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VIEWPOINT



A packed Village Hall heard the Parish Council discuss the planning application by Tesco to build a supermarket at Woodsgate Corner and the audience left no doubt in the councillors' minds that such a large development on that site was not wanted. Maybe it was the vocal minority that turned out at the meeting, but their arguments were sound and cogent, the most forceful being the increased traffic that would result. One speaker foresaw that shoppers would pour in from down the "A21 corridor", from places like Lamberhurst and beyond, that large delivery lorries would once more be rattling through the High Street and all the benefits of the two new by-passes would be lost.

The supermarket envisaged would have access from the High Street (howls of protest) and have 250 car parking spaces, an in-store bakery, delicatessen and wet fish counter – shops that Pembury particularly needs. The Tesco application was made jointly with Woodcliff Ltd, who put forward plans for an amenity area with community or sports centre on the remaining six acres of the site adjoining the A21. This amenity would clearly be welcomed.

The problem facing the council was that Woodsgate Corner has already been identified in the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan as being suitable for either a supermarket or for a really large car park as part of a "park and ride" scheme. The latter would be of absolutely no benefit to Pembury, merely a possible easing of Tunbridge Wells traffic congestion.

There's no doubt that people *do* want another grocer/general store in Pembury, but it seems they want something smaller and more centrally located so that older folk without cars can reach it. But where is there a suitable site and would a small store be commercially viable? In the end the Parish Council decided to object to the Tesco plans on the grounds that it was a premature application since the Borough Local Plan has not yet been approved by the Department of the Environment. Let's hope that the village has not thrown the baby out with the bath water, losing the planning gain of the amenity area only to be saddled with a "park and ride" scheme.

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SHOPS AND SHOPPERS

Last issue's Viewpoint which discussed Pembury's need for a grocery store created a lot of interest. We publish here one reader's letter which spells out the problems facing small shopkeepers.

Letter to the Editor

Are we to suppose, from your strongly felt views, that you intend to purchase the lease of the old VG Stores, renovate it, stock it, pay the business rates and rent – a mere capital outlay of some £70,000 to £100,000 – and run it as a charity? I am sure the people of Pembury will be forever in your debt – they might even name something after you – when you have died from starvation because you couldn't make a living out of it, let alone a profit!! That is why it closed down in the first place.

The fact of the matter is that the people of Pembury do not use their local shops – hence five closing down in the last few

years. Romford Road or, indeed, any of the commercial properties in Pembury are not 'prime sites', on the contrary, they are considered to be bad risks by potential shopkeepers and their financiers.

Certainly, local shops are very useful but we must be realistic. We all shop at the large supermarkets because they are cheaper and the choice is greater. Supply and demand rules will always apply. You cannot expect people to sink their savings into a shop only to find that it is only used for the odd bottle of mint sauce that has been forgotten in the weekly supermarket dash.

Finally, you are incorrect in stating that Pembury has only one grocer – Mr King at the sub Post Office in Maidstone Road. Do you not use the sub Post Office in Hastings Road or even Stan's in the High Street, because both of these sell groceries.

Penny Carey
16a High Street



A sketch of Downingbury Farm as it was some ten years ago, drawn by James Holland.

NO to houses at Downingbury

Housing development at Downingbury Farm has been given a firm No by Pembury Parish Council. The outline planning application submitted to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council by Galliford Sears Homes Ltd is for new homes to be built on 16 acres of land between the B2015 Maidstone Road and Church Road.

The land in question, which surrounds the farm, is at present used for agricultural purposes.

The parish council listed 16 reasons for refusal, including the fact that the site lies within the Green Belt, is an area of outstanding natural

beauty and that the main drainage is inadequate. The planning application was also considered premature to the issue of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan.

Refuse for recycling

A survey was carried out recently in Pembury to discover if house-holders would be prepared to separate bottles, tins and paper from the rest of their domestic refuse so that they can be collected for recycling.

