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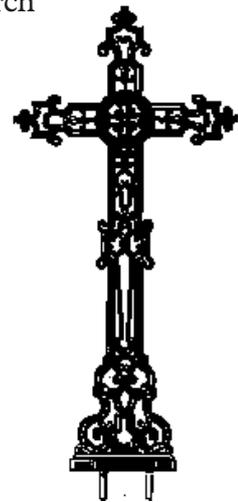
Palm Sunday 5th April	9.40 am	Procession from the High Street car park to the Upper Church; Parish Eucharist with dramatic reading of the Passion
Maunday Thursday 9th April	8.00 pm	Eucharist of the "Last Supper"
Good Friday 10th April	10.00 am	Family Service
	11.00 am	Procession from the Free Church to the Village Green with United Act of Witness on the Green
	12.00 noon	Good Friday Service at the Old Church
	2.00 pm	Devotional Hour
Easter Day 12th April	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am	Holy Communion at the Old Church
	5.00 pm	Evensong at the Old Church

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Good Friday 10th April	12.00 noon	Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday 12th April	10.30 am	Easter Mass
Every Wednesday in Lent	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross

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Easter Day 12th April	10.00 am	All Age Celebration



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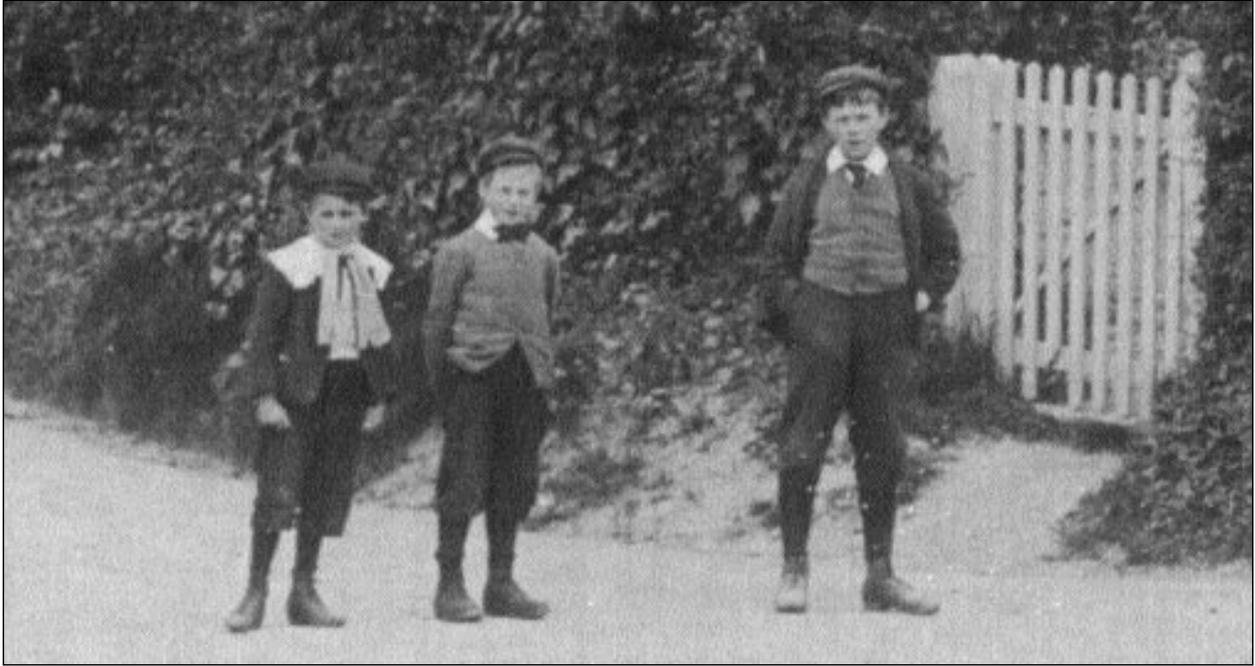
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TWO PICTURES TO TEST YOUR MEMORY

Do you know who these three lads were?



This photograph is an enlarged copy of part of a postcard in the collection of a parishioner. Does this photo jog your memory? If so, please write or telephone the Editor. The postcard from which this enlargement was taken is shown on page 18.

Do you know who this lady is? Some clues – Crowned Tunbridge Wells Carnival Queen 1978 – came to Pembury approx. 1977 – married to Ian for 13 years – two children – mother Mary was a Parish Councillor for several years. See page 27 for answer.



GILL'S GARDEN

SPRING is probably the busiest time of the year. In March seeds of half-hardy annuals, e.g. petunias, lobelia and impatiens, can be grown either in the greenhouse or on a window sill ready for the summer bedding. Compost should be moist and firm before the seed is scattered and, unless it is very small, it should be covered with a thin layer of compost. Prick out when the first leaves are formed and eventually harden off before planting in the garden when the danger of frost has passed.

Dahlia tubers can be encouraged to grow in the greenhouse by watering and bringing into the light.

Deadhead early flowering bulbs and lift and divide if needed. Divide summer flowering perennials if they are overcrowded and replant with bone meal and a scattering of Growmore. Aubrietia should be cut back severely removing foliage as well as dead flowers to encourage new growth. New borders containing shrubs as well as hardy perennials can be planted and any gaps can be filled with bedding plants.

If the weather is dry the lawn should be lightly

raked to remove debris such as moss and thatch and then mown using the highest cut on the lawn-mower.



Plants grown in tubs can be re-potted using fresh compost to ensure good growth. Prune early spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and berberis and cut willows and dogwoods to ground level to replenish new stems for next winter's colour.

Roses can be pruned and the hydrangeas deadheaded. Prune late flowering shrubs such as buddleia hypericum and spirea, cut back hardy fuchsias and top dress with Growmore. Conifers can still be planted in April. Hanging baskets can be planted with trailing plants using moisture-retaining granules and left in a sheltered position until all danger of frost is passed.

Remove as many weeds as possible and then mulch with wood chippings or gravel to conserve moisture in the ground while suppressing the weeds.

Gill Matthews

SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

ONCE AGAIN Pembury plans to take part in the South East in Bloom Competition, which will be sponsored by TRANSCO. The competition is run by the Tidy Britain Group and the judges are looking for tidiness, lack of litter and graffiti, as well as pleasant front gardens. All parts of the village are taken into account, the Village Green, War Memorial, Coronation Gardens and recreation grounds. It is hoped that schools, businesses, shops and public houses will take part.

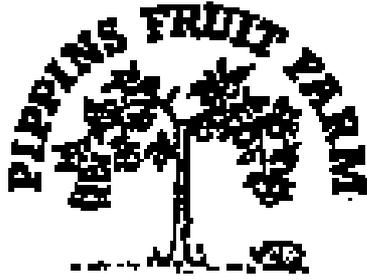
Notcutts will again be entering into the spirit of Pembury in Bloom by running their own competition for which the entry forms are enclosed in this publication. Prizes are awarded for various categories, best commercial frontage and allotments. The competitions begin in March and are to be judged in July.

