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Parish News & Comment

PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

As one of the outgoing Parish Councillors who decided not to seek re-election at the local election last May, I am very sad that the response in the parish for nominations to the new Parish Council has been so poor.

With six of the existing Parish Councillors not seeking re-election, for a variety of reasons, it was the ideal opportunity to get new blood onto the Parish Council and for them to become involved in service to the local community and to be part of the decisions to be made about the future of Pembury. Of a total of six prospective new Councillors only one person, Brian Horgan, felt strong enough to make this commitment when he duly completed his nomination form to become a new Parish Councillor.

On the 6th May, as only he and the six existing Councillors were nominated, no election was needed and so David Barrett, Hugh Boorman, Sarah Clarke, David Coleman, Dick Crouch and Gillian Matthews were declared duly elected to the Parish Council for the ensuing four years.

You will see from a flyer accompanying this magazine that there are now seven casual vacancies for Councillors on the Parish Council, David Barrett having since stood down for personal reasons.

Please give serious thought to the grand opportunity which has arisen – say not “What can the village do for me?” but “What can I do for my village?” and reply to the Parish Council’s plea for nominations to fill the seven casual vacancies on the Council.

Henry Plant

PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS

Although they did not seek re-election as Parish Councillors at the recent Parish Council elections, Julia Campbell, Henry Plant and Betty Roberts have agreed to remain on this magazine’s Editorial Committee, with Parish Councillor Gill Matthews, to continue their work in ensuring the quarterly publication of this magazine.

Editorial Committee:

Henry Plant (Editor), Julia Campbell, Gill Matthews and Betty Roberts

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PEMBURY'S NEW DOCTOR

DOCTOR RICHARD JUSTICE is the new Pembury doctor who has recently joined the Waterfield House Surgery practice.

The reason for Richard's arrival on the Pembury scene is increased practice workload and Doctor Peter Pattisson's reduced working hours.

Richard, aged 31, who comes from a non-medical family who now live in Shropshire, was born in Surrey and educated at the Whitgift School in Croydon.

Asked when he decided to take up a career in medicine he replied that it was when he was in the sixth form of his school that he became certain that a career he would enjoy would be in medicine. He felt then and still feels now that it is a particularly satisfying and worthwhile vocation to be able to help people.

It was this belief that kept him going through his five years at University at Kings College, London studying medicine. After passing his degree, he then spent a year at Kings College Hospital, Denmark Hill as a houseman. This gave him a good grounding to put into practice what he had been studying and then, because he felt that he would rather keep in close contact with people, he decided not to specialise and opted for three years training as a general practitioner. For the last three years he has been working as a locum in Hastings.

Richard used to play rugby at school and at that level was picked to play for Surrey. He also did some rock-climbing whilst at university but this came to an end when he was involved in a fall which put him in hospital for six months. Although he does not have a cat or dog he does have two litter-trained house rabbits as pets which he obtained from a rescue centre. His hobbies, when he has the time, are spent "in the air" as he dabbles in radio-controlled planes and helicopters. He has also taken up gliding in which he has attained several levels of efficiency.

He was particularly pleased when he obtained his present position as a member of the Pembury practice as it is the ideal situation: he has been looking to work in a good surgery with a friendly team of doctors, nurses and staff. He reminded me that Waterfield House Surgery is the only surgery in the area which still does night calls — if you are a patient of the practice and are unfortunate enough to become ill at night then at least the doctor visiting you will be someone you know.

Richard lives in Seddlescombe, East Sussex and is, at present, single but has a girlfriend. He is planning to live in the village in due course and would very much like to become not only the local family doctor but also involved in the village community.

Henry Plant



PEMBURY HOSPITAL FETE

With the advent of summer our thoughts are turning, once again, to our Annual Fete to be held, as always, in the grounds of Pembury Hospital. The date for your diaries is Saturday 28th August — starting at 1.00pm. Do please come and support us — we couldn't do it without you.

This year we have a larger target than ever before — to beat last year's amazing record of £22,560!.

Another date for your diaries is Sunday 20th June when the Rotary Club of Southborough and the League of Friends of Pembury Hospital are

organising a Charity Walk in the grounds of Penshurst Park. Funds raised will be divided between the Charities and it promises to be a fun day for all the family. Do please support this too — and ring John Cook on 01892 539555 for your entry forms.

We look forward to having your company at, hopefully, both of our fundraising events. So please ring me for any further information you may require on 01892 528156.

Diana Barber

GILL'S GARDEN

Remove winter bedding; replace with annuals when risk of frost has past. Replant Polyanthus in a shady place so they may be used again next autumn. Fill containers using John Innis compost or a peat based substitute before planting annuals. Vine Weevils cause notching around leaf edges whilst their white grubs attack many plants below the ground, especially in containers. They eat and tunnel into roots, tubers and corms. To help prevent this a layer of net curtain or thin wire gauze placed inside the base of the container will stop adult beetles from entering the soil and laying their larvae. Another way of preventing Vine Weevils from entering containers is to apply a circle of non-setting glue around the pot rim. This method should deter them.