The response to the leaflet contained in this newsletter represented only ten per cent of households and showed 267 were prepared to separate refuse for recycling, 14 were against the idea.

COUNCILLORS COMMENT



"From nowhere to Number One!"

You can imagine my surprise and delight when I heard that I had topped the poll in the Parish Council election. Of course, the novelty soon wore off and I returned to earth, and to the reality of Pembury matters and Parish Council meetings.

I was elected to the planning and environmental committees, which are concerned with issues of immense importance to the people of Pembury today and in the future.

Pembury is at the frontier between modern urban life with its many advantages and pleasures, and the traditional, unique and irreplaceable life of the English countryside. The nineteen-nineties offer a wealth of opportunity, but there is a high and sometimes painful price to pay.

New roads have enhanced access to this beautiful part of Kent. The understandable desire by others to visit, to enjoy our heritage, and even to settle

here, brings many problems. Demand for more housing, leisure facilities, and entertainment are inevitable.

Recent planning applications, for a supermarket at Woodsgate Corner, and housing at Downingbury Farm, highlight the increasing pressures. Such developments present us all with difficult choices. Few residents want more housing, but a good number, especially amongst the older generation, would like better shopping facilities.

If a package is offered and is genuinely linked to long awaited, improved, community and recreational amenities, at little cost to the village, should we refuse it? A supermarket might have a devastating effect on some existing shops, but there could be gains for other businesses. There is the possibility of local employment. We would suffer problems with delivery lorries, but some shoppers would benefit by making shorter journeys, or even – dare I say it? – more of us might walk to the store.

Such "progress" is not unstoppable or unchangeable. However, Pembury must not become a soulless town suburb, without proper local services, surrounded by theme parks and golf courses. Whilst access to and enjoyment of the countryside should be encouraged, we must remember that we are the guardians of it.

There is only so much that the Parish Council can do. I would like to encourage more participation in local affairs. Pembury people do not require "nannies". It is no good expecting someone else to look after that tree, to cut a few brambles obstructing a footpath, or to pick up a discarded Coke can. Let's get on and do it ourselves!

Thank you for voting for me to the Parish Council. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Terry Cloud



Crime figures

Each year I hope to give you a break-down of the annual crime figures for Pembury. Because of a new computer being installed at Tunbridge Wells Police station, the first months' crime reports are not on this year's list. Similarly, because this article was written in October, the figures for November and December are missing. I hope next year to be able to give you 12 months' figures, October to October.

For the 1991 period I have indicated, the total number of crimes reported to the Police in Pembury area was 248. The area is based on the post code TN2 4. Some houses and locations also have this post code but are not in Pembury parish and I have tried to weed those out.

This total of 248 is broken down as follows:

Thefts of motor vehicles:

38 (17 from Pembury Hospital)

Thefts from motor vehicles:

38 (19 from Pembury Hospital)

Damage to motor vehicles:

15 (3 at Pembury Hospital)

I have separated the figures relating to the hospital to show that we have a particular problem with the car parks there.

There were 55 burglaries in the village: 30 were in dwellings, 25 were

other types (in shops, garages, etc). Eighteen pedal cycles were stolen.

There were 13 cases of criminal damage, 11 assaults, four deceptions (usually making off without payment), four indecency offences and 52 other thefts.

As can be seen, ordinary thefts such as taking milk money from the doorstep or shoplifting, are the most common offences. The next highest figure is theft of motor vehicles. With a modern motor car costing anything from £7000 upwards, 38 stolen cars from our village costs the insurance companies around £266,000.

Our village, compared with other similar sized villages, has a low crime rate, but I know if everybody pulled their weight and was more vigilant this rate would be lower.

Thefts of cars or from cars are the biggest headache and from time to time I will give hints on how to deter these crimes. The simplest deterrent is to make sure your car is locked whenever you leave it, and I'm always amazed at the number of people who fail to take this obvious precaution.

