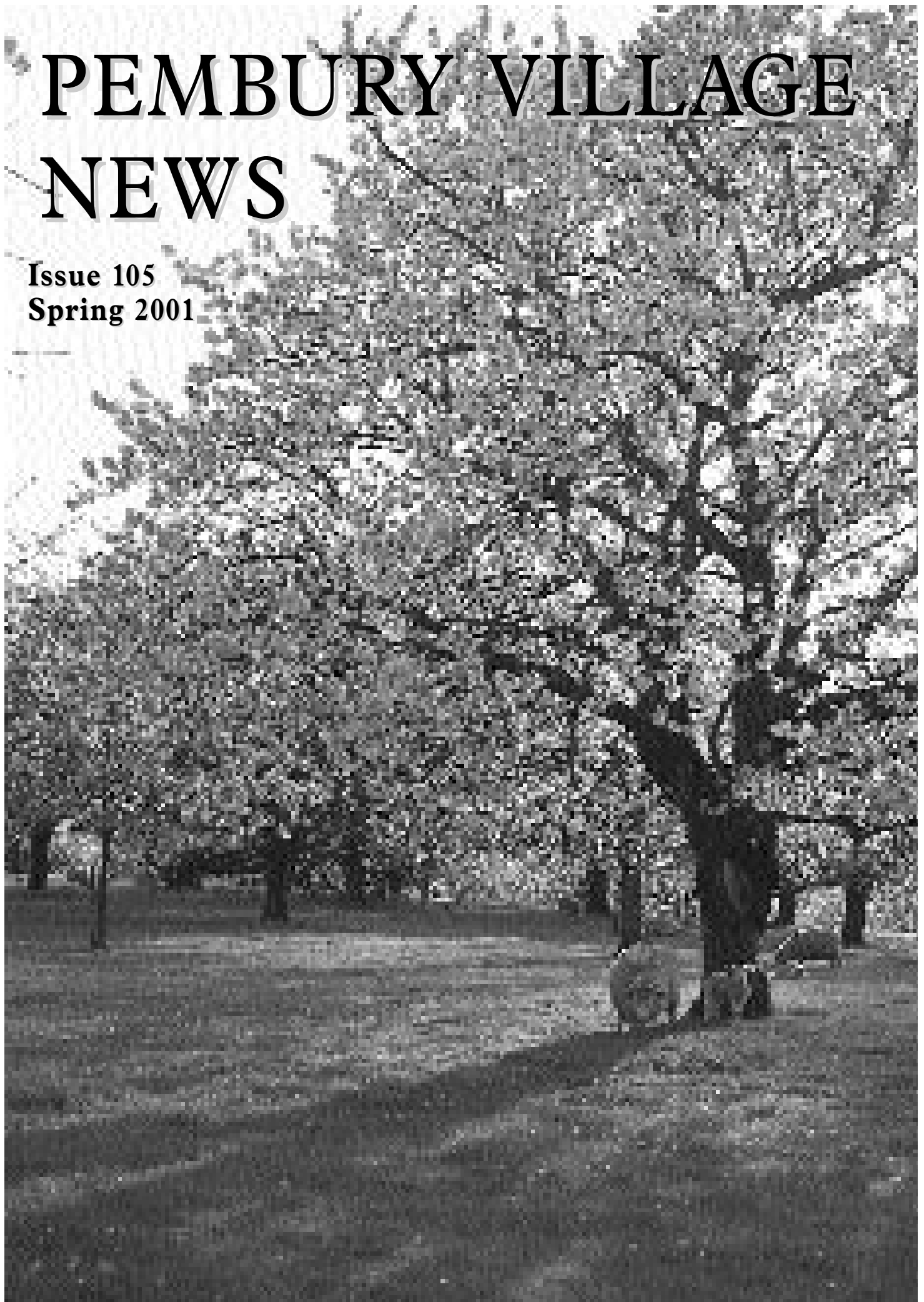


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## NEWS – New Millennium, New Parish Council Photograph!

**T**HE PARISH COUNCIL may seem a remote group to most residents, but I would like to present a bouquet to them at the beginning of the new millennium. These unpaid volunteers (*no, not even any expenses or allowances!*) give time, expertise and willingness to try to help things run smoothly in your village. They get plenty of brickbats, but do not seek any glory or special thanks. They attend numerous meetings, representing the village in other organisations, as well as looking after amenities including sports facilities, allotments, commenting on planning, overseeing finance matters, public relations, burials, local environment, highways, village enhancement (Christmas lights, Pembury in Bloom) and of course the Pembury Village News. Many even have time to be actively involved in many other village organisations!

So thank you, Parish Council, especially those who have put in many years' service.

### Editor



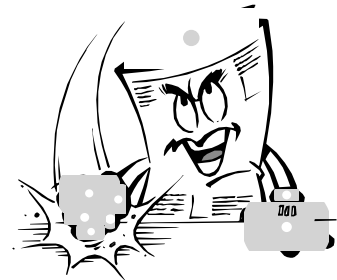
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## PEMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

“**W**HO’S THAT?” you may ask. Coinciding with celebrating the re-opening of the church in Romford Road, the former Pembury Free Church is going back to its roots and changing its name to Pembury Baptist Church.

For over 150 years, the church has been an integral part of Pembury life, aiming from its earliest days at being a place where people from any background could explore and participate in the life changing truths of the Christian faith. For many, however, the term ‘Free Church’ has been a little on the vague side and not done much to describe the essence of what the church was about. Hence the decision to change the name.

For over 100 years, the church has been a Baptist church in all but name and very much part of the ever-growing Union of 2,150 British Baptist Churches and 37 million strong family of Baptist Christians world-wide.

The church is looking forward to spreading the idea that the Christian message has an on-going relevance for today’s and tomorrow’s world. Recognising that there are different needs in a new millennium a fairly major remodelling of the Romford Road premises was commissioned last year. This was recently completed and on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February, the Pembury Baptist Church opened its doors inviting all residents of Pembury to take part in events celebrating the opening of the refurbished buildings. A grand opening and dedication started the weekend off at 2.30pm followed by a Jazz Night that evening and on Sunday a celebration service with baptisms, worship and welcoming of new members.



