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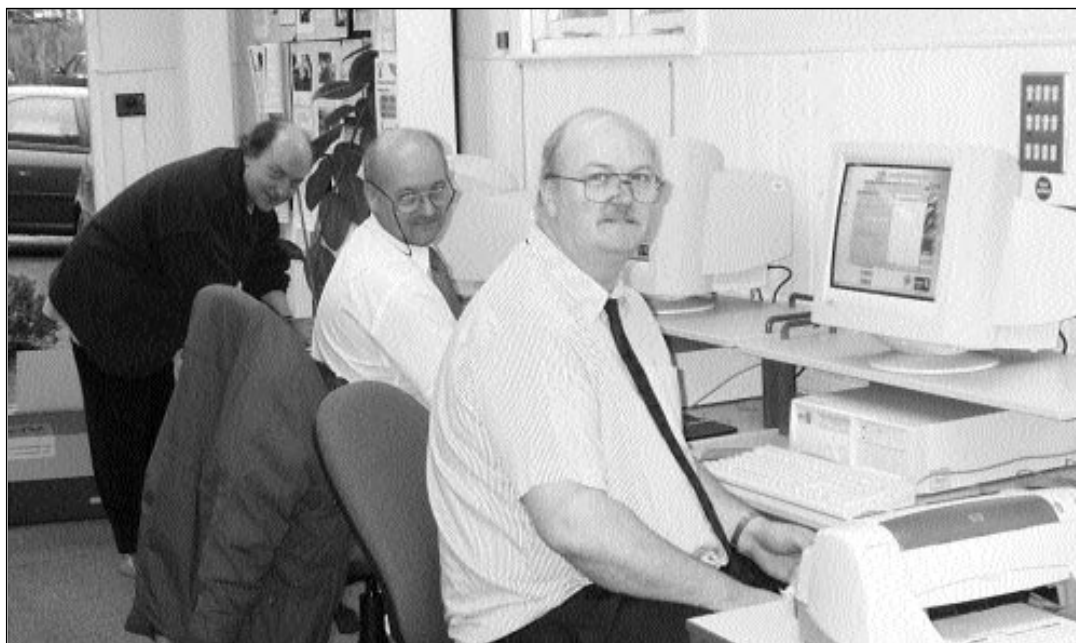
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NEWS

THE COMPUTER AGE COMES TO PEMBURY LIBRARY – OFFICIAL!

ON 21 JANUARY, three brand new computers, complemented by a scanner and printer, found their way to Pembury Library. Part of the New Opportunities Fund (National Lottery) initiative, computers are being installed in libraries across the country to form the 'People's Network' to give free public access to the Internet, word processing, spreadsheets and other facilities.

Pembury Library will also be organising 'taster sessions' for anybody who is interested in taking up the IT challenge. Pembury residents who have not yet tried computing are particularly welcome – just contact the librarians to find out more (tel. 822278)

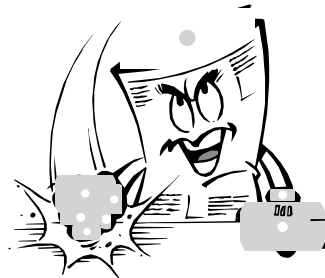


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If you use a computer to type your article, it would be extremely helpful if you could send it in on disk or by e-mail. If you do not have a disk, we can supply you with one.



NEWS

A BBC FILM CREW visited your Editor to do a bit on the Millennium Book! Gasp! It was to go out on a 'magazine' programme on BBC1 and BBC Choice on 'The Johnny Vaughan Show'(!). I hadn't quite grasped what the show was as it hadn't been broadcast yet. Oh well, there's no such thing as bad publicity . . .



PAUL RUSSELL

In recognition of his unstinting support of Pembury activities, especially in heading up the teams running the Village Fete on the Green and the November fireworks, Pembury Parish Council presented Paul Russell with a certificate of merit at the December Council meeting. Many thanks, Paul!

CUBS AND BROWNIES

Cubs and Brownies pictured at the War Memorial in November.



PEMBURY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

(known amongst some as the Pond Club!)

THE POND CLEARANCE project got off to a tremendous start on Saturday, 5th January. Seven volunteers joined Matthew Pitts of the Kent High Weald Project for the morning. Matthew supplied the know-how, tools, Stop-Go signs and a hardhat for everyone. The pond, where Dislingbury Lane becomes Half Moon Lane at the junction with Pembury Hall Road had become seriously overgrown and experts at KHWP agreed that it could be renovated.

Permission was given by Hadlow Estate, the owners of the land, for the work to be carried out and Steve Morton with his digital camera recorded the action.

Work began by clearing young, mainly sycamore trees and a large overhanging willow tree from the edge of the water. This will allow more light in and help smaller, less vigorous plants to return which in turn, will encourage insects and birds back. Some large logs were left around to provide habitats for small creatures and the narrower branches were



Pond before . . .

chipped using a shredder. Work is continuing and the more pairs of hands there are the better. To find out the date of the next working day, do 'phone Hugh Boorman on 823068.

It is hoped that the pond, which – as far as we can tell – is anonymous, can be given a name. If anyone has a suggestion, then they should let Hugh know. In fact it would be nice



. . . Pond during . . .

to turn the group into a proper club and that will need a title too. So as well as joining in, you could also invent the new club's name.

There are more projects planned. Firstly, there is mending the hedge along Redwings Lane. This will involve replanting some of the gaps with suitable trees like Hazel and bending down existing tree branches in the traditional hedge-laying technique. The farmer who usually flails the hedges has agreed to leave them uncut this

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PEMBURY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP *continued*

year so that the long stems that are needed can develop.

Secondly, since becoming a footpath when the by-pass was built, the old road Rowley Hill at the end of Church Road, has grown over and needs a tidy up. A dog poo bin is also going to be installed.

In the future we also hope to do more things in the middle of the village. Any ideas?

Let us know. The phone number again – 823068.

Hugh Boorman



. . . Pond finished

HIGHWAY MATTERS

PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL recently met James Whitehorn, the Highways Manager at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to discuss various highways issues in Pembury.

Traffic management in Lower Green Road was a hot topic with urgent action required to slow down traffic near the school and to try and come up with effective ideas to reduce heavy and often dangerous parking near the school at peak times.

Remedial work is to be carried out to Cornford Lane to shore up the banks and repair the surface. A drain leak has now been fixed and it is hoped that flooding will no longer be a problem. Various ideas were discussed on how to control traffic flow along what is essentially a rural back road but which is being used as a 'rat-run', particularly by commuters short-cutting through the village.

Pembury Walks junction with the A21 presents some problems as jurisdiction is with the Department of Transport but the

possibility of an experimental temporary order to stop right turns towards Tonbridge is being explored. Similarly, the junction across the west-bound A21 into Pembury at Bo-Peep continues to raise concern.

A scheme in the High Street involving the traffic island opposite the pedestrian entrance to Tesco and an inter-active 30 mile per hour speed sign is also under consideration.