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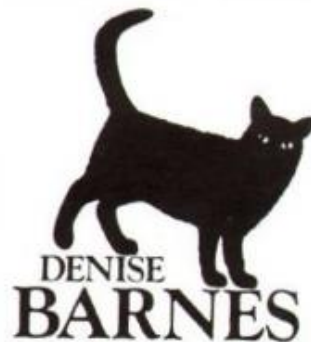
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IN BRIEF

A committee has been formed to deal with the friendship association with Ville de Ronchin. The chairman is Dick Miles, with Briggitte Jenner, secretary, and Hilary Smith, treasurer. Other members are John Hawker, Sandra Toogood, Philip Maynard and Joan Bruno.

★ ★ ★

A very successful summer play scheme was organised by Pembury YMCA, which over 100 children and young people attended. They took part in art, craft, games and sports which were run with the aid of 17 voluntary helpers. The YMCA plan similar holiday activities over Christmas – information is available from the centre.

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The annual village quiz, organised by the Parish Council, raised £230 for charity. A record 25 teams took part and the winners were the Big As (Royal Oak), with the Wise Owls (Evening WI) second and the Little Bs third.

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A nostalgic night of 1960s rock 'n' roll music can be enjoyed at a Sixties Disco to be held on Saturday 29 February in the Village Hall. Solid Gold Time Machine will provide the music and tickets at £3 each are available from Stan's, or telephone Pembury 4327. The proceeds will go to the parish church.

About 40 people of ages ranging from three years upwards took part in an autumn fun run around Woodside playing field in aid of Pembury YMCA equipment fund. Money was also raised for Penn Cub Pack, the Priory mini-bus fund and Sandra's House nursery.

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The Leisure Club at Pembury Resort Hotel is now fully subscribed for full memberships. However, day memberships are still available at £205 a year for a single and £358 for a couple. This popular feature of the hotel offers a heated swimming pool, sauna, exercise equipment and spa bath. Extra charges are made for the beauty room and sun bed facilities.

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The Burma Star Association is to make an annual contribution towards the upkeep of Pembury's war memorial.

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There will be children's activities at Pembury Library during the Christmas holidays. Details can be seen on the library notice boards.

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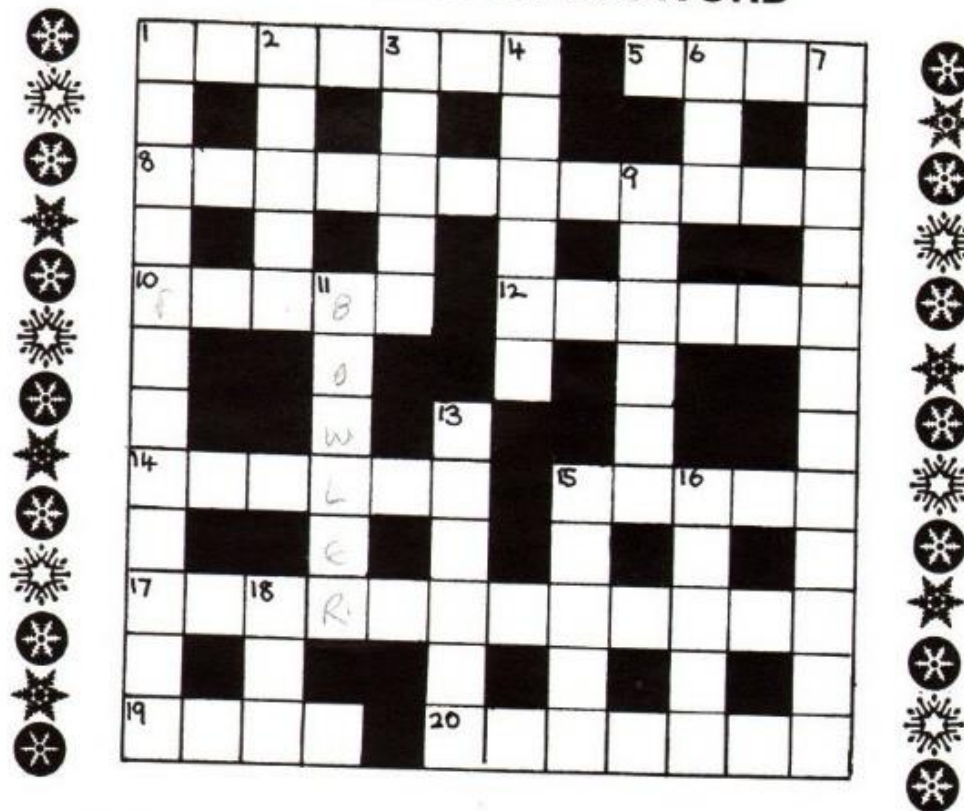
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ACROSS