*David Taylor, Area Superintendent Baptist Union, Pastor David Graham of Pembury Baptist Church, Colin Burgess, Elder, Pembury Baptist Church.*

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## SCOUTS AND GUIDES CELEBRATE

**T**EN YEARS AGO on Saturday April 27th 1991 all the Scouts and Guides in Pembury paraded to the new headquarters building sited off the corner of the Pembury recreation ground. The result of many years of hard fund-raising by the units and parents of the two organisations was realised when the building was finally opened.

Ten years have now passed and on Saturday April 28th 2001 there will be a Grand Open day and coffee morning to which the whole village is invited. The two large halls and central service area house the eight units who use the building regularly. There is always more work to be done with maintenance and improvements and the management team give their time to keep things going for the benefit of the young people in the village.

Come and see what the Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, Guides and Ventures spend their time doing. The urgent need is for adult helpers to run the units, help run the building and assist with fund-raising. The more help we get the easier it is to share out the work that is needed. A little bit of your time can mean a lot to the young people.

Contacts: Mrs J Fichtmuller      District Commissioners for Guides      823002  
Mr M Cartwright      Group Scout leader for Scouts      823235



### **Guides and Scouts meeting times**

#### **MONDAY**

*Sturgeon Cub Pack*  
7 to 8.30pm

#### **TUESDAY**

*1st Pembury Guides*  
7 to 9pm  
*Pembury Trefoil Guild*  
Once a month

#### **WEDNESDAY**

*Magna Scout Troop*  
7 to 9pm  
*1st Pembury Brownies*  
6 to 7.30pm

#### **THURSDAY**

*Rainbows*  
4.45 to 6.00pm  
*Penn Cub Pack*  
7 to 8.30pm  
*Venture Scouts*  
8.30 to 10pm

#### **FRIDAY**

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## PEMBURY SCHOOL'S WALKING BUS

**O**N MONDAY 11th September the Henwood Green Road Walking Bus was 'driven' for the first time from Bo Peep Corner to Pembury School. On board were 12 pupils, four pre-school children, six mothers and Sheila Miller from the Borough Council.

Decked out in fluorescent jackets courtesy of Kia Cars and sporting backpacks donated by NPI, the crocodile made its way successfully to school on time. Various obstacles were overcome and several teething troubles sorted out, including navigating round numerous piles of dogs' mess and the fact that mums with pushchairs couldn't really be the 'driver'.

The end result is a pollution-free labour saving system that hopefully many more people will set up for themselves. Although initially many of the mums accompanied the 'bus' even though they didn't need to, now everything's settled down, no adult needs to walk to school more than three times a week, and mostly only twice. The rota was easy to work out and the children all behave beautifully.

Many of the advantages are obvious, like better health and saving money, but another impressive benefit is getting your pavements mended. If you have broken walkways in desperate need of repair, the quickest way to get them fixed is to set up a walking bus! There is a substantial budget available for these projects and in less than two months, between mid-July and the start of the new school year in September, kerbs were lowered and all the potholes filled.

Last but not least, we would also recommend it for those occasions when there is a fuel crisis!

**Caroline Mazzey**



*Walking bus in Pembury (Courtesy of Pembury School)*

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## THE PEMBURY SOCIETY

**T**HE SPRING MEETING of the Society will take place at the Village Hall on the evening of Monday 9th April, 7.45 for 8pm. We hope to provide a special speaker for the delectation of our members and this will be announced in our Spring Newsletter which will be circulated during March to all who belong to the Society. Do make a note of the date now because it should be a convivial occasion.

You may have seen in the last edition of the Village News that our website at [www.pembury.org.uk/society](http://www.pembury.org.uk/society) is now in place and we would like to thank Alison and Stephen Morton together with Lynne and Paul Taylor who did so much to make this happen.

The Pembury Society is one of the major voices of our village community and it is pleasing to note that our membership is continuing to grow year on year. For those Pembury residents who don't belong or who have always meant to join and never actually become members, the annual fee of £2.50 brings membership for the whole family. Additionally, we do need a few more volunteers to act as distributors a couple of times a year to half a dozen or so nearby houses, so if you are in the mood to do something for the village Society please ring Ken Watts on 823321.

**Derek Johnson**



### **STOP PRESS!**

Our special speaker at the Spring Meeting will be **Laura Ellis, Head of BBC SE**. This is particularly topical in light of the BBC is opening their new sound studio – shortly to be followed by a television studio – in the Great Hall in Tunbridge Wells.

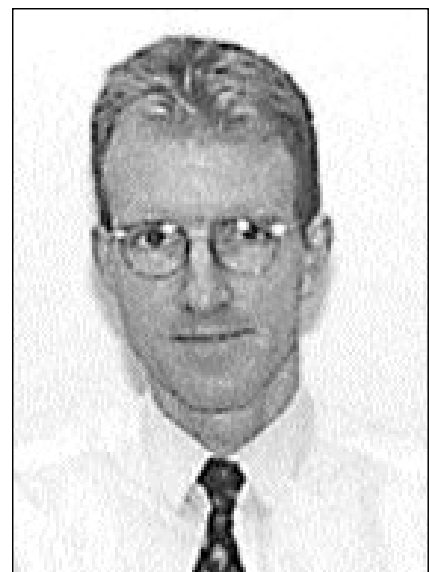
We hope to have an excellent turnout from our members for this high profile speaker. If you would like to come but are not yet a member, do give Ken Watts a call on 823321 who will be able to enrol you in the Society for the extremely modest fee of £2.50 per annum.

## KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLOR – Derek Flint

**I** AM 37 years old and moved to Pembury with my wife, Helen and two children Daniel and Mary nearly five years ago. My wife's parents have lived in the village for over 20 years, my wife having attended Pembury School as both children now do. I work for a property investment company in the West End in London whilst my wife works as a community nurse in the local area.

Pembury is the first place I have lived where I have felt inclined to take an active interest in village life. I sit on the Parish Council Planning, Finance, Amenities & Allotments Working Groups and help out at Pembury Football Club (Under 8s) on a Saturday morning.

With two young children growing up in Pembury I am keen to protect local amenities, such as they are, and if possible help to improve facilities generally.