The Parish Council plan to plant bulbs or plants around the village throughout the coming year. It is hoped that we can plant the brick planters at Woodsgate Corner as well as brightening up other parts of the village.

It has been suggested by South East in Bloom that consideration could be given to long term plantings with plants that need little water (I have included a list below). These plants can be obtained at local nurseries and all should be frost hardy. Cordyline needs a sheltered position.

Cordyline Australis, Festuca glauca, Thymus serpyllum, Helianthemum appenninum, Wisley Pink, Diathus, Berberis thunbergii, Atropurpurea Nana, Convolvulus Cneorum Cotoneaster dammeri Salvia officinalis superba, Sedum spurium Artemesia Powis Castle, Helianthemum appenninum The Bride and Yucca Variegata,. Lavendula S. Papillon.

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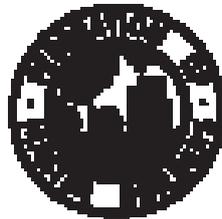
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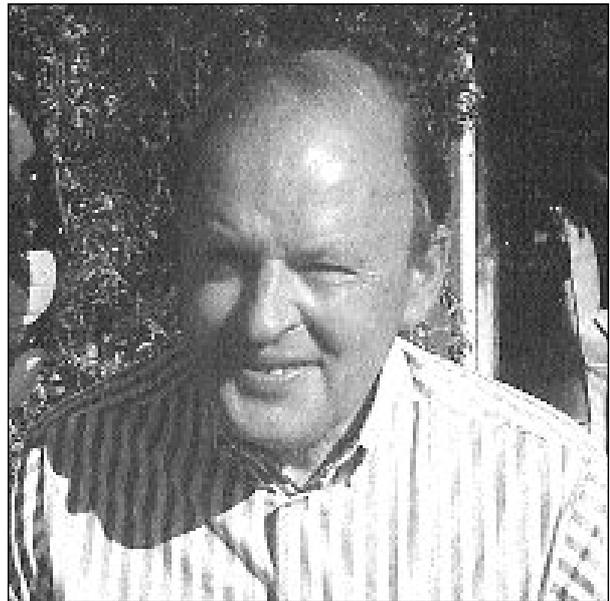
Terence Burton

TERENCE BURTON came to live in Kent in 1960, on joining Marley Tiles at Sevenoaks, first living in Matfield for 25 years and in Pembury for the last 13 years. His Solicitors business "Burtons" is well known and much respected in the village. For over 16 years he has served the people of Pembury as most of the firm's clients live in the village. Solicitors never talk about their clients' business and all I could get him to admit was and I quote "I must, no doubt, know many personal secrets".

Terence is now the firm's consultant whilst Leslie Trevor and his team at Burtons, having moved into the pleasantly converted old butcher's shop, carry on our local law work. Terence says that the multitude of laws and regulations from the National and European parliaments, at least quadrupled in annual volume since he qualified, mean long hours to keep up to date.

Terence also co-owns, with an old friend, a factory business in Paddock Wood, which they started from an empty building and which makes specialised forms of vinyl sheeting. A second factory in East Peckham is now under construction. The business has customers world-wide. He has travelled widely on business during his working life but says that only holiday travel is a real pleasure.

Terence was Pembury's Special Constable for 15 years and remembers patrolling the village on his bicycle, checking the security of locked premises and also at the Recreation ground and other spots even then attracting problems. He remembers some of the local burglaries but is certain there were less than today. There were no traffic lights at the Woodsgate Corner 35 years ago or at the Green and no roundabout at Kippings Cross, notorious local traffic bottle-necks at which he regularly did point duty. He was knocked down by a sports car and hospitalised whilst on duty at Woodsgate Corner and it was his misfortune that prompted authority into installing the first set of lights at Woodsgate. Terence says that these are the only lights in the country that he does not fume at when they are red.



He was born in Surrey but spent his childhood mostly in Devon coming to Kent, eventually, from Somerset. During his time Pembury has changed from a small village with a wide range of productive businesses, a lot more retail services and many more jobs on farms than today. When he started his office he got together with the late Rex Sturgeon to found the Pembury Business Association, the members including builders, haulage contractors, welders, plastic moulders, cement mixing, furniture making and coffin making, apart from retailers. Places like Penn's Yard were busy and employed local people. Most have disappeared to be replaced by houses. He feels Pembury has become unbalanced as a community, mostly as a result of planning policy, leading eventually to a situation that there is little or no work for the local young or facilities for people of all ages without cars. With our local access to the motorway system he thinks warehousing should be encouraged to give new local employment in addition to the new jobs to be created at the Hospice, which he strongly supports.

In retirement from the law, Terence will continue, so long as Parliament permits, with his beagling and mink hunting, both very energetic pastimes and why some of us know him as a local jogger and Pembury medal-holding fun runner. I was surprised to learn that he beagles as close to Pembury as Tudely, Five Oak Green, Beltring and Claygate, whilst mink are present as close as Dundale.

Sylvia Abbott

ROB'S PLOT

I hope you all had a very Happy New beginning to the year. Gone are the lazy days, here we go again! Here comes the nicest time of the year, the birds are singing and they are great company at the plot, especially the cuckoos.

As I stand looking out of my shed, now that all the digging is done and all the edges are trimmed, I am looking forward to getting the old (well new actually, Christmas pressie!) rotovator out. This is a heavy duty job but really beneficial as it breaks down the soils and I use it to dig in the manure. This will make the soil nice and fine ready for some of the first seeds such as broad beans, carrots, beetroot, spring onions, etc. Most seeds can be sown straight into the ground. There are a few, however, that need to be sown in a warm environment either indoors, preferably on a window-sill, or in a warm greenhouse. Inside, I am starting off the spring cabbage, onion seeds, tomatoes and cauliflower. This is the first year I have sown onion seed instead of using onion sets. It is more of a flaff but more of a challenge: hopefully they'll be successful, if not it'll be back to the sets next year!

Referring back to the last issue someone queried me regarding carrot root fly. I mentioned that for carrots to be successful they need to be grown three feet off the ground. The simple reason is that carrot root flies (little mites) can fly

no higher than 12 inches off the ground thus not allowing them to attack the carrots. So for successful carrots grow them off the floor, for example in an old dustbin or an old aluminium water butt, not in the ground.

It is this time of year when extra help is needed to bring on seeds. A cold frame is for seedlings that have just come out from the greenhouse. They still need a bit of heat during the night and need to avoid the cold winds which are still about at this time of year during the day.

Basically the reason for a cold frame is to harden the plants off to avoid premature death to the young seedlings. A cloche is similar to a cold frame but these are used actually on the plot to cover the seedlings

that have been planted in, to make them grow faster. They are also well handy for keeping those hungry Munchers at bay, the rabbits and such like! This reminds me, if you like broad beans try to remember to soak them in paraffin as this means they will remain where you left them, not disappear into the belly of a neighbouring field mouse; they seem to be rather partial to them. I have discovered this through frustrating experience!

In the next edition I will be explaining how to set up for the winter crops, which

is by no means just brussel sprouts, so good luck. I hope the gardening goes well. Remember, keep those weeds away from your seedlings.



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IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS . . .

. . . you may have seen a lot of activity this winter, in Marshley Harbour and Forest Wood. It is a wonderful place, a woodland where sweet chestnut coppice and conifers are commercially grown, but also a place for walkers, horseriders and wildlife watchers.

The sweet chestnut coppice is cut in rotation, some of it going for fencing materials, whilst the Scots Pines are destined to become construction timbers.

The owners of the wood, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and South East Water, are working with the Kent High Weald Project to increase the value of the area for wildlife and to provide opportunities for local people to enjoy it.

This includes the re-creation of heathland, now a very rare habitat in Kent, and part of a bigger scheme in Pembury involving the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and the Hadlow Estate.

Birch and bracken scrub are being removed to allow the heather to spread, creating attractive views and adding colour to the woodland environment. It is hoped that birds such as the Woodlark, Nightjar and Dartford Warbler will return to the area to breed, whilst some reptiles, insects and plants thrive in the sandy, heathy conditions.

A set of information boards is being carefully sited to help explain the various activities, including the woodland and heathland work, as well as the use of the area as a water catchment for Pembury Reservoir.

A new three-mile walk is being created to allow walkers to enjoy the wood and heath on both sides of the busy A228. Called the Pembury Heathland Walk, the route takes in some brand new sections of path not previously open to walkers and makes use of the pedestrian controlled traffic lights and footbridge to create a safe circuit. Three landowners have kindly given permission for walkers to use the new paths.

Finally, our young people are being encouraged to learn about the woodland environment through an educational nature trail. A special teacher's pack will assist local schools with their nature study activity.

The future of these beautiful woods lies with our young people. It is vital that we help them to discover and appreciate their natural surroundings, helping to safeguard Marshley Harbour and Forest Wood for future generations.

Many of these projects will be completed this spring. For more information contact **Keith Rennells**, KHWP, Council Offices, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3EN.

SPORT OF THE MIND

DUPLICATE BRIDGE was introduced to the village in February 1996. We were a bit apprehensive but were delighted when 10 nervous people turned up for the first meeting at Camden Court.

From that day the "Pembury Bridge Club", which was formed in July 1996, has steadily grown from strength to strength; to date we have full membership of 45 persons aged from 13 to 89.

Because the Tuesday evening club has been so successful we have introduced "Afternoon Duplicate Bridge" to be held every Thursday from 1.45pm to 5pm at the Catholic Hall, Pembury Green. There will be a charge of £1.50 to include refreshments. The first meeting took place on January 8th and we have discovered that there is certainly a demand for this unique game.

Please come along and enjoy yourself in a pleasant, friendly, social atmosphere. All are welcome. Please telephone Anne on 824104 so that we have an idea of numbers or if you need a partner. See you Thursday.

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PEMBURY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

NEARLY A YEAR AGO the Parish Council formed a Committee of interested parishioners to create the framework for the celebrations within the village to welcome in the new millennium. Since its first meeting in April 1997 the group has met on several occasions and has now drafted a list of events which, it is suggested, could be the foundation upon which the people of Pembury can go forward to build their programme. Once it is finalised it will mean that our village has a planned series of events so that throughout the Year 2000 we can celebrate and mark the beginning of the next period of one thousand years.

The work of the Committee in acting as a planning workshop is, of course, just the start of the project. The next step is for all the representative groups in the village and for all those individual parishioners who are interested but not members of such groups, to make contact with the Millennium Committee Secretary, Richard Parsons, to tell him what you intend to contribute to the celebrations during that year. Richard is available on 823193 or c/o Clerk to the Pembury Parish Council, 6 The Grove, Pembury, TN2 4BU.

Please make contact now; if you delay you will find that there will certainly be duplication of types of event plus the clashing of dates which

will spoil the impact of what you plan to do. So, it is in your own interest to liaise with Richard as soon as possible.

The Year 2000 will present us with a great and unique opportunity for the village to show its ability to innovate and work together for a common purpose. If we stoke up our enthusiasm now we can have a programme of events in Pembury which will be the best in Kent. It all depends on you.

Draft Framework of Events for the Year 2000:

January – Pantomime (Pembury Players).

February – Disco or similar event.

March – Start of programme to complete pages of a bound book detailing the village in the year 2000. Creation of a Time Capsule.

April – Art and Craft Exhibition.

May – Larkfield Hall – Open Day and Fete.

June – Boundary Walk around our Parish (Pembury Footpath Walkers).

July – Pageant. Carnival and Village Fete, plus evening Barbeque and Entertainment.

August – Watch this space.

September – Musical Event at Kent College.

October – Watch this space.

November – Parish Council Millennium Exhibition.

December – Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving.

THE LEAGUE OF THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY HOSPITAL

NOW THAT Christmas is over plans are going ahead for the 1998 Fete. This year we are delighted that Rod Hull and Emu have agreed to open the proceedings for us and the date for your diaries is Saturday, 29th August.

We have another very exciting event coming up in the summer. Our President, Lady De L'Isle, has made Penshurst Place available to us for an evening and on Friday 26th June the League are holding a fundraising evening to benefit the Hospital. There will be a champagne reception in the Baron's Hall and the House and Gardens will be open for the evening.

The event is open to everyone and if you would like to come, or you would like more information regarding the evening, please do contact me and I will be delighted to help. My telephone number is 528156.

We hope you will continue to support us and that we will see you at one or both of our special events.

Diana E. Barber

SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

PEMBURY CRICKET CLUB

Although the weather may still appear wintry the Cricket Season will soon be upon us. Indoor nets started at the end of January and several of our players are beginning to flex their muscles, in one or two cases perhaps for the first time since last September. The Club is looking forward to improving on last Season's results and winning both divisions of the Kent Village League rather than being runners up as last year. The first match of the new season is against Wadhurst at home on Saturday 25th April 1998 followed by Marden, also at home, on Sunday 26th. As in the past spectators are always welcome as are any prospective new players. The Club runs two sides in the league on Saturdays, a Sunday side and on Tuesdays throughout June and July takes part in the Chequers Evening League against other local sides. These matches are frequently won or lost in the last over making them exciting for both players and spectators alike. Currently the Club needs some strengthening in the bowling department so if there is anybody out there who would like to come along and turn their arm we would be very pleased to hear from you. The AGM will take place in the Club House at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24th March 1998 and the Annual Ladies Night is at the Jarvis Resort Hotel on Friday 27th March.

Dick Crouch

STOOLBALL

We are shortly to awake from our winter hibernation and preparations for the new season begin soon with the league AGM's. For the ladies an interesting item on the agenda is a rule amendment which would restrict the number of overs a particular bowler may bowl in an innings. This would follow the rule applied in cricket for bowlers in limited over matches and would require a team to have at least four recognised bowlers in their side. The stronger teams in the League who tend to use only two bowlers throughout an innings are perhaps more likely to oppose the change and an

interesting discussion is envisaged. We have not heard whether the Mixed League is proposing such a change.

Once the AGM's are behind us we shall begin to make our own arrangements for practice and friendlies. As always we would welcome new members whether they are beginners or experienced players and anybody requiring further information may contact me on 822483.