- 1 Mechanical keyboard (7)
- 5 Seasonal name (4)
- 8 Stock risks have been accepted (12)
- 10 "As-----the hart for cooling streams" (4)
- 12 Industrial action - or inaction (6)
- 14 Limped (anag) (6)
- 15 Lyric name (5)
- 17 Failing to understand means assets are not converted into cash (3,9)
- 19 This place sounds a real eyesore (4)
- 20 Type of stocking that could land a catch (7)

DOWN

- 1 Traditional Christmas fare (4,8)
- 2 Ancient forest was a Shakespearean setting (5)
- 3 Root used in perfume (5)
- 4 Stop and seize (6)
- 6 Choose (3)
- 7 Old-style illumination (7,5)
- 9 A flapper from the eastern Mediterranean? (6)
- 11 Formal male headgear (6)
- 13 On the part of (6)
- 15 They say they go with everything (5)
- 16 Royal downpour? (5)
- 18 Small measure for the kiddy (3)

The solution is on page 19.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS DOWN THE AGES



Many of our Christmas traditions have roots that go back further than the Nativity in Bethlehem. Christmas, New Year's Day and other holidays around this time are all part of the old winter solstice celebrations. The Vikings had a midwinter festival called Juul, or Yule, the Druids kept the Festival of Nolagh (or Noel), while the Romans indulged in a week-long midwinter feast called Saturnalia.

It is believed that all these midwinter festivals evolved into Christmas. When the Roman Empire accepted Christianity in the fourth century the old Saturnalia festival was absorbed. Similarly, after the arrival of St. Augustine in England in the sixth century, instead of trying to stamp out the pagan practices the Christian Church simply took over the age old customs but applied its own meanings to them.

Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans tried to abolish Christmas altogether, declaring it was either pagan or popish, according to what they were condemning. An Act of Parliament in 1652 not only put a stop to feasting and merriment but actually forbade any special church services on Christmas Day – indeed, churches were to be kept shut.

With the return of Charles II to the throne, religious observance of Christmas was restored, but the Puritans had made their mark. All through the remainder of the 17th century and well into the 18th century Christmas was celebrated rather quietly. Even convivial Mr Samuel Pepys took things fairly steady.

25 December 1666. Christmas Day. Lay pretty long in bed. And then rise, leaving my wife desirous to sleep, having sat up till 4 this morning seeing her maids make mince pies. I to church, where our parson Mills made a good sermon. Then home, and dined well on some good ribs of beef roasted and mince pies; only my wife, brother, and Barker, and plenty of good wine of my own; and my heart full of true joy and thanks to God Almighty for the goodness of my condition at this day.

It was not until Queen Victoria's reign that Christmas was established once again as a major family festivity.



Evergreens

*"The Holly and the Ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The Holly bears the crown."*

For centuries holly, or the holy bush, has been the most important evergreen for decoration at Christmas.

The Romans used holly and ivy to decorate their houses as they thought evergreens brought good luck. The Christian Church also accepted holly, associating the sharp leaves with the Crown of Thorns and the red berries with Christ's blood. Many country folk still believe it is unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas Eve.