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## Our Correspondent in Pembury . . .

**P**EMBURY is once again represented in the *Courier's* Community Life columns. I have taken over from Elsie Storey as the new local correspondent for the village.

Every week since Christmas, I would look at the paper and think, "Someone should take this over". After a few weeks I came to the conclusion that it is no good moaning about it and then not doing something about it, so that's how it all started.

I have been a resident of the village for almost 10 years, living originally in Cornford Park before moving to Lower Green Road in 1995.

I run my own Training and Recruitment Consultancy which I started in September 1998 when I decided to resign from my previous job as a Manager with Barclays Bank. I operate out of an office at home whilst designing training events. My work takes me all over the country and over the last 12 months I have been as far afield as Scotland, Northern Ireland and all corners of England.

I have trained staff in a number of large telephone call centres including BSKyB, Thomson Holidays and PowerGen. I also run a number of public courses for the Learning and Business Links Company at West Malling.

Village life has always been important to me. When I first came to the village, I was Treasurer of the Vision 91 restoration appeal for St. Peters Upper Church. I am a Governor at Pembury School where my two children, Adam and Francesca attend and was an active member of the School Parent Association for four years. I 'host' the annual quiz night – more of this in future columns! I also co-managed the Pembury Bearcats small-sided soccer team for three years.

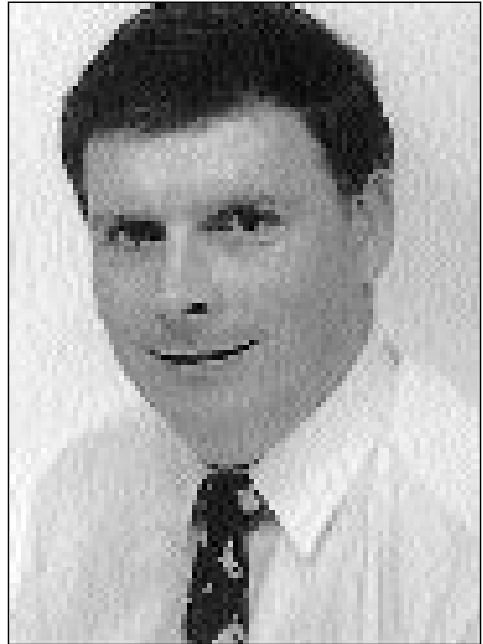
I am married to Kate who works as the Secretary at the Waterfield House Surgery. We have a yellow Labrador called Winnie (as in 'pooh'!) and can often be seen being dragged around the village!

My intention is for the column to reflect life in Pembury. I would like this to be as diverse as possible in order to reflect everyone's interests. To do this I need you to let me know what is about to happen, what has just happened and other newsworthy events that you think the readers would find interesting.

However, I would like this to be about more than just organisations, it should also be about people. If you are doing something interesting or unusual like completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award or running the London Marathon for charity etc, then let me know.

The column will only be as informative and varied as the information that I am given. So please contact me on 824858 or e-mail me your items for inclusion to [keith-m@athelbrae.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:keith-m@athelbrae.freeserve.co.uk).

**Keith Merrin**





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## SNIPPETS . . .

### **Christmas Lights**

First of all, many thanks to Peter Byers and Hugh Boorman who gave up a great deal of time to make the Christmas lights so effective this year. The scheme continues to be a great success and even more shops and business joined in this year giving the village a truly festive look.

Thank you

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**Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 19th March at 8pm** – Your chance to come and see what happens in your village and to meet the ‘movers and shakers’. Pat Cookson of Kent and The Wider World Sustainable Communities Project will be speaking on local sustainability. Kent High Weald Project are bringing a static display about their work.

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### **Our Countryside: the Future**

The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions has set out the Government's ideas about the future of rural England in a White Paper and has published an easy to read booklet summarising the main points. If you would like a copy of the booklet contact DETR Free Literature, P.O. Box 236, Wetherby LS23 7NB, tel.0870 1226 236, fax 0870 1226 237 quoting product code 00 RD 1023.

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### **Help!**

Speaking of things rural . . . Now that everything is bursting into growth, it's a good time to cast a critical eye over your over-grown hedges and trees. Does your tree hide a street lamp, preventing the street being properly lit? Do your shrubs and hedges overhang your boundary, blocking the pavement? Could your lovely roses and thorny shrubs be hanging over just at toddler/baby eye-level? Often we don't realise how our plants can affect others . . .

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### **Pembury Tennis Club**

Can you play tennis? If so, why not join us at the Tennis Courts in the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground any Wednesday evening, Friday evening or Sunday afternoon from

May to September. You will be made very welcome. The season starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May. For more information, please contact Barbara Ballantine on 822156 or Sheila Smith on 822405.

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### **Pembury 2000 mugs – Thank you, Notcutts**

Notcutts Garden Centre invited us to go along and sell Pembury 2000 mugs at their special open evenings at the end of October and November 2000. We were made most welcome and given copious amounts of mince pies and liquid refreshments. Mug sales also went quite well!

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### **Our gallant distributors . . .**

Did you know that the Pembury Village News is delivered to your door entirely by unpaid volunteers? Some are Parish Councillors, others are kind-hearted souls who give half-an-hour or so every quarter to walk round part of the village with their allocation. Inevitably, blips sometimes happen and the News can be a little late – apologies if this has affected you. However, now's your chance to contribute! If you would like to take a little walk round a part of the village every few months or so delivering the News, this would help out enormously. Not only would you get some exercise, but it would share the load of others as well as contributing to the good of the community. Please contact Parish Clerk Barbara Russell tel. 823193 between 9am and 1pm who will be pleased to hear from you.

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### **What a load of rubbish!**

The fly-tippers have been at it again. It is so frustrating that when most people make an effort to help make the village attractive some are so selfish and can't be bothered to dispose of their rubbish properly. I'm sure that they personally would not like a broken washing machine or old bedstead dumped on their front porch. Luckily, there are really easy (and legal!) ways of getting rid of unwanted household items. The instant solution is to

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## SNIPPETS . . . *continued*

take smaller items to the Sunday 'bin-lorries' (12.00-12.55 in Henwoods Crescent, 13.00-13.55 in Herons Way, 14.00-15.00 in Woodhill Park). For larger items, call the Environmental Health Department at the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on 01892 526121 and they will arrange to come and collect it from the front of your house. If you see anybody fly-tipping or notice a new 'deposit', please call the same Environmental Health Department and tell them about it.