Mr Whitehorn also outlined a proposal for enhancing the pavement areas each side of Camden Avenue. Further work was needed on the exact details, but if accepted this scheme could go ahead in the near future.

On the plus side, Pembury had benefited greatly from recent additional highways funding, receiving about a quarter of the total amount for the area.

Finally, it is hoped to obtain sponsorship for the planters at Woodsgate corner to cheer them up with some more exciting and creative schemes!

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CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

YOU CANNOT fail to notice what this special year is and the Parish Council Public Relations Working Group have arranged a few events that we hope will appeal to everybody from all parts of the community. Do make a note of them in your diaries!

Firstly, on **Saturday 18th May 2002** at 8pm we are holding a **1950s Buffet Supper Dance**. It will be a 'posh frock/black tie' occasion and we hope that people will come dressed in the style of the 1950s. The event will be held at the Village Hall which will be suitably decked out. Live 1950s music will be played courtesy of West Kent College and a memorabilia table will be on display. (If you have any items for this I would be glad to hear from you – my contact details are below.) Tickets – which cover supper, dance and cabaret – cost only £10 per person and will be on sale from the Parish Clerk (Barbara Russell, tel. 823193) during office hours (9am to 1pm), Ditchetts the Chemist and through village organisations. All you need to bring are your own drinks. There will be a raffle with the profits going to the British Legion.

Secondly, on **Saturday 15th June 2002** commencing at 6.30pm we will have a **Musical Picnic On The Village Green**. We will be holding a fancy dress competition for school age children living in Pembury to find the best King and Queen. Entrants can come as any king or queen from British history. Judging will commence at 7pm. The winners will have

the honour of opening our Golden Jubilee Fete on the Green in their costumes on 6th July and will receive a special Golden Jubilee prize. This is completely free but, of course, you will need to bring your own picnic and chairs/rugs to sit on.

Live music will be provided by the Syncopators, mostly light jazz/easy listening. However, if you would like to entertain the pic-nickers with your own singing/playing, do please let us know. The Syncopators will happily provide backing as well as use of their PA system.

Thirdly, following on from the success of the Village Fete on the Green last year we are going to hold the **Golden Jubilee Village Fete On The Green on Saturday 20th July 2002**. Of course, the one thing we would really like is good weather, but I know that whatever the weather it will be a great day. All the usual stalls will be present with music again plus new stalls. The theme will be 1950s and I hope as many as possible will come along dressed in the style of the 1950s. Parish Councillors will be particularly encouraged to wear the 1950s look. Please feel free to join in with the spirit of the day.

I do hope that one of these events will appeal to you or even all three; it will be great to see you there.

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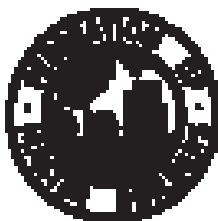
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MEETING WITH ARCHIE NORMAN MP

THE A21 DUALLING, Pembury Hospital and policing in Pembury were among the topics discussed when members of the Parish Council and Pembury's Borough and County Councillors asked to meet Archie Norman MP in November.

Mr Norman reported that the feasibility study on the A21 dualling between Longfield Road and Tonbridge was progressing well and would be considered by the Secretary of State at the turn of the year. The study was to include not only financing proposals but also routing options and environmental impact assessment. The next stage would be a public enquiry and, if approved, construction work could start around 2006/7. A by-pass at Colts Hill was also under discussion.

On the hospital front, progress was being made on preparing design requirements and planning related issues for the Pembury site which was regarded as being the 'front runner'. Projected start date was in 2003. The Parish Council would be making considerable efforts to ensure that it was involved in the whole process.

Councillors reported to Mr Norman the perception that police response to calls was poor. Mr Norman asked to be informed of specific cases where there was difficulty. The Parish Council would be inviting Superintendent Andy Dolden, the new area superintendent, to meet them to discuss policing in Pembury.

The Parish Council had commented with its thoughts about the implications for Pembury of the Local Plan Review, including Transport Strategy. Responses were currently being put on computer and it would be mid 2002 before the next stage was launched.

Mr Norman will be visiting Pembury to meet parishioners at the Village Hall on **Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm**. if any Pembury resident wishes to raise any points or ask specific questions, it would be helpful to let the Parish Clerk, Mrs Barbara Russell, know in advance so that Mr Norman can give as full an answer as possible on the day.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

THE HOSPICE opened two more beds on 21st January taking the number of available beds up to ten. The national nursing shortage delayed the earlier availability of this much needed increase. Funding and nurse availability will determine when we can open a further two.

On the fundraising side two events are due to be held at the hospice as part of our new Arts Festival Week. On Tuesday 30th April, John Holmes will give an illustrated talk on 'One' The Beatles at 7.30pm. Tickets for this are available from hospice reception price £5 (including a glass of wine). Then on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30 pm a Silent Auction of donated works of art takes place at the hospice. There is no admission charge for this.

On the volunteer side we still need someone with office and IT skills who could come into the hospice for one or two days a week. Further details from Maggie Brain or Kim Brophy on 820500.

You may not know that we have a hospice garden trail, which clearly identifies all the beautiful and some unusual flowers and shrubs in the garden. A write-up with interesting details is available from the hospice reception for £1. You are very welcome to come and enjoy the gardens.

Richard Snow

BUS MIS-INFORMATION

DO YOU THINK buses stop at 6.30pm in the evening?

Do you think there's no such thing as a Sunday bus?

Wrong!

One of our readers contacted us in late November following David Coleman's article about the Kent Bus Strategy in a previous issue. He wrote singing the praises of the Kent County subsidised evening and Sunday services and was amazed that so few people knew about these services. We contacted David Hall, Kent County Council Public Transport Manager, to find out more. Kent County currently spends around £200,000 per annum of bus service information out of a total support budget of around £5 million. The money is used for a telephone enquiry line, area timetable booklets, bus stop information and the development of a comprehensive website (www.kentpublictransport.info).

However, David Hall is actively seeking other ways of getting information to town and parish level. Whilst we do not have the space to print all the timetable details here, we have tried to give readers an indication of what is available from Pembury and how to find out more.

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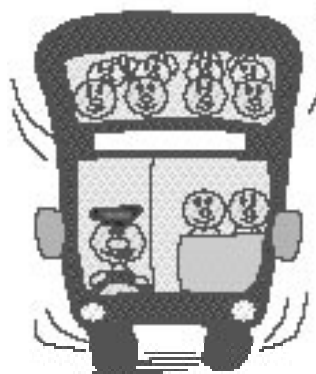
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HMS PEMBURY HOSPITAL

KENT ARTISTS Bruce Williams and Gary Phillips were commissioned by the Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to enhance the appearance of Pembury Hospital corridors as part of the effort to improve the hospital environment for everybody.

New signs and brighter walls have helped considerably, but the nautically themed murals have introduced colour and movement to the long corridors.



DRINKING A TOAST TO THE 1950s

RECALLING THE 1950s, I remember going to the Whisky-A-Gogo Club in Brighton, listening to the big band sounds of the time such as Ted Heath, Stan Kenton, Ray Ellington, etc., sipping a cocktail (or two!), recipes for which I have listed below.