Sandie Rice-Tucker

PEMBURY BOWLS CLUB

The Club, along with other Clubs in and around the Tunbridge Wells area, took part in an annual Christmas Bowls Tournament arranged by the Tunbridge Wells District Indoor Bowls Club to raise money for nominated Charities. Fielding two teams out of the 12 taking part in the Tournament, which takes place on a league basis over the five days between Boxing Day and New Years Eve, the Club's two teams, Pembury Blue and Pembury Gold, battled successfully to finish in the top two places. The picture shown here shows your Editor, Henry Plant,



the Captain of the Pembury Blue team, being presented with the Dave Fenner Trophy as champions. The Pembury Gold team, captained by Ron Foord, took a creditable second place, beating rivals for

that spot on a very exciting last day. The total prize money for first and second places amounted to £250 and with other small donations and a collection from members, the Club was able to send a cheque for £301.05 to their nominated charity – Hospice in the Weald.

Pembury Bowls Club's new season starts at the end of April next – new members are very welcome! Please contact the Secretary, George Roberts, on 824914 or make a note in your diary to visit us at the Clubhouse in the Recreation Ground on 4th April next from 10.30 am to 4 pm when you will be able to meet members of the Club for a chat over a cup of coffee.

PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

What were you doing at the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January?

How many times have you read such a line in a crime novel or heard it in a 'B' movie?

Well, I am proud to tell you what the four senior football teams were doing. They all won and in the process created a little piece of history. You may well think that we are boasting just because we won. Well partly, but the important thing was that by winning all four teams put themselves to the top of their respective divisions.

This is no mean achievement. For a club to get two teams to the top is unusual – three teams is an absolute rarity – so to get four there may possibly be unique! I believe it is in this area as so far nobody has contacted us to steal our glory. Anyway the *Courier* was impressed and, in honour of the moment, has made the Club "The Greene King/Courier Sports Personality of the Month" for January. This award is a commemorative cut-glass tankard and £100 to pay for a party at a Greene King public house i.e. they will pay for the first £100 of food and drinks.

May I take this opportunity personally and publicly to thank all the players and officials for their feat and for the good publicity that it has brought not only to the Club but also to the Village. Well done, and thank you!

Now we have to maintain these positions during the remaining part of the season! That will be a very demanding and challenging task but you may rest assured that everyone will give it their best shots.

I will let you know what happens in a subsequent newsletter.

ASSOCIATION OF PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUBS

The 11th October 1997 was an important day for football in the village because at long last we had overcome all the various obstacles, both big and small, and we were able to send in applications to the Lottery Sports Fund (LSF) for a grant towards the cost of the rebuilding of the Woodside pavilion – some four years after we originally decided upon the project. The total cost of this rebuild is just short of

£75,000 and we have applied for £44,936 from them. We have also applied to the Football Association for £5,000. The balance is coming from the clubs and grants from Pembury Parish Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

We heard from the LSF in the second week in January that they required quite dramatic changes to the building design from that originally acceptable to the Sports Council!

As you can imagine we were somewhat in a panic situation as we must get our application accepted at the February quarterly meeting if we are to have any chance of getting a new pavilion before 1999! The deadline for this panel was 29th January. By then all plans had to be amended, other questions researched and answered, etc.

Fortunately we were able to meet this date by just one day!

Now we must wait until the second week in March to hear if we have been successful or not. Hopefully we will be and so Phase Two of our project – the building – can commence during the summer.

I will let you know in the next Pembury Village News what the outcome is.

Jim Smith



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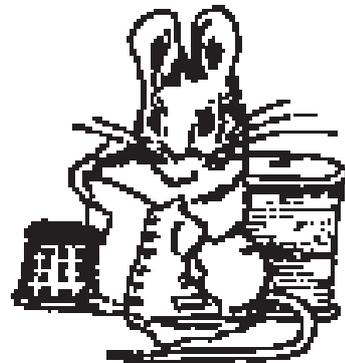
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PEMBURY IN THE PAST – PEMBURY MEN

I READ with great interest Issue 92 of Pembury Village News particularly the article “Pembury Men”, as my great-grandfather, Charles Fry, is mentioned in the list of those serving with HM Forces in 1915.

Although branches of the Fry family have lived in Pembury for more than 300 years my great-grandfather was born in St. Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells on 4th January 1871. His father, Stephen Fry, was an employee with a local brewery. He grew up in the area and when he married Catherine Arnold in St. James Church on 12th February 1898 he was working on the Ferrar’s estate as a labourer. He then moved to Baltic Road, Tonbridge where he worked in the local brickyard. My grandfather, Alfonso Fry, was born there in 1907. A short while after this the family moved to Pembury and lived in a house which can be found in a side alley off Henwood Green Road near to the corner shop.

When war broke out in 1914 it was quickly realised that many men were going to be needed. Lord Kitchener appealed for men to replenish the ranks of the regular army which had so magnificently retreated from Mons. My great-grandfather was one of the first volunteers, enlisting in the 1st Battalion The Royal West Kent Regiment as Private G/5538 Charles Fry (not the Royal Sussex Regiment as wrongly printed by Baldwins). The local recruiting office was situated at Tonbridge and he completed his basic training at the regimental depot at Maidstone. At 43 he was some 13 years over the upper age specified by the Army. These were, however, desperate times and recruiting sergeants were not renowned for scrutinising birth certificates!

The 1st Battalion found itself defending the Ypres salient. Between November 1914 and the beginning of April 1915 109 were killed and 224 wounded. But it was to be the action at Hill 60 which cost so many of the “Queens Own” their lives – including my

great-grandfather. Hill 60, which was to be the scene of one of the most desperate and bloody encounters of the war, was an artificial mound of earth about 40 feet in height which had been created by railway engineers depositing the spoil from a railway cutting on the Ypres to Commines line.

It was valuable to the Germans as an observation post over a large sector of the British line round Zillebeke and Ypres. The general staff were therefore resolved to capture it. Miners were brought over from England and for several weeks tunnelled under the hill where engineers placed six large mines. At 1900 hrs on Saturday April 17th 1915 the mines were detonated. C and B companies of the 1st Battalion rushed out of their trenches and, together with two companies of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, took the hill with little loss owing to the explosions and bombardment which preceded the attack. Work was immediately started to consolidate the defence of the hill. However, the enemy bombarded the soldiers with heavy shell fire. According to the official history of the 1st Battalion, the Germans “favoured by the curve of the salient and by the contour of the ground, were able to bring enfilade fire to bear . . . and also to lob bombs into the still incomplete trenches . . . causing very many casualties.”

It was during this counter attack that my great-grandfather was killed on 18th April 1915 some time before 08.30 hrs.

By April 22nd 1915 300 members of the Battalion were killed, missing or wounded on the Hill. By 5th May 1915 after attack and counter attack the Germans had once again recaptured it.