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### **South East in Bloom**

On a much more positive note . . . Pembury plans to take part in the South East in Bloom competition again this year. This is a community competition where everybody is positively encouraged to join in. Every front garden, window box and tidy shop front counts! As last year, hanging baskets are to be placed around the village green and the war memorial, the village green and recreation ground will be planted with annuals. Judging takes place around mid-July. Notcutts will again be running their 'Pembury in Bloom' competition for which they offer prizes in various categories: hanging basket, front garden, allotment and commercial frontage (Not just for experts – even your Editor won a couple of certificates!). Entry forms will be sent out in the Summer edition of the Pembury Village News.

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### **RNLI Sponsored Walk on Sunday 8 April**

Please check in with Peter Chatres in

Camden Car Park any time between 11am and 11.30am before you start your walk. Sponsorship forms are now available from Peter – call him on 823759.

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### **The Return of the Pembury Players!**

Despite a slight hiccough in January the Players are putting on a review entitled 'Pepperingbury Sauce!' on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March. The programme is suitable for all ages and tickets are available from Ditchetts Chemist, adults £4, children and senior citizens £3. The venue (with licensed bar) is the new Village Hall, the time is 8pm. Be there!

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### **Pembury Garden Tour**

This very popular stroll round some of the most interesting gardens in Pembury will take place on Sunday 17th June, starting at 1.30pm at 5 Lower Green Road. Gardens vary between small and huge, but all are individual as well as beautiful. Refreshments are on sale at some locations, proceeds to church funds. Tickets from Ditchetts Chemists beforehand and after 1pm on 17th June from 5 Lower Green Road.

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### **Pembury Hospital League of Friends and**

the Rotary Club will be holding a Barn Dance in the Pembury Village Hall on 31st March 2001 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Ditchetts' Chemist and Paul Russell on 01892 529176.

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## OUR SURVEY

**A**LTHOUGH we do get many complimentary things said about the Pembury Village News (plus the occasional brickbat!), we would really like to have your, the reader's, views on various aspects of the News. It would help us a great deal if you could take a few minutes to fill in the survey and post it in one of the special boxes in Ditchetts Chemist, Pembury Library, Lower Green Post Office, Pembury (Hastings Road) Post Office, the Parish Clerk's Office (6, The Grove) or at the Editor's (2, The Coppice).

Many thanks,

**Editor**



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## PEMBURY PEOPLE

*A new feature spotlighting village residents*

**A** FAMILIAR character is often seen walking his dog Meg, along with other canine friends, through the Pembury byways – his name is Alfred ‘Alf’ Pimblett. It was only on last Remembrance Sunday, having seen him bedecked with countless medals, that I suspected that there might be an interesting story attached to this gentleman. Alf is, in fact, somewhat of a war hero.

Having cajoled him into giving me an interview, I visited him at his cosy Pembury home and was astounded to find that he was awarded the Military Medal when on active service as a commando in Burma during the Second World War. Several seminal publications have recorded his bravery when, amongst other commendable actions, he carried his wounded company officer Lt. Col. Pollitt out of the range of enemy gunfire and back to safety. He saw active service in many campaigns ranging from Boulogne to Madagascar. Upon the cessation of the 1939-45 conflict Alf joined the merchant navy and then spent 22 years with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. He was soon back at the front line however when, at the age of 61 he found himself to be the oldest active serviceman during the Falklands conflict!

Nowadays, Alf busies himself by walking dogs for people in the village and being enthusiastically involved with groups such as the Burma Star Association where he serves as vice-chairman. He still corresponds with one of his old Japanese adversaries and has enjoyed a visit to Japan for a conciliatory meeting.

Alf thinks Pembury is a smashing place to live and is overwhelmed by the kindness of his neighbours since his beloved wife of 52 years, Hazel, recently passed away. Alf’s own father lived to the ripe old age of 98, so we hope that with his current fitness regime we will be able to enjoy Alf’s company in Pembury for many years to come.

**Paul Barrington-King**



*Alf with faithful friend Meg*

## SUPPER AND SONGS AT KENT COLLEGE FOR PEMBURY SENIOR CITIZENS

ON SUNDAY 10th December, Kent College, Pembury, opened its doors with a warm welcome to 70 older residents from Pembury for supper and carols at the independent girls' school in Old Church Road. Many of the visitors live alone or are largely house-bound and the event gives them an opportunity to experience some of the Christmas celebrations and to meet up with old friends.

The annual Boarders' Carol Service is one of the highlights of the school's festive events. Students enjoyed chatting with the local residents over Christmas tea before entertaining them with carols, accompanied by the orchestra, around a huge Christmas tree. Prayers and a short service were given by school Chaplain, Revd Jacky Quarmby.

There was time for a mince pie and mulled fruit punch before the visitors were transported home by school staff.

**Suzanne Rowse**



*Katherine Balmer (13) from Sevenoaks and Laura McKay (14) from Australia with Mr and Mrs Stevens of Beagleswood Road, Pembury*

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## KENT'S BUS STRATEGY

**E**ACH YEAR Kent County Council spends over £2.5million on supporting bus services, much of which is used to fund routes that are not commercially viable to the private bus companies that have operated since deregulation. As all local authorities are under continuous pressure to save money and because of the scale of this spending the County are anxious to make sure it is being used most effectively and in the right areas. As a result, last year Kent examined bus and other transport services in some detail and produced 'A Bus Strategy for Kent'. This sets out a whole range of objectives including work to:

- Identify and map out the exact local bus transport needs across Kent;
- Examine how the financially supported bus service operators are actually performing;
- Arrange improvements to bus information, public safety and reliability; and
- Develop more integration between busses and other forms of transport.