Many more superstitions linger about mistletoe, which does indeed give us a direct link with the pagan past. It featured in Norse mythology as the plant by which the hero Baldur was slain, and the Druids also believed it was sacred and used it as a symbol of fertility. For this reason it is still rarely seen in churches. The practice of kissing under the mistletoe bough is very old – and perhaps echoes some of those fertility rites – and where mistletoe was scarce a 'kissing bush' of other evergreens was suspended from the ceiling.

*"The mistletoe hung in the castle hall,
The holly branch shone on the old oak wall,
And the Baron's retainers were blithe and gay,
And keeping their Christmas holiday..."*

The Christmas tree, as most people know, is a relatively new addition to the decorations. It was a German tradition and was introduced into England by Prince Albert in the 1840s.

Cards, crackers and carols

Christmas cards were another Victorian innovation. The first Christmas cards went on sale in 1846, taking advantage of the new penny post; by 1860 sending cards to friends at Christmas was really in fashion.

Christmas crackers also date from the mid nineteenth century. In about 1840 Thomas Smith, a London baker and confectioner, thought he would copy the rather charming French idea of selling sweets prettily wrapped in twists of coloured paper, to which he added a motto or riddle and, the biggest selling point of all, the bang. Later he was to include little toys and novelties. By the end of the century his company was producing millions of crackers for sale at home and overseas.



Carol singing goes back to the 13th century or earlier, when it was done only by priests and choristers. But as time went on it became more secular, gaining great popularity in the 19th century, when carol singers were known as the waits. The object was to collect money, or at the very least, be given a few mince pies.

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LOOK BACK

An active octogenarian



Kath Jury in Greenland

Looking back is not something that Kath Jury often does – she's enjoying her life in the present day too much. For an octogenarian she is amazingly energetic and involved in village activities. She helps with meals-on-wheels and at the WRVS canteen at Pembury Hospital, is a member of the Afternoon WI and the Horticultural Society, as well as being an enthusiastic walker with the Pembury Footpath Walkers.

Kath Jury, who was born in Chislehurst, came to Pembury in 1939 and has lived in the same house in Canterbury Road ever since. She has seen many changes in Pembury.

"When I came here the population was only about 2000, now it's nearly

7000," she says. "And there were more village shops then."

"Just around where I live there were three grocers, one at each corner of Canterbury Road and one at Bo-Peep. Across the Hastings Road, where Motor Village is now, there used to be a baker who also served morning coffee, while opposite, where there's now a hairdresser, was a shop selling ladies dresses and lingerie."

Other shops she remembers were Walkers on the village green, where you could buy almost anything, and Raiswell's, yet another grocer in the High Street. Kath says she still shops in the village as much as she can.

Another memory she has is of a sheep drover who, with his dog, drove his flock through Pembury down to Tonbridge market.

"Pembury was so much more rural in those days, and it's only 40 or 50 years ago," she recalls.

A widow for nearly 30 years, Kath's two daughters live near at hand – one in Pembury and the other in Tonbridge. She has four grandchildren.

It is since being on her own that she has become an enthusiastic globe trotter. Her holidays have taken her to India, China, Japan, Australia, South Africa, the USA, Russia and most European countries and on a round the world cruise. Her most recent trip, in August, was to Iceland and Greenland.

Looking back on past Christmases Kath says they were always quiet, family affairs and even during the war, with all the shortages, they managed to make do and enjoy themselves. Now, she and her daughters take it in turn each year to be family hostess for Christmas Day.

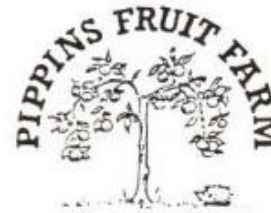
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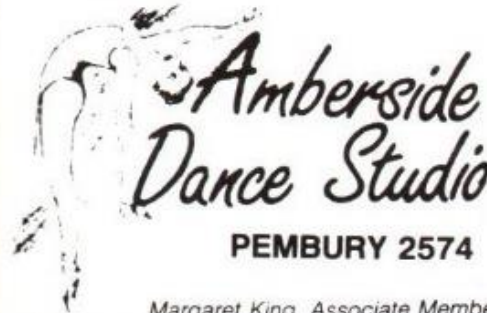
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YOUR CLERK REPORTS.....