Whisky Sour

Ingredients: Whisky 2 parts
Fresh lemon juice 1 part

Prepare your glass first by dipping the rim into lightly beaten egg white, then into a waiting saucer containing white sugar and salt to obtain a frosted effect.

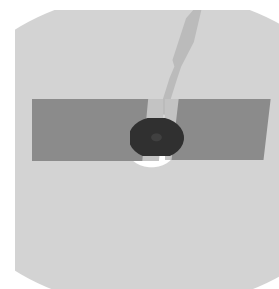
Shake ingredients well in ice, strain into the ready prepared glass and drink through a small straw.

Manhattan Cocktail

Ingredients: Rye whisky 2 parts
Italian vermouth 1 part
Dash of Angostura bitters

Stir well together and strain into a cocktail glass, serve with a cherry.

Ann Owen



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QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

IN RECENT YEARS the Government has introduced a huge range of measures to 'modernise' local government and 'bring it closer to the people'.

Views on this differ widely. Supporters stress the benefits of increasing democracy and streamlining the cumbersome way councils do business. Critics claim that whatever the intentions the proposals merely increase centralisation and reduce even further the power of councils as seen in the massive current programme of house building in the countryside and decreed by Westminster without concern for local views.

Whoever is right – and there is an element of truth in both positions – Parish Councils have moved way up the political agenda as the modernisation process expands. Most recent legislation has highlighted Parish Councils as an important part of local government representing 'grassroots' opinion and delivering services in a way bigger authorities cannot. This has been reflected in increased Parish Council roles and there are suggestions for extending parishes into urban areas.

However, while acknowledgement of the importance of parish councils is welcome there are concerns. Some have worries that ill thought out change will fundamentally alter village life. Others, of whom I am one, are more concerned that not all Parish Councils will measure up to the new responsibilities and the 'Vicar of Dibley' image will continue in some places. The most encouraging measure to prevent this is the advent of the 'Quality Parish' designation.

A Quality Parish is one that is efficient, democratic and delivers services to local peoples' satisfaction. The standards are therefore high. Fortunately in Pembury the Parish Council has been aware of the requirements of good management for many years and has been systematically improving efficiency, effectiveness and our democratic accountability to the point where we already meet most of the quality status requirements as now set out by Government. For example, we have trained and qualified staff, the needs of public consultation are addressed in a multitude of ways including through the Pembury Village News, there are exemplary and unqualified financial accounts open to the public, the monthly meetings provide opportunities for the public to tell us what they think and there is a written annual report to all residents on the Parish Council's performance published each year and circulated to everyone.

However we cannot afford to be complacent and there is still much to do. The opportunities to further develop the interests of Pembury residents' needs to be expanded, working on the excellent arrangements already in place. To this end the Parish Council has recently agreed an exciting range of local aspirations on leisure services, community facilities, transport, computer access (ICT), health and planning which will now be explored with bodies as diverse as the County Council, Health Authority, Tesco, Countryside Agency, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Pembury School and SEEDA. We will also be building on our good existing partnership arrangements with village organisations. Watch this space!

David Coleman

Vice Chairman, Pembury Parish Council

PEMBURY PEOPLE

Mary Standen

IT WAS WITH some pleasure that I received the suggestion that Mary Standen would make a fine candidate for our Pembury People feature. Like many villagers, I have been fortunate to peruse Mary's publications that document our local history. A wealth of research offers us not only wonderful written evidence of days-gone-by but also pictorial snapshots of village life as it once was.

Mary was born in Sandhurst Avenue in 1928. The Standens were a true Pembury family with Mary's grandparents at one time being publicans of The King William IV in Hastings Road. She attended Pembury School for her early learning which she remembers as a true part of the community- a 'happy school with good discipline'. The curriculum placed a strong emphasis on music and Mary soon followed a family tradition and found herself part of the chorus at the school. This early musical experience was, as we shall see, to play an important part in her life.

At the age of 14 Mary was awarded a scholarship to Tonbridge Girls Technical School. We must remember that at this moment in time the Second World war was evident in the skies above Pembury. Mary would often witness the dogfights in the skies over the orchards and, apart from the regular crash landing of aircraft, she vividly remembers doodlebugs exploding on the recreation ground near Sandhurst Avenue.

As the young Mary pursued her studies, it is of note that a well-known village couple influenced her subsequent choice of career. John and Amy Johnson, originally from Liverpool, encouraged Mary and, as a result of the 1944 Education Act, to further her studies not only by achieving the School Certificate but to answer the government's bugle call for more teachers. This activity led her to St. Katherine's in Liverpool which, at that time, was a Church of England teachers training establishment. This college offered Mary two years training in an environment vastly different to life in the village.

Between leaving school and going to college Mary taught at Cranbrook Primary School. On leaving college, Mary taught at Speldhurst Primary School which she recalls as 'A lovely time with just the Headmistress and myself teaching the children'. In fact, Mary must have been earning her stripes because one of Her Majesty's Inspectors intimated that she should move on to greater things and she soon experienced educational life at a variety of institutions. Amongst the seats of learning benefiting from her teaching skills were schools



at Goudhurst, Marden and Hildenborough. In 1964 this eventually led Mary to a Head of Infants post back at Cranbrook and there she stayed until her retirement in 1985.

Just when Mary thought she might be able to enjoy a wee bit of spare time, the Headmistress of Cranbrook asked her if she might be interested in writing a history of the school. The Standens had always had an interest in all things historical and Mary responded to the task with gusto. Having delved into the archives, Mary soon found that there were some significant gaps which she soon resolved by interviewing some of the alumni, an experience she found 'most enjoyable'. The fruition of Mary's labours was published by Meresborough Books.

Seeking new horizons, 1985 saw Mary enrol on Kent University's local history course. The biggest joy of Mary's life was singing with Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society and from 1954 until the end of the 20th century she was the Membership Secretary of this large choir. For the last 21 years she has also been on the team of helpers at the Finchcocks Keyboard and the Royal Tunbridge Wells Competitive Festival for music, speech and drama. The international festivals saw Mary meeting such luminaries as Leon Goossens and Lady Barbarolli. And, of course, Mary was until recently a Trustee of the Charles Amherst Almshouses since her father died in 1974.

The next decade saw Mary continue with her good work but recently she felt it was time to hand over the baton. No such luck! Barbara Russell, the Parish Clerk, asked Mary if she might be interested in an initiative from the European Library. They were keen for towns and villages to publish historical data in a pictorial form. Mary typically responded to the challenge and spent many months delving into her collection of over five thousand postcards. This wonderful publication is now on sale to the fortunate villagers of Pembury.

I asked Mary what she thought of present-day life in Pembury. She felt that life was better since the bypass and that it was nice to see the Old Parish Church being used regularly with the Reverend Stephen Sealy at the helm. Mary also encourages the activities on the village green and views this facility as an intrinsic part of community life. Behind all of the changes she feels that the spirit of Pembury from the past is still alive and well. Although she has not travelled far herself, Mary has been privileged throughout her life to meet many interesting and kind people.