Additionally, the County Council wish to build on their existing work with Borough Councils such as Tunbridge Wells, by extending this to local communities through Parish and Town Councils. The first step in this will be working together on identifying problem areas and local communities where local bus needs are not being met. A further stage will be looking at the possibility of providing new 'community based' services. How this would work is still unclear – particularly insofar as funding is concerned. However, the government's recent Rural White Paper raises some interesting possibilities and the Countryside Agency will apparently have some money available in the future to assist Parish Councils 'implement small scale local transport solutions'.

So what do you think? What are the current bus service problems in Pembury? Are there markets for new services? Would you be prepared to pay directly towards local transport solutions? If you have any views please write to the Parish Council and let us know.

**David Coleman**

Vice-Chairman of Pembury Parish Council

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## The 'Terrible' Teens! – Triumphs or terrors? Pride, or problem?

**D**O YOU HAVE teenagers in your family? For some, the experience is one of pure joy, watching their children mature and move almost seamlessly, it seems, into adulthood. For others this is a time of total bewilderment as the teenage years become filled with behaviour we do not recognise, a pushing and testing of the boundaries, our children become unrecognisable. Have we gone wrong somewhere or are our teenagers as puzzled as we are, wondering and uncertain about what the world expects of them? For most of us, perhaps, they are sometimes a cause of pride and sometimes a problem, but certainly not the easiest time of their lives for them or their parents.

On April 24th at 7.45pm in St Peter's Upper Church parents, whether you have survived the teenage years, are about to go through it, or are presently gritting your teeth through the experience, are invited to come and hear a speaker on just this subject and who will be available to listen and respond to questions. We would like to think that many may wish to take advantage of a support group which will continue to meet regularly.

Refreshments will be served. For more information contact **Pauline Hawker** (824327) or **Heather Hughes** (822764)

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# FLOWERS IN PEMBURY

## SHELIE'S FLOWERS

**I**T IS NOW two years since I opened the florist's Shelie's Flowers in the High Street, Pembury. I would like to say how pleased I am with the local response and the interest and support given to the shop by local people. Trade is going from strength to strength and I have had some very good feedback from many customers.

Now that my family is grown up, I have three children Nicholas 29, Clare 27 and Alison 20 and grandchildren as well, I am able to give more time to the shop. However, I couldn't do it without their support and help. Often they will rally round and do deliveries and assist in the shop at busy times.

Having lived in the village for 14 years, my husband actually moved here as a boy in 1949 – his parents were old Pembury people – I feel I know a lot of the residents very well. Therefore when I realised my ambition to have a florist's shop it was natural to choose Pembury for its location. Since completing three years' floristry training at Hadlow College as a mature student some ten years ago, I had, prior to having the shop kept my hand in by working in two florists shops locally and by doing weddings and other floristry work from home. However, now with the shop going so well, I am able to do a far more varied selection of work from weddings and funerals, to corporate arrangements for local businesses and, of course, special occasions such as Valentine's and Mothers' Days.

**Shelie Green**

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## FRIENDS WEDDING FLOWERS

**S**OME YEARS ago Betty Perryman and then again more recently Mabel Luck thoroughly enjoyed offering the brides who married in the Old Church a unique service. The Church was decorated beautifully with their wedding flowers and any profit was donated to church funds.

Sadly, Betty Perryman and Mabel Luck have now been dead for quite some time, but last year a group of us ladies who normally arrange the flowers for Sunday Services, obtained the Vicar's permission to start up this idea again.

Our name is 'Friends Wedding Flowers' and we really only exist to offer brides who marry in the Old Church, the option to choose us to decorate the church for their wedding day. One of our ladies, a professional florist, is able to supply all the other wedding flowers, bouquets, button holes etc. This saves time and allows any particular colour scheme to be carried right through to the reception if needed.

We have a price list with several different packages and any profit made will be for the benefit of the Old Church. If any bride who is hoping to marry in the Old Church would like more details, or would like to discuss their requirements, please contact Ann Toler on 824071 or Bidy Willson on 822029.

# PEMBURY IN THE PAST

## The Village Library

**O**UR VILLAGE LIBRARY opened in 1978 but do you remember how you got a book to read before that?

There was a mobile library once a week with various stopping places, the village was a lot smaller in those days. The van only held two or three people at a time, so you had to wait, sometimes in bad weather for your turn.

In the 1950s Mr and Mrs Wraike from Old Romford Road started a small library. This was stocked by a supply of books from the County Library at Springfield, Maidstone. They only opened for two hours on Thursday evening in the room at the back of the institute. Mrs Surridge also used this room in the mornings for her nursery school. Mr and Mrs Wraike were helped by Mrs Winters who came to the village in 1951 and became the secretary at Pembury Primary School in 1953.

Mrs Winters took over the library with eight lady volunteers when the Wraikes retired. These ladies worked on a rota system, three ladies were present at any one time. The Curd family from Romford Road formed the nucleus, these were Francis, Joan and Daisy with the occasional help from Daisy's daughter Susan. The names of some of the volunteers were Mrs Sedgewick, Mrs Gill, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Sprackling, Miss Richardson, Miss Leigh, Mrs Williamson, myself and last, but no means least, Rachel Crosland. Rachel became our librarian in the new library which opened in 1978. Most of these ladies were someone's grandmother and will be remembered.

Other people took over the library as time went by and it is interesting to know that after 22 years there are six of the original volunteers still living in the village. The library grew out of the

downstairs room at the institute and moved upstairs; this room was larger and people could stay for a chat with their friends.

When the institute was sold in the early 1970s, the library moved into the small hall at the primary school. This was a great improvement because there were no stairs for people to climb or transport all the books up!

Every eight weeks a library van came from Springfield. This was a busy time. All the books had to be sorted to go back and new books chosen for replacements. Where possible we roped in a boy and a girl to choose the juvenile section. These boys and girls were generally some of the volunteers' grandchildren. The readers were always glad to see a fresh selection to choose from.

Mrs Winters ran the library until 1976 when she retired and moved to Tunbridge Wells where she is still living at 90 years young. I took over the role until 1978. Sunhill Court and Camden Court were each supplied with a small library where the books were renewed every eight weeks.