Private Charles Fry has no known grave. His name is commemorated with thousands of others who died in defence of the Ypres salient on the Menin Gate in Leper (Ypres), Belgium. His name of course appears on the Pembury war memorial and the Tunbridge Wells memorial. At the age of 44 he left a

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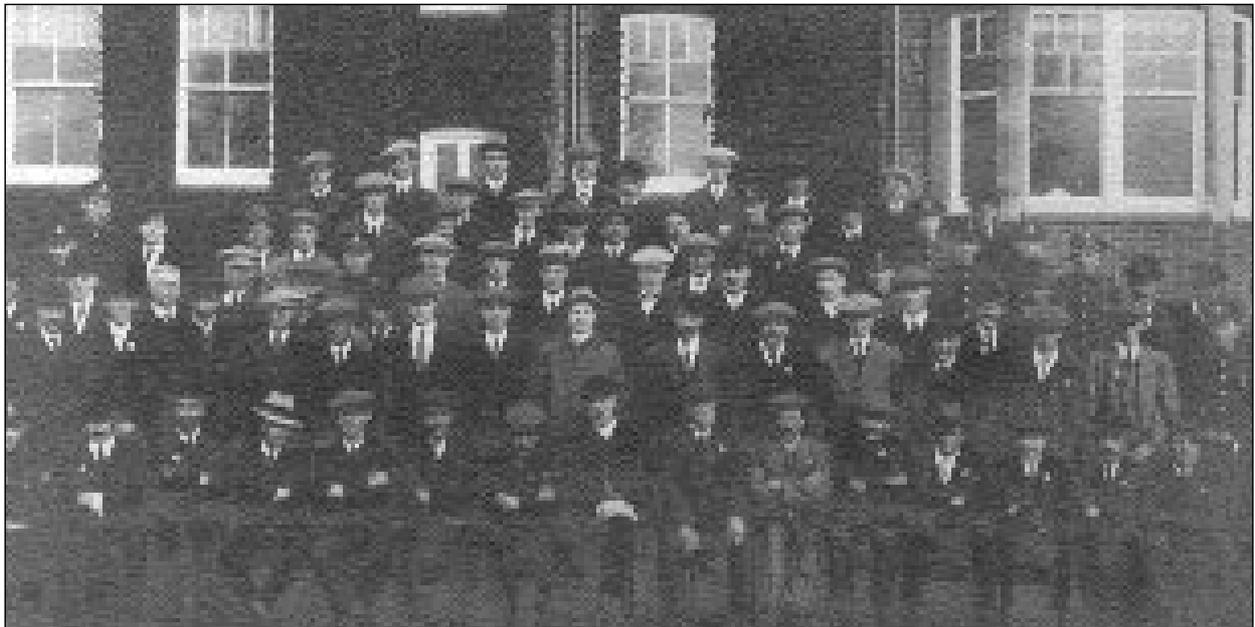
widow and, I believe, four children including my grandfather. His widow, Catherine, continued to live in the same house until after the second world war, so my mother who remembers her informs me.

I was born in Pembury and lived there until my marriage 13 years ago. My grandfather, Alf Fry, died in the former almshouses on the Hastings Road in 1980. My mother, Valerie Constance (née Fry), still lives in the village

as do a sister and several other relatives.

I am currently researching the Fry family and their connection with Pembury during the 18th and 19th centuries. If any of the readers of your excellent publication has any knowledge which could assist me in my research I would be delighted to hear from them.

John Constance



This picture, with the now demolished Glebe House in the background, shows a group of Pembury men, many of whom were mentioned in the list of 'Pembury Men' in the last issue of Pembury Village News. Do you recognise any of them?

BOYHOOD FUN

Between the ages of 11 and 14 some of our greatest fun would be the building of camps and some of the lads from that period of time still live in the village: Mike Waterman, Mike and Peter Hillier, Dennis and Melvyn Cole to name a few.

One of our finest achievements was an underground camp built into a bank in Hayeswood, way off the footpath. It measured about 3.5 metres long, 2 metres wide with a sloping roof height from 1.5 metre to 1 metre. We covered the hole with tree trunks, bracken and soil, leaving an entrance way to crawl in and a chimney.

We regularly lit a camp-fire in the open and cooked chips and beans and goose eggs. Two of

the lads were the Allen brothers whose father had a smallholding in Romford Road. They would crawl up through their own orchard to try and pinch the goose eggs without being seen by their father or, even worse, the geese.

Our frying pan was always kept hidden down a rabbit hole close to the camp and every time we wanted to have a cook up we had to pick all the pine needles and bits of dirt out of the old lard first. One day we forgot to pierce the large tin of beans before placing it in the fire. The explosion actually blew the frying pan off the fire and obviously beans went everywhere.

Sometimes we would light the fire inside the camp but sadly we must have got the air flow wrong; we could normally last about five minutes before being smoked out.

If we ran out of lard and as I was the smallest one there I would have to run all the way back through Hayeswood, Tugby's Orchard, to Ron Clark's butchers shop, which used to be next to the Royal Oak, for another pound of lard, then all the way back again. Good fun – more next time.

Hugh Boorman

GEORGE NEAL

In the Autumn issue of the Pembury Village News we asked the question, “who could remember George Neal?” Since then there has been a flood of information which has made us realise that George was, unbeknown to us, one of life's unsung heroes.

It certainly is a story deserving of more time and space and I will enlarge upon it in the next issue but in the meantime some brief detail.

George was born in Cromer Street, Tonbridge, in 1897, and it is believed he joined the army when he was below the minimum age. In the First World War George was a sniper and he was severely wounded, losing his right arm, when an enemy shell landed amongst 21 soldiers in George's group, killing 18, leaving another colleague with his feet blown off and one okay.

George was carried many miles back to safety and was unconscious for a very long time. Some time later it was discovered that a five inch piece of shrapnel had pierced his back, causing one of his lungs to collapse. On 18th August 1918 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and we believe he was the first Private to receive this award.

Recently, when speaking to Mr Willson from Kenward, Half Moon Lane, he told me his father, Sir Walter Willson had regarded George Neal as one of the bravest people he had met, following an incident in the Second World War when, in 1940, one of the Royal Air Force Hurricane fighters crashed into the wood between Kent College and the Old Mill House. George, despite his handicap, fought his way through dense undergrowth to rescue the pilot who, unbeknown to George, had been blown to pieces on the plane's impact with the ground.

I will fill in some of the gaps in the next issue.

Hugh Boorman

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

PHOTOS OF OLD PEMBURY – Published below are two photographs of local scenes of bygone days. Do you recognise which parts of Pembury these were taken?



PEMBURY COUNCIL SCHOOL IN THE ‘THIRTIES’ – PART ONE

MY MEMORIES of Pembury School range from September 1933 to March 1937 when our family moved to Rusthall. It was over 50 years before I saw the school again and was surprised how little it had changed. The old buildings – minus the Victorian bell turret – were just as I had known them, as were the playground, the walls, gardens and school gates. New buildings had been added at the far end and the Headmaster’s house was now a nursery or play group.

When I joined the infants class we were in the old Institute Building, now the public library. My first teachers were Miss White, who died

after long and honoured service, in her mid-nineties; Miss Doig and Miss Craddock. Teaching and play materials were kept in a large cupboard; cowrie shells and counters, coloured beads, crayons, sticky paper and plasticine and graded reading cards. There were also toy drums, etc for ‘music’ and beating time, as well as an assortment of picture books, games and home-made jigsaw puzzles.