To conclude, on behalf of myself and other thankful villagers, we are eternally grateful for Mary's lifetime of hard work. True history is, perhaps, concerned not just with great individuals but with the great many and Mary has brought this to our consciousness. Her legacy has ensured that there exists a dialogue between the past and the present and it will not be forgotten.

Paul Barrington-King

Sadly, since this article was written, we heard that Mary died on the morning of 4th March 2002. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to her family and friends. The loss for Pembury is immense and marks the end of an era.

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PEMBURY IN BLOOM 2002

GET THE GARDENING season off to a great start by entering this year's Pembury in Bloom Competition 2002, sponsored by Notcutts garden centre and run in partnership with Pembury Parish Council. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, there is an exciting new gardening category for The Best Golden Jubilee Interpretation. So dig out your spades, get ready to shovel into action and share your floral feats with the rest of the community for a chance to win some super prizes.

The Golden Jubilee category encourages entrants to use their imagination and creativity to express through gardening what the Jubilee means to them for their chance to win £50 in Notcutts vouchers. It can be anything floral from exhibits in the front garden to arrangement of flowers in hanging baskets and containers. There are also more prizes to win in five other categories, which are all free to enter:

- The Best Front Garden – Prizes: £100, £50 and £25 in Notcutts vouchers
- The Best Hanging Basket – Prizes: £70, £30 and £15 in Notcutts vouchers
- The Best Container Planted & Maintained By A Child – Prizes: £20 and £10 in Notcutts vouchers
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“We are really excited at seeing the ideas and inspirations that the Golden Jubilee category generates. Gardening is an interesting form of expression and the competition will help to brighten our community. It will also help create community spirit by recognising the importance of this year and what we as a country have achieved throughout the 50 years,”
“The In Bloom competition is a fun way of getting people involved in caring for their local area. We hope to encourage as much enthusiasm as last year”.

The closing date for all entries is Monday, 15th July, 2002. Judging takes places shortly afterwards and the winners names will be announced at a special presentation tea to be held in August at Notcutts garden centre. First prize winners in the residential categories will be entered into a new champions category with effect from 2003.

Don't miss out on this brilliant opportunity, entry forms will be in the Summer edition of the Pembury Village news in June and also available from Pembury Parish Council office and Notcutts garden centre, Tonbridge Road, Pembury.

THE FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

A PART FROM Church Services, Sunday afternoon the 5th May will be the first summer Sunday that the Friends of Pembury Parish Church will open the Old Church to visitors from 3pm to 5pm. It will be open between those times each Sunday until the 15th September.

Do please come to see the magnificent new tower room curtains and the Millennium

kneelers. Our fund raising items have also been updated and these make attractive presents for friends and relatives – every sale helps the repair and maintenance fund for the Old Church.

We look forward to seeing more of you in 2002.

Ann Toler

YOUTH ABOUT TO BLOSSOM AT CHALKET LANE

HOWLING WINDS, driving rain, dark frosty mornings and the usual suspects in the pole positions for the Premier League. This can only mean one thing – the cricket season will soon be upon us. Looking at some of the local grounds of late one wonders whether they will be dry and playable when the time for the first ball is due. Of course they will and the hard winter labours of the Fixture Secretaries (take a bow, Bob Eaton) will bear fruit amid the glorious sunshine of a summer of much content. Well, until it rains again anyway! So what is this yawning preamble to? An extremely bright future for Pembury Cricket Club, that's what!

The main goals of all clubs who play competitive cricket is to win the trophies that are on offer, maintaining the necessary standards to ensure they are there or thereabouts as the season reaches its climax, whilst the players enjoy themselves in the process. To ensure Pembury will always be at the forefront in local policy, nurturing the talent that is literally on the doorstep. So much so in fact, no less than five members of the Club are now qualified Level 1 ECB coaches, aiding the development of a plethora of enthusiastic junior members who are looking forward to performing in regular organised competition this season.

The club continues to invest in modern training equipment, including a new remote controlled (yes!) bowling machine, which will test the mettle of all club batsmen. Good job we have the helmets as well. Watch this space for the injury list in the next issue of this magazine!

The Kent County Village League welcomes two new members this season in Kilndown and Fordcombe to the 2nd Division, so we can look forward to a competitive season on all fronts, secure in the knowledge that a new breed of starlets are snapping on the heels of the current incumbents, ensuring competition for places in the team was keen as ever.

The Club Dinner held at the end of November welcomed well known England Internationals Phil Tufnell and Ronnie Irani as its guests, and the evening was an unqualified success, enjoyed by all. Phil confirmed that the rumours about him are true, whilst Ronnie was as blunt in his oration as he is pugnacious with opponents! Look forward to seeing you all in April.

Andy Weaver

PEMBURY FC's – CONTINUED SUCCESS

FOR THE FIRST time in its history, the West Kent Football League has three teams from the same club in its top three Divisions. Not only does Pembury FC appear in those top two Divisions, but also has its first team top of Division One, its reserves top of Division Two and the 'A' team in second place in Division Three.



On Saturdays the first team continues to struggle against some atrocious luck and some very strong sides in the First Division of the Kent Nuclear League but it must be remembered that this is the highest level that Pembury Football Club has ever achieved. The reserve team on Saturday continues to hold its own in the Tonbridge Premier League after being promoted last season.

The pitches and facilities at Woodside Recreation Ground continue to be a source of pride for the Village. These are, without doubt, the best in the area.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels, and in association with Pembury Junior Football Club, we are actively looking at plans to develop another pitch and a floodlit all weather training area. Land is obviously the problem so if anyone has a few acres to sell please contact us.

Our best wishes go out to Alan Evans, our first team striker, who is recovering from a collapsed lung. Get back soon, Alan or you will never make top scorer this season.

Robin Turner (Acting Chairman)

THE PEMBURY SOCIETY



WITH THE NEWS that the Golden Jubilee Village Fete is to be held on the village green on Saturday 20th July we are beginning to focus our minds on what we can do to ensure that our contribution to the event is once again a success. Our membership is increasing year by year, so it is important that The Pembury Society has an innovative stand at the Fete. If anyone has a bright idea for an adventurous game that is new and suitable for the occasion, then we would be pleased to hear from them.

The February gales finally put an end to the ageing sign at Pembury's Bo-Peep Comer. The one which was destroyed was painted by Jim Holland OBE some years ago and was presented to the village by the Society. Recently, it had become apparent that the painting of the lady would have to be renewed or restored because of weathering. This time has now arrived and we are in discussion with the Parish Council regarding its replacement. The history of Bo-Peep Comer has been shrouded by the passage of time but it has been called this name for several centuries and was important enough to be included on early maps. Why, then, was it so named? Its link with the children's nursery rhyme might seem obvious, but, on reflection, somewhat unlikely.