Before our permanent library opened, the library was just somewhere to obtain a book to read. Now with such progress and technology at our fingertips the new library includes services such as: videos, audio cassettes, jigsaws, greeting cards, bookmarks, an index of every book available in Kent, a photocopier, careers information, public records, Parish Council minutes, information on local events, transport and organisations, a children's area, it provides books for housebound villagers, a paper copy of the Pembury Village News Internet site and is open 24.5 hours a week. The Pembury library has come a long way since it began, when it was only open two hours a week!

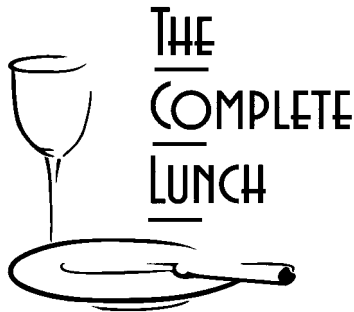
**Mrs D. L. Edmondson**

Current Pembury Library opening hours are:

Monday	Closed all day	
Tuesday	10.00am to 1.00pm	2.00pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am to 1.00pm	
Thursday	10.00am to 1.00pm	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday	10.00am to 1.00pm	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am to 1.00pm	

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## MAKING A SONG AND DANCE

**C**OME AND celebrate years of song and dance at our annual summer fete being held in the school grounds on Saturday 23rd June 2001.

There will be the usual stalls together with some new ones and refreshments available at the BBQ, Tea Tent and Kids Sweet Corner. This year we will be selling lager, beer and wine at our BBQ as well as hot dogs and burgers. For the kids we will have a bouncy castle and other energetic stalls to wear them out (hopefully)!

There will be a musical theme to the fete this year so if anyone would like to come and sing or dance, please let us know. The fancy dress competition returns this year so get your thinking caps on and maybe we will see Steps, S Club 7, Marilyn Monroe or some characters from well known musicals such as Oliver, The Sound of Music, Cats, etc.

Music will be played throughout the afternoon to add to the atmosphere and we are hoping to have a visit from the Air Ambulance – a great thing for the children.

We would like as many people as possible in the village to help and support us. This can be done by advertising in the programme, sponsoring a stall or even donating a prize for the raffle. We will be contacting local shops and businesses shortly.

Hopefully, this year's fete will be the best yet and to do this we will need as much support as possible – so any help is gratefully accepted.

**Helen Hendley**

Secretary, PSA tel. 824403

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## LINDA AND JOHN TURNBULL

**I**T HAS BEEN nearly four years since Linda and John Turnbull bought Pembury Post Office (Hastings Road) and during that time there have been many changes, both inside and out. Both owners and customers welcomed the refurbishment two years ago. Changes in the Post Office with the arrival of the new computer system have meant smoother customer transactions and increased business, particularly in personal banking, bill paying along with travel insurance plus a pre-order bureau de change facility.

Due to the Government's intended changes to benefit payments in 2003 along with the recent opening of Tesco Linda and John have had to rethink the structure of their business.

The retail shop and the Post Office go hand in hand as neither can survive without the other. They have introduced sales of videos, DVDs and CDs which have been very popular. The shop is also the agency for a local high quality dry cleaners which they are very keen to expand. A printing and copying service is also to be added soon.

Much has been said about the threat to urban and rural post offices and how local communities, especially elderly, infirm and the less well-off members, can suffer difficulties without a local post office and shop, so it is important that everyone gives their support to retain this unique service.

Linda and John enjoy living and working in Pembury and in the majority have loyal customer support. However, perhaps we should all now adopt the motto 'Use it or lose it'.

# David Salter

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## PEMBURY EVENING WI

**J**AM AND Jerusalem may be your idea of what the Women's Institute is all about, I am here to say that it is far from the truth. Yes, we do make Jam, and yes, we do sing Jerusalem at the commencement of our meetings but we also hold jumble sales, have craft evenings, go on theatre trips and much, much more.

WI is a way of meeting up with friends every month and enjoying the varied programme that is devised by the Programme Committee. At each meeting we have the business of the month followed by the speaker and then it's a chance to have tea, cake and a chat. We always have a selection of cards to sell together with produce or items brought in by members who wish to sell at the meeting, i.e. plants, books, magazines, bric-a-brac etc. We also hold a raffle and have a competition which at the end of the year the winner receives a cup. You would also have the chance to win a bursary to attend one of the hundreds of courses available to members at Denman College, which is in Abingdon outside Oxford. There are also many District events that are sometimes held at Pembury Village Hall and the surrounding villages.

If you are new to the village or have lived here a long time we would really like to meet you. We meet at the Village Hall on the first Friday of each month commencing at 7.45pm and finishing around 10pm. If transport is a problem then I am sure that another member would be only too willing to bring you along.

There is also an Afternoon WI, which is run by a separate committee and very much on similar lines. The contact for this WI is Edna Morris on telephone no. 822267.

If you are interested and would like to have further information then please telephone Rosie Latter on 822059 (Vice President).



*A typical Evening WI meeting*

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## MY PLOT

I HAVE NOW fully taken stock of the millennium year's harvest. There were one or two failures as usual, but far more successes.

The victories for me were sugar snap peas and French beans – successes all the sweeter because I have never had much luck before with either. Peas have always been spoilt by maggots and French beans ruined by slugs. I shall be growing both vegetables again this Spring.



I also grew Skirret but I have no idea whether I did well or not since I'd never heard of it before. Though it was a new vegetable to me, the Emperor Tiberius knew it well and I must say, like him, I thought it delicious. The roots looked pathetic – rather like a weedy parsnip – but they tasted of creamy carrots.

My last recommendation is a late crop of autumn raspberries. Personally, I think that no one should be without them. They take much less effort than the summer ones because they don't need tying up so much. This is because they fruit on new wood (this year's growth) which doesn't grow as tall and also doesn't have to put up with

any rough winter weather. Plants bought now will crop this autumn. The bliss of fresh 'summer' fruit in late October seems like I am cheating somehow. Everyone should do it.

Finally, my Victoria Plums. From a crop numbering around 2,000 in 1999, my tree managed six in the year 2000. No, not six thousand – six. Fruit trees are well known for having a rest but I hope it wakes up again up this coming summer!

I'm not even going to mention the weather!