The teachers were very ‘maternal’ and caring. We were made to have daily rest periods of half an hour with our heads on our arms on the tables – and some would actually go to sleep.

‘Real’ school began when I moved down to Miss

'Molly' Morgan's class in the main building. Here one graduated to using scratchy pen nibs and real ink – in pots embedded in wooden blocks to prevent spilling. One was introduced to the use of rulers and compasses, to drawing symmetrical patterns and crayoning them in. In time-honoured fashion they would then be pinned up around the classroom. Here we read real books (my favourite being A.A. Milne's "The House at Pooh Corner"); learned the Tonic Sol Fa and had noisy singing of rousing sea shanties, so much so that when a young 'supply teacher' was putting us through our paces Miss Ratcliffe, from the class next door, was provoked to protest.

There were many visitors and special activities to punctuate routine lessons. Sir Walter Willson and Mr Bosanquet, with his distinctive monocle, representing the School Board, often came to inspect and sign the registers and to 'sit in' on a lesson. There was Mr Buckle, the H.M.I., and Miss Gaskoin, the Secretary of the local RSPCA, gave regular talks on preventing cruelty to animals and on one occasion in 1934 a visitor engaged the infants in a demonstration of

percussion. We all had a great time banging drums, tinkling cymbals and bashing away on triangles and tambourines.

The playground was the main focus for the rough and tumble of morning break and the lunch period; for traditional games skipping, 'tag', the farmer's wife, etc – although there were more adventurous forays into the nearby Churchyard and fields and woods beyond. A dripping tap on the school wall in winter created an excellent icy slide down the length of the yard.

We had no playing fields. P.T. exercises were held in the sloping playground outside. These nearly came to an end when one boy, at full stretch and bend, 'disgraced' himself within the hearing of all. Miss M. was not amused and admonished us for tittering.

I'll tell you more of my memories in the next issue but, in the meantime, just spare a moment to look at the photograph of my class which is reproduced below: It was taken probably in July/August 1937. They will all now be at least 70 years old. How many names can you remember?



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SATURDAY 13th June 1998 –

YOUR VILLAGE FAYRE

Your Clerk *Reports* . . .

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of the Pembury Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th March 1998 at 8pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Pembury. As yet there has been no confirmation of attendance received from invited guest speakers but this information will be placed on the village noticeboards.

Once again the Parish Council has been very busy over the past year and I will be submitting a full financial report for the year ending 31st March 1997 at the AGM but here follows a brief summary:

Precept demanded from the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for 1996/1997	105,094.00
Income from other sources	27,052.74
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Balance brought forward from 1st April 1996	102,685.42
TOTAL	234,832.16
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Expenditure	133,489.82
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Balance carried forward on 31st March 1997	101,342.34
TOTAL	234,832.16
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Precept for the year 1997/1998	104,350.00
Precept for the year 1998/1999	103,018.27

Just a reminder that there are some vacant Allotments to rent at £15 a plot and £7.50 for a half plot. In addition, the Parish Council Tennis Hardcourt is available for use all the year round at £9.50 for one month, £13.50 for two months and £37 for a whole year!

If you are interested in either of these items please contact me on Pembury 823913 during office hours.

Barbara Russell, Clerk to the Council

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

The evidence of Spring is all around and we are now concentrating our minds on this our 25th anniversary year of the formation of The Pembury Society together with the approach of our Spring Meeting on Monday 27th April.

Regarding the anniversary, it has been suggested in Committee that to mark the event we should consider a summer barbecue and a get-together of all our members; the overall pleasure this would bring would be tremendous but the practical aspects would be daunting! We can't think of a suitable location in the village that would be big enough to allow five hundred or more to mix and enjoy themselves, whilst the catering for a party of this size would present a few logistical problems! We don't like to be negative (except where certain planning applications are concerned) but maybe some of you have an idea on how and where we could stage a party of this nature?

Our Spring Newsletter will be sent to members within the next few weeks and in this we will keep you informed of the work the Committee has carried out on your behalf since the Autumn of last year. At the Spring Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 27th April we hope, once again, to bring to you speakers from the area of Pembury. Were you there at the excellent Spring Meeting of last year when Dr. Peter Patisson and Hugh Boorman were the speakers and made the evening so memorable for us? If we can match that, then it should be another great success.

If you or yours are not members, then just telephone Kent Watts on 822770 and he will do the rest. The cost is negligible and the benefits prodigious.

Derek Johnson

PEMBURY WRVS LUNCHEON CLUB

THE Pembury WRVS Luncheon Club meets on Wednesdays from 11.30am to 1pm in the Village Hall.

There is time for a chat before the well-cooked meal is served, followed by tea or coffee. Meals are available for vegetarians and those on special diets. The cost of the meal is £1.80 and tea or coffee is 20p. Transport can be arranged to and from the Village Hall.

We have some vacancies at the moment and we would be pleased to hear from you if you or your friends would like to come along. Please let us know if you are interested. Contact **Anne Green** 824104, or **Marie Williams** 822737, for further details.

PEMBURY PAGEANT

The evening of Sunday 8th February saw the Upper Church of St. Peter filled with a congregation who came to witness a pageant depicting the history of Pembury from the time of the monks from Bayham Abbey until the present time. It included, as the picture shows, the enactment of the trial and burning at the stake of Margaret Polley and the fear expressed by Anne West of being buried alive and the placing of a meal



each day at her tomb by her butler.

There were scenes showing the Amherst Family giving the land and paying for the construction of the Alms Houses to the Village as shown in the Church Warden's accounts in 1736; the growth of Pembury in the nineteenth century and the plans to build St. Peters; and the Parochial Church Council in the late 1980's and their vision to re-order the Church as you see it today.

The pageant was directed by Pauline Franks, lighting was arranged by Derek Goodwin and the cast, made up of members of the congregation, Junior Church Choir, shop keepers and many more were led by the Vicar, Stephen Sealey. The Pageant was also a celebration of the 150th Birthday of St. Peters.

The evening was a huge success and congratulations to all those involved.

Hugh Boorman

RIDERS IN MARSHLEY HARBOUR WOOD?

WE RECENTLY received a note from the Matfield and District Riders Association (MDRA), for information, which I thought would be beneficial for the local community. In fact their letter got me curious, so I contacted them and arranged a horse ride with one of their members to see just what they had been up to.

MDRA have been established now for about 15 years and have worked hard to obtain permission to ride in certain areas otherwise not designated to horse riders. Not only do they use the public bridleways, such as Little Hawkwell, but they have gained permission to ride through Cinderhill, allowing them to ride right through to Pembury without having to go on the main roads. At Cinderhill the Association have made the gate which allows them access across private land leading into Pembury.

Once at Pembury they have also got permission to ride in Marshley Harbour Wood (behind the school); permission sought from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, at a cost. Here they have built a bridge allowing them access to the top of the woods without using the main path. Also they have helped out here in the past, clearing the public footpaths. They did once have a sign up in the woods warning of horse riders – however it was vandalised.