The earliest reference to Bo-Peep seems to be in 1364 when an Alice Causton, somewhere in England, had to 'play bo-pepe thorowe a pillory' for giving short measure of ale. If the name association suggests a pillory, then it does seem unlikely that one of these would have been placed at this location, so far away from the centre of the ancient village. One of the village greens would have been a better and more central place to erect such a structure so that it could be seen before and during use. I am more attracted to the ancient story emanating from Hastings which says that Bo-Peep was the name given to the Excise men, the sheep were the fishing boats engaged in transporting contraband and the sheep's tails 'wagging away behind them' were either the contraband itself or the rudders of the boats as they steered through the surf to land head-on to Hastings's shingle beach. The words of the nursery rhyme fit this scenario very well. If, then, we look at Bo-Peep Corner, it is in the right location to be a convenient hand-over place for smugglers from the coast to meet buyers from London. It would need only one instance for the Excise men to jump the lot of them during a sale, for the road junction to be called thereafter Bo-Peep Corner.

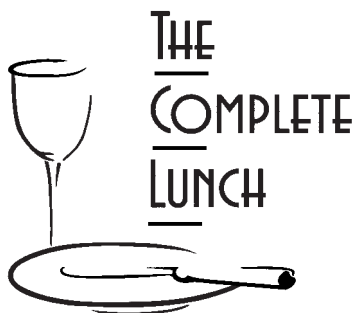
On the other hand, could it be that William the Conqueror, fresh from his success on the battlefield followed by a personal achievement in getting his large army to march 25 miles towards London on the wrong side of the road, might have called a halt just south of Pepenbury. Stopping there for the night, one can imagine him broaching a barrel of his best Bordeaux rouge which he would share with his closest comrades. As evening wears on, the party grows more raucous and Oh, don't they laugh when, for the twentieth time, Willy raises his glass and cries " 'Ere's one in the eye for 'Arold!" (Of course, he says it in French but they still laugh. They knew which side their pain is beurred).

The last words he utters before becoming comatose are a compliment to the barrel of wine and he shouts "Bonne pipe". The sycophants, those who might still be in a condition to attempt the question "Is Paris south or north of Caen?", cry out that this stopping place must henceforth be known as 'Bonne pipe'. So it was, until the English with their innate ability to master the French language and to modify it to advantage, called the place Bo-Peep. I think that this last explanation is the best of all because it's much more fun than a worried shepherdess and marginally more than a smuggler being 'banged to rights'. However, I suspect that conventional Miss Bo-Peep will prevail and that it won't be too long before she is back in place. I wonder if she can sing songs from Auvergne?

Derek Johnson

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PEMBURY IN THE PAST

MISS WALKER'S VENTURERS

IN THE *'Pembury in the Past'* section of the Winter 2001 edition, we featured a photograph of a play put on by the Venturers. Muriel Larkin wrote to us about it . . .

"I really must say a big 'well done' at the way the Parish Magazine is edited, each quarter, there seems to be more interest, and the two recent photos of the footballers and the children in the play set the brain working. I've already sent one to 'The Fairy Queen' of the photo who lives in Stevenage – Hazel Horne; our daughter Ireena was 4¹/₂; I can see two of the Murphy girls; two of the Tolhursts; Shirley Chandler; a Francis girl; I can't remember all their names, but each time I look at the photo I see another face; Maureen Stevens, who became a teacher. How memories come flooding back! Our daughter Treena was lucky enough to go to Grammar School, then to work in a Bank. She married Ray Kemp who played for Fulham in the reserves, Ashford and Tonbridge. They owned the Veg and Flower Shop in Henwood Green Road before moving to Dorset. Now the little girl in the photo is a grandma to Megan. Treena, with her sisters Monica and Glenys, all went to Pembury School as did their Dad as well as our grandchildren Mandy and Sarah Lou – it's always been excellent.

My husband and I celebrated our Diamond Wedding in September like John and Irene Young, so over the years we have seen so many changes. I wonder what surprises we will see in the Spring Edition of the Magazine – many congrats and thanks."

PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB – THE FINAL RESULTS!

SOME FINAL identification of footballers featured in the Autumn and Winter 2001 Editions has been made thanks to Mrs Cole who contacted us in January. In the back row, second from right, is Johnnie Skinner from Lamberhurst and at the right end of the row is Harry Weekes (not Ernie!).

In the front row, the child sitting on Arthur Grainger's lap is Mervyn Cole and fifth from the left (with folded arms) is Nicky Forsett who came, Mrs Cole believes, from Paddock Wood.

The final mystery of the man sitting at the front right is solved as this is revealed to be Joey Cameney from Lamberhurst.

Many thanks to all those who took part – I'm sure

KENT COLLEGE

KENT COLLEGE is delighted to announce that to celebrate the opening of the school's new theatre a Royal Gala Performance of Camelot will be held on Tuesday 19th March attended by Their Royal Highnesses the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

This special performance will be followed by a Champagne Reception attended by the Royal couple. Net proceeds of ticket sales will go to The Earl and Countess of Wessex Charitable Trust.

On Saturday 2nd February, Kent College Pembury played host to 34 nine and ten-year olds who attended a 'Fun with Colour' day involving science, design and technology activities.

Event organiser, Mrs Jane Robinson, Head of Technology at Kent College, said: "The day was designed to be educational but fun. The visitors had a great time and there were a lot of smiling faces at the end of the day."



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SNIPPETS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2002

The 2002 Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 18th March at 8pm. Chris Turner, the Project Director for the Private Finance Initiative for the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Hospital, will attend the meeting and give an update on the current position and answer questions. There will also be a display of plans and artists' impressions.

This is a public meeting open to all who live in the Parish and it is a chance for residents of Pembury to learn about what has been happening in the village over the past year and to put questions to Parish, Borough and County Councillors. The councillors want to hear your views and your ideas about the future of the village. This is the place where you live – take part in its life.

PUZZLES FOR OUR READERS . . .

This is Golden Jubilee year; do you know where Coronation Gardens is in Pembury? Do you know where Jubilee Way is? (Answers at the **end**)

NEW DOCTOR IN THE VILLAGE

Doctor Peter Lautch has joined the Waterfield House practice in Henwood Green Road after working in Maidstone. We wish him the very best in his post here in Pembury.

THE 'TIP LORRY'

The Borough Council is reviewing this mobile tip service (currently on Sundays here in Pembury) and current thinking is that it will continue to be provided in Pembury but on Saturdays instead. No firm decision has been reached yet, but this looks fairly hopeful! We'll keep you posted.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A group of parents with teenagers, some experiencing a difficult time, others not, meet once a month on a Tuesday evening at 8pm. As well as sharing our concerns we use material produced by the Family Caring Trust. If you feel this group might be helpful to your family,

please telephone Vivienne Benford on 823914 for details of venue.

FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH

CHURCH are appealing for costume jewellery that they can sell at the next Church Fete. Ann Toler tells me that the stall was a victim of its own success last time and her 'stockbox' is very empty and is in desperate need of some sparkle! If you are looking through your baubles, bangles and beads and thinking – "Nice, but I don't think I will ever wear it again . . ." – please phone Ann Toler on 824071 and she will gratefully collect them from you. All profits will go as usual to St Peter's Church, Pembury.

CORRESPONDENTS . . .