**Caroline Mazzey**

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## GILL'S GARDEN

SPRING IS probably the busiest time of the year. Finish planting bare-rooted shrubs and trees (those not in containers) incorporating plenty of compost. Rake out dead thatch from the lawn, spike with a fork or aerator and apply spring fertiliser and weed killer. Establish neat edges and mow lawn on highest cut. Plant new lawns now or lay turf.

Plant new borders. Lift and divide herbaceous plants where they are overgrown; protect new growth from slugs and snails – lemonade bottles cut in half to form a cloche are useful deterrents against both slugs and a late frost.

Stake tall plants such as delphiniums, lupins and peonies.



Plant out snowdrops while they are still in bloom. Dead-head bulbs and trim back winter flowering heathers, cut back ornamental grasses and prune roses.

Prune fully hardy late summer plants such as buddleia, hypericum, hydrangea, ceanothus and hardy fuchsias after the frost has stopped. Sow annuals in March under glass and transplant after last frost or sow seeds directly in ground in May.

Plant up hanging baskets and patio tubs (including water-retaining crystals in the compost to stop them drying out) with petunias, geraniums, lobelia and other annuals. Again check regularly for slugs and snails and guard against late frosts. Keep well watered.

If you have a pond aquatic plants can be split and replanted in ponds in the Spring. Use aquatic compost and place plant in position in a plastic pond basket, cover with stones to stop soil leaking in the pond or fish eating roots before positioning in pond. Now all we need is some warm weather to enjoy the results!

**Gill Matthews**

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## THE ATMOSPHERE

**T**HIS IS WHERE it all happens, weather wise

To gain the maximum forecasting power the Meteorological Office has to gather information from ground level up to around 30 km. As the atmosphere is very complex and has many layers (and as an amateur I am not qualified to deal with accurately) I shall deal with the basics. As my key subject is weather we will primarily deal with the 'troposphere', this is from sea level to a height of approximately 11 km; this is followed by the 'stratosphere' up to approx. 47 km; the 'mesosphere' then rises to almost 80 km and finally the 'thermosphere' peaks at around 100 km, the whole envelope is called the 'turbosphere'.

But now back to the section that we all live in, the troposphere. This is characterised by cloud and temperature which decreases with ascent at the rate of almost 6°C per km. It's within this area that almost all of the atmosphere's clouds exist. The troposphere is deepest over the Equator and varies in depth with the seasons.

Clouds are produced by a range of events

that all lead to significant cooling of moist air. As warm air rises and cools it expands; inversely, air that is compressed from above and is forced down is warmed.

The stratosphere is a lot quieter than the troposphere below. This as the name implies is layered and being a region within which totally unlike the troposphere below has sections of constant temperature or that increase with height. When flying in a conventional aircraft one may have looked up and seen cirrus clouds (mare's tails) these are in the stratosphere.

The mesosphere, or 'middle layer', has a very wide temperature range from its base of around 0°C to its ceiling of around -90°C. This layer also impinges on the lower edge of the ionosphere (The layer reflecting radio waves around the earth.) The thermosphere stretches to the outer limits of the Earth's atmosphere and is again characterised by temperature, this time increasing with height.

My article this time is a bit technical but I have tried to just pick the bones out of this rather 'high flying' subject.

**Mike Stanford**

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## CRIME IN PEMBURY

**WE** HAVE just received the overall crime figures for 1999 which after some late adjustments total 338. The initial total figure for 2000 is 361, this being an increase of 6.4%. Final adjustments may bring this figure down as further police investigations can reveal that no crime was in fact committed or on the other hand they can increase when members of the public belatedly report a crime. The highest figures are still for theft and damage but there is a welcome drop of 12% in reported assaults.

The good news is that the last quarter of 2000 actually is showing a decrease, 71 offences against the last quarter of 1999 which was 74, a decrease of just over 4%. So, well done, everybody. I've no doubt that increased vigilance on your part helped bring about this very pleasing result. But that does not mean that we can now sit back on our laurels. Far from it, because these miscreants are still out there.

My friends will tell you that I am not normally lost for words and yet, shortly after Christmas, the lights on the Christmas tree at St Peters' Upper Church were stolen, the cabling ripped out the ground. These lights were put there for everybody to enjoy and my immediate reaction was to write long pages of condemnation. But I could not get past two words that repeatedly came to mind – 'beyond contempt'.

In the end, I just gave up.

Type of offence – 2000	October	November	December
Arson	0	2	0
Assault	0	5	0
Burglary other type	1	3	1
Burglary	1	1	0
Drainage	10	4	8
Description	2	4	1
Other	3	2	1
Shoplifting	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicles	3	2	3
Theft	5	3	0
Theft of Motor Vehicles	3	2	1
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0
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	28	28	15

**Hugh Boorman**

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## OUR CRAZY LANGUAGE . . .

- . . . In Chinese, why are the words for "crisis" and "opportunity" the same?
- . . . Is it a coincidence that the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable"?
- . . . Is there another word for a synonym?
- . . . Shouldn't there be a shorter word for "monosyllabic"?
- . . . What is another word for "thesaurus"?
- . . . Why can't you make another word using all the letters in "anagram"?
- . . . Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- . . . Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?

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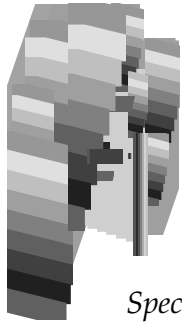
8 April Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	Blessing of Palms and outdoor procession to Upper Church. All Age service with Dramatic Reading of the Passion
	11.30am	Matins – Old Church
9 April	6.30pm	Taize Service of Meditation
	8pm	Evening Service – Upper Church
10 April	8pm	Evening Service – Upper Church
11 April	10am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	8pm	Evening Service – Upper Church
12 April Maundy Thursday	8pm	Eucharist of 'The Last Supper' – Upper Church
13 April Good Friday	10am	Family Service – Upper Church
	11am	United procession of witness from the Baptist Church to Pembury Green with short service at 11.15 am on the Green
	12noon	'An hour at the Cross' – Old Church
	2pm	'An hour at the Cross' – Upper Church
14 April Easter Eve	8pm	Candlelit Easter Vigil service – Old Church
15 April Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
	9.45am	Parish Eucharist – Upper Church
	11.30am	Holy Communion with hymns – Old Church
	5pm	Evensong – Old Church

