-as-new books, china, clothes, etc.etc. Any offers of goods for sale will be welcome and collection can be arranged by phoning Pembury 3187 (evenings).

The drive for covenants and donations will start at the end of February and will continue until the whole village has been canvassed.

Examples of what covenants will yield over a seven year period, including the tax rebate, are as follows:

£2 per month = £250
£1 per month = £125
50p per month = £62.50

It is estimated that £25,000 will have to be raised by the appeal to complete the first stage of the building, which will include all the roadwork for the later stages.

£5,000 has already been promised from the original appeal, so there is an outstanding target of £20,000 which, if we think in terms of a population of 6,000 is not a target which is beyond us.

In fact the appeals committee is so confident that plans for the drainage are already well advanced and work will commence during February.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Once again it is necessary to record the resignation of a Parish Councillor. In this case Mr. BRIAN HAYWOOD has withdrawn due to moving house to Tunbridge Wells. He has been replaced by MRS. J. HOLLAND of Romford Cottage, Romford Rd. Tel.No.2382. She is one of the leading figures in our local amenity group, The Pembury Society.

Mr. Haywood was Vice Chairman and this position has been taken over once again by Mr. Lloyd Williams.

The present Council is listed below, and will serve until the new Council is elected by you on May 6th.

This village needs talented councillors even more than before; but it is known that candidates have sometimes been inhibited by uncertainty about the procedure and timetable. Any interested person should either contact the Returning Officer at the Town Hall or the Clerk to the Parish Council.

A candidate for a parish election is qualified if, when nominated, he or she is a British subject or Irish citizen, 21 years of age and is either an elector for the parish or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or worked there, or resided in or within three miles of it.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

D.W.Betts/132 Henwood Green Rd.	2721
R.W.Biggs/9 Heskett Park	2875
A.E.Buck/57 Heskett Park	3076
B.Delves/34 Heskett Park	3299
D.Hawes Richards/54 Hastings Rd.	2779
Mrs.J.Holland/Romford Cottage Romford Rd.	2382
Mrs.V.M.Newman/90 Ridgeway	3376
R.F.Oxley/1 Westway	3814
A.G.Penn/11 High Street	3957
G.E.Theobald/79 Hastings Rd.	2055
B.D.Walsh/43 Herons Way	3840
Mrs.M.A.Walter/7 Bulls Place	2650
G.L.Williams/49 Woodhill Park	2464

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

J.C.Bolsover/17 The Paddock	2712
G.S.Sturgeon/34 Henwood Green Rd.	2221

CLERK TO PARISH COUNCIL

H.S.J. Plant/16, The Coppice	3459
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HEAD GROUNDSMAN

Mr. Shaw	Maidstone 871459
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FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mar.10 - Annual General Meeting
- * Mar.20 - 'Everest S.W. 75'
Illustrated Lecture by
Martin Boysen. 7.30pm
Pembury School.
Tickets 50p.
- * Mar.26 - Childrens Fashion Show
by Pauline & Peter Mills.
7.30pm. Catholic Hall.
Tickets 30p.
- Mar.29 - Council Meeting
- Apr.12 - Council Meeting
- Apr. 8 - Bingo. Village Hall.
7.30pm. Entrance 10p.
at door.
- Apr. 8,9,10 - PEMBURY 2000 EXHIBITION
at Village School
- * Apr.30 - 'German Evening'
Catholic Hall 8 - 11.30
p.m. Tickets £1 inc.food
and glass of wine.
- May 6 - Council Elections for
District and Parish.
- May 10 - Council Meeting
- May 29 - Morris Dancing -
Village Green
- July 10 - VILLAGE FETE

* Tickets for the above events obtainable from Pembury 3187 or Pembury 3270.

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A date to remember

10th July, 1976.

The Recreation Ground, 2.00 p.m.

Pembury Fete

Many attractions, exhibitions and all the usual fun of the Fair. Please come and give us your full support. Offers of help or new suggestions would be greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas please contact Mrs. A. Nankivell, 27 Lower Green Rd., or Geoffrey Theobald, 79 Hastings Rd.

The Council would like to thank those traders who recently indicated they would support a new design of Newsletter carrying advertisements. It is hoped to launch this idea with the next issue.

PEMBURY 2000

The draft proposals for the future of the village have now been unanimously approved by the full Parish Council at its meeting at the Dower House on January 20, and by the villagers also at the public meeting in the Village Hall on January 28.

Over 100 people heard a description of your Council's recommendations and requests for action. A summary of some of these is reproduced in this Newsletter but the full proposals are now being printed in book form and will be available at the opening of the Exhibition illustrating all the aspects of the Working Party's appraisal.

RECOMMENDATION

ACTION

PART 1

THE ENVIRONMENT OF PEMBURY

- A. ROADS - that the western by-pass to relieve the B2015 be commenced in 1977. That the southern by-pass to relieve the A21 also be started in 1977 with both roads fully completed and operational by December 31st 1979.
- B. HOMES - that no further residential building of any kind is to be allowed in the village, beyond the present planning permissions already granted, for the next 10 years. For the remainder of the period until the year 2000 a strictly controlled residential growth of 35 houses per year to be considered.
- C. TREES - that the existing tree preservation orders should be collected together into one easily identifiable folder for members of the public to inspect at the Council Offices. That a survey be instituted of mature trees within the built-up area of the village.

The Department of the Environment and the Kent Council Council to so arrange their road priorities that these dates can be met without any further delay.

The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to be asked to refuse all further residential applications for this period with the full backing of the Parish Council and to investigate the implications of growth over the subsequent period when they prepare the Local Plan for the village.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

PEMBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL HALL - APRIL 8/9/10 - 10.00 A.M. - 9.00 P.M.

EXHIBITION

RECOMMENDATION

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PART 2

THE PEOPLE OF PEMBURY

- A. EDUCATION - that the existing school site totalling some nine acres be properly utilised to its fullest extent and implementation of the 1974 proposals be put in hand at the earliest possible moment. Kent Education Committee.
- B. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES - that urgent provisions be made for a central building for use as a clinic. Kent Council Council.
- C. CHURCHES - that help be given to the church authorities to maintain the Parish Church to the standard required for a building of this quality. The People of Pembury.
- D. LEISURE - that the first stage of the Community Centre to be completed with all possible speed. Parish Council/Pembury Community Association Council.
- E. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND STATUTORY SERVICES - that the Borough Council be asked to conclude an agreement with the Mainstone and District Bus Company for concessionary fares for school children and old age pensioners. That the Parish Council should look at the question of the provision of a free mini-bus service with possible central maintenance and service facilities run by the County. Parish Council/Kent County Council
- F. EMPLOYMENT - that the planning permission already granted for the shops at the Henwood Green/Lower Green Road junction be implemented immediately. Private Developer/Parish Council.
- That following the completion of the western by-pass an area be set aside to include the present Downingbury Farm Buildings as shown on the appraisal plans to form a location for small village/cottage industries of the type suggested in the appraisal. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to actively consider the promotion by them in conjunction with the Parish Council of such an area and incorporate it within the Borough Council's Local Plan.