Many of you know that Keith Merrin writes the Pembury column in the *Kent & Sussex Courier* each week. Well, Caroline Mazzezy (Pembury Player, allotment holder, Tree Warden, contributor to this publication) has taken on a similar role vis-à-vis the *Kent Messenger*. Good luck, Caroline!

OUR PATHS AND GREEN AREAS

A Spring plea to our readers . . . It has been reported that there is more litter than ever on the green and along the pavements in the village. Could you please be especially careful to either take your litter home with you or, better still, put it in the bins provided! A word in the ear of the younger generation would also be helpful.

NEW BUSINESSES IN PEMBURY

Although sad to see Shelie's Flowers disappear from the High Street, we understand she can be contacted on the same number about matters floral (822475).

Bees Knees has taken over the same spot, selling a good range of greetings cards, novelties and gifts. They have a very colourful sign, so are unmissable situated amongst the shops by the Pelican crossing. Next door is **Play 'N' Trade**, which has taken over the former Dorian Marsh hairdresser's shop. Play 'N' Trade with a 'Playstation 2' sign prominent in the front window is catering for the electronic game players in the village. Good luck to both new ventures.



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SNIPPETS – *continued*

STAN MOXON

Harold Moore, who has been organising a collection to buy a seat in memory of Stan Moxon, tells us that people have been most generous and enough funds have now been raised. Many thanks go to all those who contributed. There will be a short 'handing-over' ceremony on the Village Green on Saturday 13 April at 11pm.

PEMBURY MUGS

Bone china, gold-rimmed Pembury Mugs available from the Parish Office 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday (tel. 823193) at a BARGAIN PRICE OF ONLY 50p EACH!

Coronation Gardens is at the end of Hastings Road on the left just before entering the slip road on to the A21 direction Lamberhurst. Jubilee Way is the lane leading from the Woodhill Park gate of the Recreation Ground down to the Guide and Scout hut.

GILL'S GARDEN

SPRING IS A good time to plant all kinds of trees and shrubs. Hedges can be planted now, the most economical way is to buy bundles of bare rooted plants, and plant immediately keeping well watered and they should be established by summer.

Herbaceous borders may need attention, remove last year's dead growth and old plants which have outgrown their strength, split up and replant in clumps of three or five using a good fertilizer underneath. Keep well watered and check for slugs. Some plants will need support later in the season so put stakes in now. Cuttings can be taken from various plants including delphiniums, lupins and phlox to increase or renew stock.

Garden Centres carry a large stock of summer bulbs that will carry the flowering season until the autumn adding interest and colour. Dahlias also bloom late in the season and can be started its growth now ready for planting out after the danger of frost is passed.

Annuals can be sown in boxes under glass in March or again Garden Centres have tubs ready for pricking out, grown on in a light warm place and hardened off before planting out after danger of frost is passed (usually sometime in May).

Shear off the tops of winter Erica where they have finished flowering and give a liquid feed. Cut off hydrangea heads; prune buddleias (to 2-3 inches of old wood to keep compact) and rose bushes.

Lawns need attention if they are to look good in the summer. Rake out dead thatch, spike or slit the ground to allow air and water to penetrate and apply fertilizer for spring and summer use with moss killer if needed. Make sure the lawn is level before mowing, if it is not, remove turf and fill hollow with soil, replace turf and bang flat with the back of the spade. Brush lawn before mowing to remove twigs or stones, place blades on highest cut for first few cuttings. Cut at least once a week during season. If you use a selective weed killer on the lawn make sure the lawn cuttings are well compacted before using them as mulch.

Dead head spring bulbs and leave to die down, a liquid feed is helpful to replace their energy for next year. Bulbs, which failed to bloom this year, may be over crowded so dig up and separate planting back in groups.

Hanging baskets and containers can be planted at this time of year. Moisture retentive crystals can be added to compost to help stop plants drying out. A plant put in small plastic bottle with holes drilled in the sides planted in the centre of basket can be filled with water and helps to penetrate the soil slowly rather than running off the top. Water and feed plants regularly.

Gill Matthews



MY PLOT

LAST AUTUMN I sowed seed for some green manure plants. These are crops that you grow because they fertilise the soil. Apart from that, the idea is that it's better to have the earth covered in something useful than to let the weeds take over. I got very enthusiastic and planted four types: Field Beans, Buckwheat, Hungarian Grazing Rye and Phacelia.

I planted the seed in the laziest way possible by scattering it, but I now see that a bit more time spent then might have made things easier now. This is especially true for the rye. The stuff is basically grass and it's a bit unnerving watching this thug growing all over your clean patch of earth. I felt I'd got no guarantee that it wasn't some weed. If only it had been in nice comforting rows . . . "Live and learn", as they say.

The Field Beans also needed to be more orderly. They, like all Broad Beans, tend to flop over and

need tying up. Well, I can't do that unless they are in straight-ish lines – which they definitely are not! Still, they will be dug in to do their fertilising thing very soon so it doesn't matter too much.

The Buckwheat did not grow at all. No idea why; probably duff seed but there's no way of knowing. I took comfort from the fact that my neighbours did nothing either. Then, lastly, there's the Phacelia. Well, it looks lovely! Pretty ferny leaves with (if I let it live that long) mauve flowers that attract all sorts of 'good' insects like bees and hoverflies. This is a bit of a dilemma for me: dig in before it flowers so that it can do its fertiliser thing; or allow it to flower and be pretty and bring in all those lovely pollinators and predators of the 'baddy' bugs?

The obvious solution is to have some of each, I suppose!

Caroline Mazze

PEMBURY BROWNIES

SUNDAY 16th December 2001 saw Guides, Brownies and Rainbows meeting for a Christmas Fun Day at the Guide and Scout Hall. We spent the morning involved with Christmas Crafts: making crackers, table decorations, Christmas Wish Tree, decorating jars for night lights, tree decorations, coaster and boxes. Christmas music and decorations added to the Christmas spirit.

After all this activity we needed some sustenance, and we sat down to roast turkey, baked potatoes and vegetables followed by mince pies or chocolate logs with cream.

In the afternoon Rev. Steven Sealy joined us, along with friends and family of all the girls who took part. We had a lovely Carol Service, although there were no refreshments as the urn was not working, and we did not feel like making tea or coffee for over 70 people with one kettle! Everyone was very understanding. We hope all those who attended had a good time.

Moira Allan and Wendy Plane, 1st and 3rd Pembury Brownies

PEMBURY TENNIS CLUB

THE CLUB was founded in the 1920s and until 1933, when the Recreation Ground was built, played in many venues around Pembury. After 1933 the Club played on two grass courts in the Recreation Ground. In those days the Club was quite formal and players were expected to wear all white clothes.

Nowadays, the atmosphere is much more relaxed. Although players are advised to wear proper tennis shoes, the clothes worn are many and varied! We still play in the Recreation ground but since last September, on two new and excellent

all-weather courts. This means that we can now play in the winter as well as in summer.

The Club meets in the summer on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5.30pm until dusk and throughout the year on Sundays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. At the present time our numbers are small but very keen. If you are over 18 and have played tennis before – even if you haven't played for some time – you will be given a very warm welcome.