The Ronchin/Pembury Friendship Association was formed in September to promote exchange visits between the town of Ronchin, near Lille, and Pembury. One of Pembury's football teams is already arranging a visit to Ronchin and it is hoped that many more associations will follow suit.

A gift of a memorial seat for the Upper Burial Ground has been gratefully received from a parishioner and various shrubs from another. The Parish Council extends their thanks for this generosity. In October the War Memorial was cleaned and re-pointed and now looks very impressive as it is approached.

As you sit by your cosy fireside this winter it could be a time to ponder over whether you would like to rent an allotment in the forthcoming year and spend the spring and summer months outdoors

in the fresh country air, digging, planting, weeding, exchanging ideas with other allotment holders and finally basking in the praise as your family eat the results of your hard labour. Allotments are much in demand but the Parish Council has a few plots for rent - £10 per annum for a full plot, £5 per annum for half a plot. Please ring me if you would like one.

Again, I must mention street lighting. Although Councillors check the lights every three weeks and Seeboard carry out regular scouting patrols, obviously lights fail in between times. Please inform me if a light is faulty and I will report it.

Finally, Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

**Barbara Russell
Clerk to the Council**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St Peter Pembury

UPPER CHURCH

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib building and carols

11.30pm The Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am Celebration Eucharist and carols

OLD CHURCH

Christmas Day

11.30am Holy Communion and carols

Sunday 29 Dec

6.30 pm The Parish Carol Service

There will be Carol Services in the Upper Church on:

Sunday 15 Dec

6.30pm Pembury School Orchestra and Choir

Wednesday 18 Dec

2.30pm for the 'Retired'

Thursday 19 Dec

7.00pm Scouts and Guides

Catholic Church

St. Anselm's Chapel, Pembury

Christmas Eve

8.00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.30am Mass

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across: 1 Pianola. 5 Noel. 8 Underwritten. 10 Pants. 12 Strike. 14 Dimple. 15 Cyril. 17 Not realising. 19 Site. 20 Fishnet.

Down: 1 Plum Puddings. 2 Arden. 3 Orris. 4 Arrest. 6 Opt. 7 Lantern light. 9 Turkey. 11 Topper. 13 Behalf. 15 Chips. 16 Reign. 18 Tot.



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FOR YOUR DIARY

- JAN** 3 Evening WI: 'Carnival and New Year in Rio' talk by Mrs Elizabeth Dodds, Camden Court 7.45pm.
4 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from Bo-Peep Corner at 2.15pm.
6 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
7 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
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- FEB** 1 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from Stonecourt Lane 2.15pm.
4 Evening WI: talk by a representative of John Groom's Association for the disabled, Village Hall 7.45pm.
4 Darby and Joan Club: talk by RSPB speaker on Birds of Kent, Village Hall 2pm.
17 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
18 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
27 Horticultural Society AGM, Village Hall 8pm.
- MAR** 3 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm
6 Evening WI: demonstration on sugar craft by Mrs Rita Young, Village Hall 7.45pm.
7 Pembury Footpath Walkers: walk starting from the Camden Car Park 2.15pm.
9 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
17 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.
26 Horticultural Society: Pan Britannica Quiz, Village Hall 8pm.
30 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 8pm.
31 Darby and Joan Club meeting, Village Hall 2-4.30pm.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. Parish Communion and Junior Church

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Parish Church

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

11.15 a.m. Matins and sermon (except first Sunday, Holy Communion)



Every Friday – Pembury Village Market – V. Hall 9.45–11.15 a.m.

Every Monday – Pembury Sequence Dance Club – Catholic Hall 7.45–10.15 p.m.