## St Anselm's

8 April Palm Sunday	10.30am	Mass with blessing of palms
11 April	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Mass, then Confessions
13 April Good Friday	12noon	Stations of the Cross – especially for children
14 April Holy Saturday	5pm	Confessions
15 April Easter Sunday	10.30am	Mass

## Pembury Baptist Church

8 April Palm Sunday	10am	Service: 'Living to Die'
13 April Good Friday	10am	Meditation and Communion
	11am	United procession of witness from the Baptist Church to Pembury Green with short service at 11.15 am on the Green
15 April Easter Sunday	10am	Service: 'Dying to Live'



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### April

- 2 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 3 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'Pipe Dreams' – Richard Sheppard – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday party – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Gardening competition – painted pot container – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo Peep Corner – 2.15pm
- 8 RNLI Sponsored Walk: Footpaths of Pembury – Camden Car Park between 11am & 11.30am
- 9 Pembury Society Spring Meeting – Main Hall, Village Hall 7.45pm
- 9 Floral Art – Meeting Room, Village Hall – 8pm
- 9 St Peter's Photographic Club: Slide show – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 17 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 21 Pembury Sequence Dance Club – Village Hall – 8pm
- 23 Pembury Footpath Walkers AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
- 23 St Peter's Photographic Club: Lecture by Kathleen Bull – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 28 Guides & Scouts Celebration: 10 Years in New HQ Coffee Morning & Open Day – 10am
- 30 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm

### May

- 1 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2 pm
- 3 Borough Council elections – Meeting Room, Village Hall – All day
- 3 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Main Hall, Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 4 Pembury Evening WI: American Supper & muffins competition – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15p.m.
- 5 St Peter's Spring Fayre – Upper Church – 10.30am
- 5 Pembury Gardeners: Race Night – Village Hall – evening
- TBA St Peter's Mothers' Union: Visit to Land Registry – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 12 RNLI May Fayre – Catholic Hall – 10am to 12noon
- 13 Pembury Gardners: Coach trip to Blickley Hall, Norwich – contact 822605 for details
- 14 St Peter's Photographic Club: Guess the TV show – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 14 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 15 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 21 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 29 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

### June

- 1 Pembury Evening WI: Painting with an iron – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Car Park – 2.15pm
- 6 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Talk on China by Rev Bill Simmons – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 7 Pembury Afternoon WI: Slides – Austrian Tyrol & Italian Lakes – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 9 Pembury Sequence Dance Club – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 12 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 15/16 Pembury Players production: details to be announced
- 17 Pembury Garden Tour – start at 5 Lower Green Road – 1.30pm
- 18 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 23 Pembury School Association Fete: Making a Song & Dance – Pembury School – 2pm
- 26 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

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## HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

**M**ANY CONGRATULATIONS to Pembury resident Mrs Jane Boorman who works as a health care assistant at the Hospice and set out entirely on her own initiative at the beginning of last year to raise “£2,000 for 2000”. Twelve months and a whole series of fund-raising events later she had more than achieved her target and this January handed over to the Hospice the sum of £2,300. The number and variety of the events she organised are too many to list here, but as far as she is concerned the highlight of them all was her sponsored walk right round the Isle of Wight last April – 100 miles in six days of almost constant rain! Jane says she could not have achieved the walk without her marvellous back-up team of Pembury Guides, nor could she have raised the rest of the money without great support from her family, friends and work colleagues and particularly many young people of Pembury. Through the Pembury Village News she would like to say a big thank-you to them all.

Santa Claus did a roaring trade at Notcutts during the weekends running up to Christmas and the Pembury Hospice Link Group members who undertook the job of collecting entry money had a busy time. This year Santa sat in a fine castle-like grotto designed by the two young winners of a children’s competition held earlier in the year, who had also specified that he should wear purple instead of the usual red. The grotto was much admired, although a few children weren’t so sure about the purple outfit, but seemed to accept that it was his special suit to celebrate the Millennium, and that he would be back in red next year. An alternative explanation which some parents were overheard giving was that his red clothes were in the washing machine! Once again, Notcutts generously donated the profits to Hospice in the Weald and presented a cheque for the record sum of £1,650.

The Hospice Shop in the High Street would welcome a few more volunteers who could spare a few hours, either on a regular basis or as an occasional relief worker. If you like meeting people you might enjoy this. Application forms are available from the shop. Alternatively there are many voluntary jobs at the Hospice itself and Maggie Brain, the Voluntary Services Manager, is always pleased to tell anyone interested about any current vacancies (820500). At the time of writing she is looking for someone with IT skills in spreadsheets, etc. to help in the office.

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## FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

**T**HE FRIENDS of Pembury Parish Church will be opening the Old Church for visitors each Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm commencing 6th May until the 16th September 2001.

There is now a very comprehensive range of fund raising items for sale during the open afternoons and these make attractive presents for friends or relatives.

The Old Church has been the subject of considerable repair and maintenance work recently. Of course there is always something waiting to be done but the Millennium Kneelers are now in use during Services and new curtains have been hung at the entrance to the tower and they really do look good.

We look forward to having a record number of visitors in 2001.

**Ann Toler**



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10.00am Holy Communion  
(Wednesdays)

#### Old Church

11.30am Matins (except  
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Communion)

Evening services as advertised  
on Church noticeboards

### CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF ST. ANSELM – PEMBURY

Sunday Mass 10.30am  
Holy Days – Vigil Mass  
7.30pm  
Confessions:  
Sunday 10.15am

Weekday Services:  
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Service 7.30am  
Tuesday – Communion  
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We praise God and hear his  
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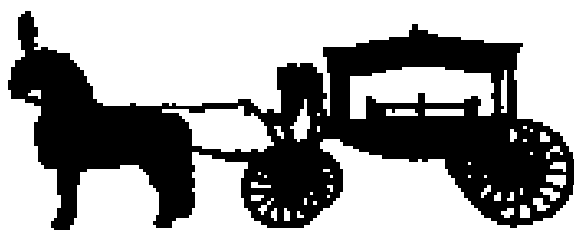
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