If you come across them whilst out walking in the woods they are the riders who carry a membership badge on their hats and are clearly recognisable due to this and their good manners. If you have any queries (or complaints), please, I have been asked that you phone Mrs Merritt on 823370.

Julia Croft

VANDALISM AND LITTER

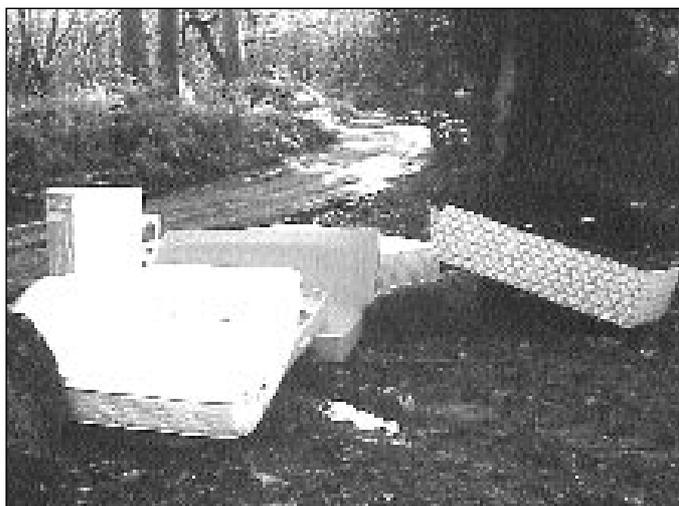
THERE HAVE been some minor incidents of vandalism since the last issue but more recently one of the village youngsters was spoken to by the police and identified by a parishioner for damaging road signs. We are obviously hoping that it results in court proceedings and not just a slap on the wrist.

Unfortunately Christmas time is always one of the worst when it comes to rubbish being dumped in the woods and lanes around the village as our picture shows. Of course it could have come from someone who is not a Pembury resident and they certainly did not leave a forwarding address.

We must congratulate the police on their recent arrests regarding drugs and credit cards but we must not forget the increase in what they regard as minor crime. The pressure must be maintained for more policing in the area, after all we pay for it.

For those not wishing to join the Neighbourhood Watch, why not team up with two or three neighbours and take irregular strolls along your road, hopefully disturbing any would-be criminals.

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PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) F.C.

Alex Ferguson doesn't know what football management is! Ring the opposition, book the pitch, find a referee, ring all the players, run the training, wash the kit, run the line, collect the fees, sweep up the changing rooms, fill the match card, pay the referee, ring the League to register the result. If that sounds an exaggeration – it is in fact what most managers of the Club do – week after week during the season.

The payback is watching 13 or 14 boys playing a game they love, and sometimes winning! It is my good fortune to run the current Under 17 team, a group of boys that I have been associated with for over eight years. I have watched them progress from soul-destroying 16-0 defeats to a superb season last year when we won the League, appeared in two cup semi-finals and gained promotion. They also received a commendation from the Crowborough and District League for their standard of play and discipline. They remain the only team ever to play through to Under 16 without receiving a caution, whilst winning a League title.

It was the standard of play and attitude of the players that finally convinced a major employer in the town, Cornhill Insurance, to sponsor the team three years ago and the team have enjoyed the company's support ever since.

This season the team look like finishing at least third in the A League – an excellent performance in what will be their last season in youth football before progressing to the senior village sides, for whom some of the boys are already playing.

THE UNDER 15 SIDE have also been together since they were eight years old, being managed until very recently by Keith Mearing, who has now moved away from the village. The team now has an administrator in Sally Young and the youngest Player Manager I have ever heard

of – James Young. We all wish James the best in his role and the Club have pledged full support for this ambitious young man. The team are also past League winners having won the Under 11 League title a few seasons ago.



The Under 15's also boast an eccentric goalkeeper in Fred Weaver. With the team cruising to a big win he raced up the field to take two penalties during one game – not only missing both but conceding a goal to the opposition who got to his goal quicker than Fred did – still, an 11-2 win was excellent consolation!

All the boys are a credit to Pembury Athletic, playing good open football in the traditional Pembury style. Both teams are mostly made up from Pembury boys, with the odd “guest” and the Club – like the Scouts and Guides – provides a way of boys retaining contact after they go their separate ways into senior education. Over the years they have earned the respect of other clubs and neutrals alike with their excellent attitude. Both teams play on Sundays, so if you are at a loose end why not pop up to Woodside (afternoons U17) or the Recreation ground (U15) to see if there is a game on and give your support. With the U11, U12 and U13 teams (also playing 11-a-side League games) already established, and teams coming through from the Mini-Soccer Section, the Club looks to be in the best shape for years. It is now providing organised sport for over 160 of the youth of the village from ages six to 17. Long may the Club continue to grow – up the black & whites!

Ben Coombes,
Secretary



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HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

THANKS to some very successful Christmas activities in the village, Pembury Hospice Link Group has passed its second target of £10,000 to pay for the building and equipping of a coffee area for patients and their visitors. This part of the building will be named after Pepenbury, Pembury's mediaeval name. Having previously paid for the building and equipping of a bedroom, the Pembury room, the Link Group has now raised over £41,000 since April 1995, which shows what tremendous local support has been received. The surplus will go into the general building fund towards the sum still needed to complete the Hospice on schedule by July.

The big Christmas boost to funds came from four events. The Pembury Players put on another excellent pantomime, "Puss in Boots", which raised £2154 from four sold-out performances. With all costs met by estate agent Denise Barnes' generous sponsorship the whole amount went to Hospice. Notcutts, in return for a little help with ticket selling by Link Group members, kindly donated £750 from the proceeds of their Father Christmas Grotto and the Darby and

Joan Club also gave £100 after the Group provided the refreshments at their Christmas party. Finally, Sandra's House, the nursery school in Lower Green Road, put on a Christmas performance in the Village Hall and generously gave Hospice all of the £228.60 raised from ticket sales and donations on the day.

This last event deserves special mention because all of the performers were under five years old! Their show opened with a song and dance routine by some "jolly snowmen" and "twinkly Christmas Trees". The "tiny tots" of the Nursery made their stage debuts by decorating a tree before eagerly greeting Father Christmas (alias Fergus Ryan!) with their version of "Jingle Bells". The older (3 1/2 to 4 years) children, looking resplendent in their costumes, then presented their own "Celebration of Christmas", enacting the Nativity through storytelling, mime, dance and song.

From Christmas to summer flowers – the lovely garden at Cedarwood, Woodside Road, will again be open in aid of Hospice from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 21st June. It is well worth seeing, so make a note in your diary now.

FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

There will be a Flower Festival in the Old Church during the weekend 27th/28th June next.

We will be in contact with all Village Organisations but if anyone is interested in creating a display, contributing flowers or helping please contact **Sarah Clarke** on 823932.

Quite by chance, the Editorial Committee received separate articles from two correspondents raising the question as to whether Pembury is now too large to still be called a village. We have decided to print both these articles to encourage your views on the subject.

IS PEMBURY A VILLAGE . . . ?

WE ARE often told we live in a rapidly changing world and while we may from time to time feel the need to stop the world and get off it seems “progress” cannot be thwarted.