For more information contact **Barbara Ballantine 822156 or Sheila Smith 822405**

ROSIE'S RECIPE CORNER

WELL, HERE we are again. It doesn't seem five minutes ago that I was putting together this column which I do hope you find interesting. I thought, as it is the year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee I have included below a recipe for Coronation Chicken which was devised for the Queen's Coronation in 1952.

Coronation Chicken – Serves 4

900g (2lb) cooked chicken
1 tbsp oil
1 onion, chopped
1 tbsp strong curry paste
1 tbsp tomato purée
150ml (1/4pt) stock or white wine
juice of 1/2 lemon
227g (8oz) can pineapple pieces, drained
300ml (1/2 pt) mayonnaise
150ml (1/4 pt) Greek yoghurt
75g (3oz) black and green seedless grapes, halved
watercress and tortilla chips to garnish

Preparation

Skin the chicken and cut into thin strips. Heat the oil in a small saucepan and sauté onion for 3 minutes or until soft. Add curry paste, tomato purée stock and lemon juice, stir and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain and cool.

Purée pineapple and strain. Stir into mayonnaise with cooled curry sauce. Beat yoghurt into mixture and stir in chicken and grapes.

Line shallow serving dish with watercress. Place chicken mixture in centre and arrange tortilla chips around dish.

Ideal served with: Rice salad

In homage to the 1950s lifestyle, I thought I would include some different types of recipes which some of you may like to use on furniture.

Furniture Cream

6oz Beeswax
1oz Soap flakes
1 1/4 pints Turpentine
1 pint Boiling water

Put beeswax and turps into a double saucepan and melt, (use an old tin in a saucepan).

Dissolve soap flakes in boiling water.

When both mixtures cool, mix together, adding sufficient of the soap mixture to make a thick cream.

(Note: The quantities above can be reduced pro-rata to make a reduced amount).

Furniture Cleaner/Remover

Equal quantities of Turpentine and Vinegar
Linseed oil – have to guess quantity
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Please keep sending me your recipes. I am sure there are lots of you who can remember what their favourite foods are, especially in this year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

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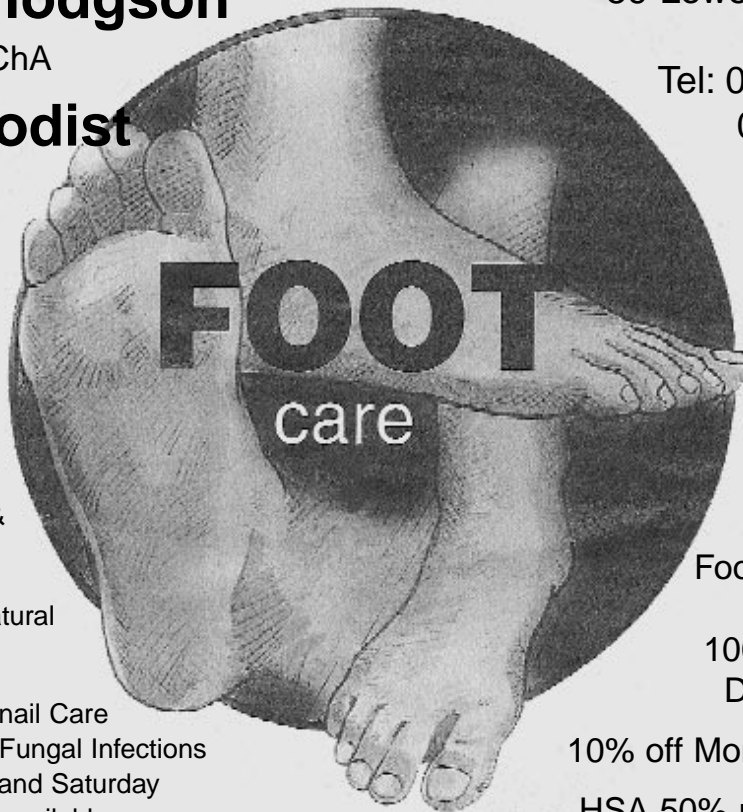
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	9.45am	Blessing of Palms and outdoor procession from Village Hall car park to Upper Church. Eucharist with Dramatic Reading of the Passion
	11.30am	Matins – Old Church
	6.30pm	Taize Service of Meditation
27 March	10am	Holy Communion – Upper Church
28 March Maundy Thursday	8pm	Eucharist of 'The Last Supper' – Upper Church
29 March Good Friday	10am	Family Service – Upper Church
	11am	United procession of witness from the Baptist Church to Pembury Green with short service at 11.15am on the Green
	12 noon	'An hour at the Cross' – Old Church
	6pm	Service of Music and Meditation for Good Friday evening
30 March Easter Eve	8pm	Candlelit Easter Vigil service – Old Church
31 March 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

24 March Palm Sunday	10.30am	Mass
27 March	7.00pm	Mass
29 March Good Friday	12noon	Stations of the Cross
30 March Holy Saturday	5pm	Confessions
31 March Easter Sunday	10.30am	Mass

Pembury Baptist Church

24 March Palm Sunday	10am	All-Age Service
29 March Good Friday	10am	Meditation
	11am	Walk of witness to the Village Green
	11.15am	Interdenominational service on the Green
31 March Easter Sunday	10am	Worship



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CRIME IN PEMBURY

WITH THE HELP of the police we have been able to correct the overlapping of the quarterly reporting that happened in 2001. The quarter displayed below includes October, November and December 2001 and shows a remarkable improvement on the same period two years ago i.e. in 1999 when the recorded crime rate was 74 incidents.

The figure for last quarter 2001 is 56 which, if accurate, shows a remarkable improvement. Sadly, the figure for damage is still unacceptable at 18. All these incidents seem to be just mindless, wanton acts of damage to parishioners, the Parish and school property. It is extremely difficult to imagine what satisfaction it gives the offenders. I feel sorry that their level of understanding prevents them from achieving anything constructive.

But why do we sit back and accept it? Apathy! Because we do not want to 'get involved', can't be bothered. How many parents have children at Pembury School? They must outnumber these vandals by thirty to one or more. For goodness' sake, mobilise yourselves and get organised. Get the offenders in court and then shame them and the parents, if necessary. This also applies to all organisations in the village

Unfortunately, the poor old 'bobby on the beat' is still in short supply so keep pushing their superiors for some real action.

Just a word of warning to those living on their own. Keep your backdoors locked and the door chains on. Do not let anyone in whose identity you are not happy about. Genuine callers (meter readers, council representatives, etc) will not object at all to their identity being checked. There have been a couple of incidents recently where undesirables have been given access, only to rob the occupant.

My message to everybody is to get involved, but not to endanger yourself. Don't, however, shirk your responsibilities to your neighbour and the community. Let's send the message out loud and clear that any crime in Pembury will not be acceptable to any of us.