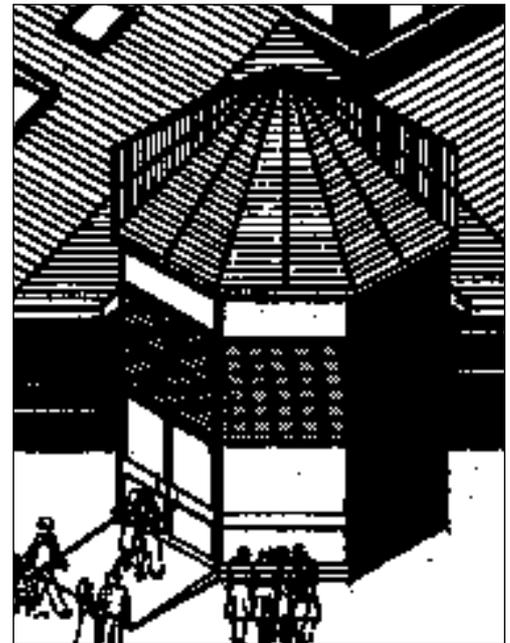
Here in Pembury we have lost in recent times a baker, a newsagent, a butcher and our retail services have been reduced to an absolute minimum: perhaps the heaviest blow was the loss of one of our banks suggesting business in the “village” is expected to further reduce.

Can we therefore rightfully claim that Pembury is still a village. If so, what is the focal point the centre of village activity?

I would suggest that the Village Hall is perhaps the last bastion of village life. Ours caters for all the principal village activities being home for the WI, WRVS Lunches, Bowls, Dancing Classes, Pembury Players, the Market, Darby and Joan Club and other activities too numerous to mention here. This surely helps Pembury maintain its village identity.

Our Village Hall has long provided reasonable facilities for village needs but is now showing signs of old age, you might say it is in the early stage of arthritis in the joints. It is therefore heartening to know that strenuous efforts are being made to raise sufficient capital to rebuild the hall and thus enable it to continue in its role for many years to come with, hopefully, increased facilities to accommodate a wider range of activities.

Dennis Dawes



. . . OF COURSE IT IS!

QUITE recently I overheard a comment which I have heard several times before, “Pembury is not a village anymore.” What are people’s perceptions of a village; little thatched house, no new businesses, quiet seclusion?

I could understand that comment if made in the sixties or seventies when there was major development in the village but thankfully, since then, it has been restricted to much smaller additions and long may it stay like that.

In my opinion it is the people who live in Pembury who make the difference whether we are a village or not. It is the people who partake in the wide variety of organisations and societies, sporting or passive, or are quite happy to relax and watch.

There are of course many caring groups of people as well who take the responsibility of entertaining and providing enjoyment for the young and elderly, i.e. Darby and Joan, Luncheon Club, WVS, YMCA, Football and Cricket Clubs, Church Sunday Schools and many more.

If you are lonely or not aware of what goes on in the village look in the back of this magazine, you will be amazed at how many different groups there are.

If you have any fresh ideas, please let us know.

We would all like to have more facilities for the youngsters, the next generation of villagers, to make them and their families want to stay in Pembury and maintain the continuity of village spirit.

Unfortunately, there will always be an element of people who like to keep themselves to themselves and perhaps we cannot alter that.

But then there is the other element who are quite happy to disrupt other peoples lives with their unsociable behaviour and thankfully their days are numbered with the introduction of the new Public Order Act. These people will never belong anywhere other than amongst their own kind.

Let us protect what we have got, and with spring and summer just around the corner, let us see the village spirit bubbling.

Hugh Boorman

MILLENNIUM KNEELERS

The response to financing and making new kneelers for the Old Church to celebrate the Millennium has been remarkable. We are absolutely delighted and thank everyone who has contacted us and been so enthusiastic. Designs so far include sunflowers, animals and birds, trees and flowers, Society and Club logos. It would be good to have some of Pembury's historic buildings and houses interpreted. Anybody interested?

Just to keep everyone in the picture, we now have 20 kneelers in the process of being made and at least another 20 interested people or organisations who are waiting for us to prepare their canvas so they can get started - only another 60 to go! Our aim is to have all Pembury's Churches, school, social and charity groups represented - if you haven't already done so, please do join our venture. What about long established Pembury businesses - past and present - joining in.

The cost of materials for each kneeler is £20 but we have also had several offers of sponsorship from supporters who, for one reason or another, are unable to work one themselves. Are there any needle workers or, indeed, enthusiastic beginners wanting to have a go, who would enjoy stitching a kneeler?

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 - 4 Pembury Gardeners: Spring Show – Village Hall
 - 6 Pembury Parish Council – Village Hall – 8pm
 - 7 Darby and Joan Club: Coffee Morning – Village Hall – 10am
 - 10 Procession of Witness – Free Church – 11am
Service on the Green – 11.15am
 - 13 St Peter’s Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
 - 20 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
 - 21 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
 - 27 St Peter’s Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
 - 27 Pembury Society: Spring Meeting – Village Hall – Time to be advised
- MAY**
- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 7.45pm
 - 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
 - 2 Larkfield Hall – Plant Sale starts
 - 5 Darby and Joan Club AGM – Village Hall – 2pm
 - 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Catholic Hill – 2.15pm
 - 9 RNLi Fair – Catholic Hall – 10am
 - 9 Pembury School: Maypole Dancing – Village Green – 10am
 - 11 Pembury Parish Council – Village Hall – 8pm
 - 11 St Peter’s Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
 - 16 Pembury Gardeners: Plant Sales – Village Green – Time to be advised
 - 18 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
 - 19 Darby and Joan Club: Outing to Hastings
 - 25 St Peter’s Photographic Club – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
 - 30 May Fair – St Peter’s Upper Church – 2pm
 - 30 Pembury Gardeners: Outing – Details to be advised
- JUNE**
- 2 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
 - 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Marion Rowe and her Singing Group – Village Hall – 2.15pm
 - 5 Pembury Evening WI: Dr. Welch on ‘Being a Well Woman’ – Village Hall – 7.45pm
 - 8 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
 - 13 PEMBURY VILLAGE FAYRE
 - 14 Pembury Garden Tour – 1.30pm-5pm – Details to be announced
 - 16 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
 - 21 Hospice in the Weald: Garden Open – Cedar Wood, Woodside Road, Pembury – 11am-5pm
 - 26 League of Friends of Pembury Hospital: Champagne Reception – Penshurst Place
 - 27/28 Flower Festival – St Peter’s Lower Church
 - 30 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
Pembury Parish Council – Village Hall – 8pm – Date to be advised
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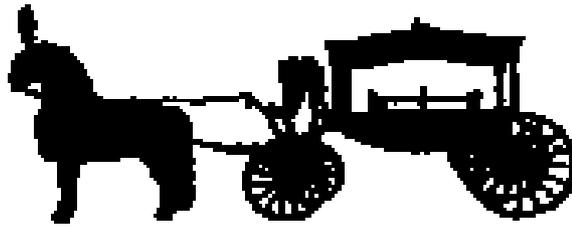
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