Hugh Boorman

MONTH	Arson	Assault	Burglary Inhabiting	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Fraud and Deception	Drugs	Other Offences	Theft from Motor Vehicles	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Inhabited	Theft of Motor Cycles	Other Offences	TOTAL
October 2001	1	1	1		3	1	2		2			2	2	15
November 2001		4	3	2	14	4					1	3	1	32
December 2001		1		2	1	2			1			2	0	9
TOTAL	1	6	4	4	18	7	2	0	3	0	1	7	3	56
ROAD														
Beages Wood Road					1									1
Bellfield Road												1		1
Brickfields					2									2
Castle Hill		1					2						1	4
Church Road					1									1
Elmhurst Avenue												1		1
Hastings Road			2	1	6						1		1	11
Herwood Green Road		2			3				1					6
Heron's Way			1											1
High Street		1			2	6						1		10
Lower Green Road	1		1		2				2					6
Maidstone Road					1							1		2
Old Church Road				1										1
Tonbridge Road		2		2		1						3	1	9
TOTAL	1	6	4	4	18	7	2	0	3	0	1	7	3	56

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Village Market – Village Hall Thursdays 9.30am – 12noon


APRIL

- 2 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 3 St Peter's Mothers' Union: The Ups and Downs in the Life of a Headteacher – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 4 Pembury Afternoon WI: Birthday party – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 5 Pembury Evening WI: Antique underwear – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 8 St Peter's Photographic Club: TBA – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 8 Pembury Society Spring Meeting – Main Hall, Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 15 Pembury Footpath Walkers AGM – Village Hall – 8pm
- 15 Floral Art – Meeting Room, Village Hall – 8pm
- 16 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 22 St Peter's Photographic Club: Visits/Table Top photos – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 27 Pembury Evening WI: Coffee morning – Village Hall – 10.30am
- 27 St Peter's Spring Fayre – Upper Church – 10.30am
- 30 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

MAY

- 1 St Peter's Mothers' Union: 'I Was a Prison Visitor' – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Resolutions – Main Hall, Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: Resolutions – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo-Peep Corner – 2.15p.m.
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 RNLI May Fayre – Village Hall – 10.30am to 12.30pm
- 13 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 14 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 18 1950s Buffet Supper Dance (black tie/posh frock) – Village Hall – 7.30pm 
- 25 Pembury Gardeners: Plant Sale – Village Green – 10am
- 26 Kent Weald County Trefoil Guild Jubilee Service – Upper Church – 3pm
- 28 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm

JUNE

- 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers: All day walk – meet Camden Car Park – 10am
- 5 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Back to Basics – Upper Church Meeting Room – 8pm
- 6 Pembury Afternoon WI: "I bought it at an auction" – Village Hall – 2.15pm
- 7 Pembury Evening WI: The lure of family history – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 10 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 10 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 11 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 13 Archie Norman MP: Open meeting with residents of Pembury – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 15 Musical Picnic on the Village Green – 6.30 pm 
- 16 Pembury Garden Tour – afternoon for details phone 822030
- 22 Strawberry Tea – Upper Church Green – 2.30pm
- 25 Darby and Joan Club – Village Hall – 2pm
- 29 Pembury Gardeners: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2.30pm
- 29/30 Flower Festival – Old Church – open late morning and afternoons

Concerning Apples

WE RECENTLY came across this a note of apple varieties planted at Pippins Farm in 1984 as an 'Old English Orchard'. Some varieties may be familiar, many not . . .

Grenadier – One of the first cooking apples available in August. Good quality, but does not store. First known in 1860

Blenheim Orange – Dual purpose apple for cooking or dessert. Slow grower, forming a big tree. An old favourite, but no longer grown commercially. Discovered in Oxfordshire in about 1740

Peasgood's Nonsuch – A good cooking apple for Autumn use. Golden yellow fruit with crimson flushes. Raised from seed in Lincolnshire in about 1850.

Crawley Beauty – A good cooker if picked late, can keep through to April. Very late to flower, so usually escapes the frost. Found in Crawley about 1900.

Orleans Reinette – May be of French origin, but first described in England in 1776. Considered to be one of the finest late dessert apples, a connoisseur's fruit with a crisp, rich flavour.

Lord Lambourne – Ripens slightly before Cox and was a popular variety in October and November. Not grown widely now

King of the Pippins – Very good late dessert apple which stores well. Yellowish fruit with red flush and is usually russeted. Introduced in 1899

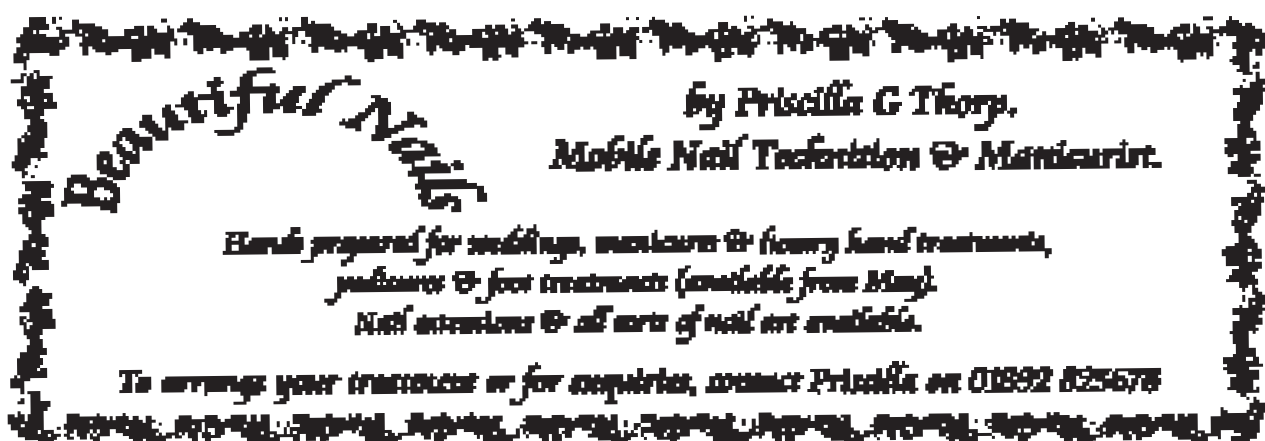
Jupiter – a new variety from East Malling with a character similar to Cox

Ellisons Orange – Large dessert apple with a characteristic aniseed flavour which should be eaten by September/October

Charles Ross – Large dual purpose apple which ripens in September. Crops well and makes a compact tree. First called Thomas Knight.

Sunset – Very similar to Cox and is a good substitute where Cox is difficult to grow. Very attractively coloured apple reflecting its name. Raised at Sevenoaks, Kent in 1918

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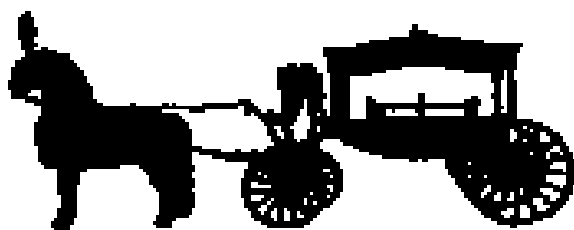
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