Hanging baskets can be made, using water-retaining crystals to stop compost from losing moisture. A funnel placed in the basket will help water to reach roots when watering rather than running off the surface. Feed the baskets weekly with liquid tomato fertiliser.

Deadhead and stake herbaceous plants. Plant Dahlias, Gladioli and summer bulbs. Sow hardy annuals and biennials e.g. Wall Flowers, Canterbury Bells and Sweet Williams as well

as winter flowering Pansies.

Cut back Arabis and Aubretia after flowering and feed with liquid tomato feed. Shear tops of Ericas after

blooming making sure old wood is not disturbed and feed with ericaceous fertiliser.

Prune Philadelphus, Lilacs, spring-flowering Spireas and Cytisus (broom). Remember not to cut into old wood of Cytisus.

Feed Roses after first flush of flowers, deadhead to encourage growth and check for aphids. Prune Rambler Roses after flowering.

Mow lawn regularly taking care not to cut too short as this would weaken the grass and allow weeds to grow. If necessary feed grass with a nitrogen liquid fertiliser. If composting, do not use grass cuttings that have been treated with selective weed killer as this may kill plants.

Gill Matthews



BRITAIN IN BLOOM

ONCE AGAIN Pembury has entered the 'South East in Bloom' competition. This is a community project to enhance the character of the village to make it a more pleasant place to live. The judging by the 'Tidy' group takes place on 1st July at 10am and encompasses the entire village. The village green will be the first place of judgement. Judges are looking for tidiness, lack of graffiti and litter. Also taken into account is the wide variety of horticultural attractions displayed by members of the village e.g. hanging baskets, flowering containers, as well as neat front gardens.

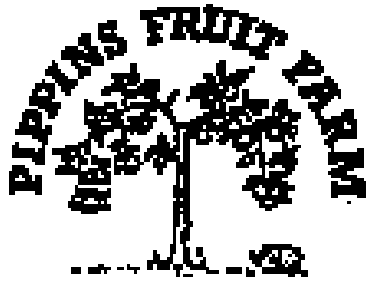
Notcutts are again hosting a competition of their own, 'Pembury in Bloom', to encourage participation. They are offering prizes for the best front gardens of the village.

Our picture shows Gill Matthews, Parish Councillor, and Jean Smith, Manager of Notcutts.

Entry forms are available from Notcutts Garden Centre and judging will take place towards the end of July.



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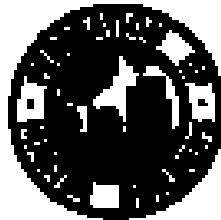
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THE NEW VILLAGE HALL – UPDATE

YOUR NEW VILLAGE HALL will be completed by April 2000. The interior layout on the New Village Hall has now been finalised. Once quantities have been costed, local building firms will be invited to tender.

Extra cost of between £7,000 and £8,000 has been incurred because we are going to install a wheelchair stair lift, which will enable disabled persons access to the stage. Also a unisex disabled toilet between the two changing rooms.

Kit Kelly's mother and brother David are

making a generous donation to the new hall in memory of Kit and also for the support they received from Pembury residents when Kit died. A decision has been made by the Management Committee to spend this money on providing the stage and it's accessories.

It is no longer necessary for the building sub-committee to meet once a fortnight and by the next edition of this magazine, you will see the start of the new hall.

Arthur Storey

FUND RAISING NEWS

As Chairman of the Village Hall Fundraising Committee I would like to reiterate that all grants have been accepted with thanks: funding total currently stands at £403,000. The Pembury Bridge Club match raised £500, well done all organisers and participants. A Race Night was planned for 22nd May, by the time you read this it will have happened. If you took part I thank you.

The Pembury Friday Market is donating 50% of all profits received between January and July 1999. Please continue to support them and lets hope they find a suitable venue to continue while the building takes place and they can continue in our new hall.

A Target Thermometer has been erected outside the village hall to monitor progress towards our goal – £40,000. I hope to erect an additional board at a central focal point in Pembury.

Our collection jars so far have raised £213, recently receiving £153 from the Black Horse drinkers: well done. Additional collection points for Thermometer jars are still being identified. I am sure you will all soon recognise our target jars.

I ran the London Marathon for several charities with colleagues from my office, locally my effort was for the new hall. To date I have collected £319, more to be collected: thanks for all your support

THE FINAL FLING (DISCO) – Will take place on 10th July 1999 and this will be a fun night with music by the Witchdoctor Disco. Tickets will go quickly as we can only accommodate 120 in the present hall. The idea is to celebrate the demolition of our old hall. The music will be mainly 60's, 70's for all us old swingers. Price £5, licensed bar applied for. All proceeds go towards our new hall funding. Posters will appear shortly for the event.

If anybody has any ideas for funding please contact the undersigned This is a worthwhile development for the whole community and your support is very welcome.

Brian Horgan. Tel: 822412

PEMBURY VILLAGE FAYRE

THE DATE to remember is 17th July 1999 when once again the Scouts and Guides and Pembury Athletic (Youth) Football Club are organising the Pembury Village Fayre.

This annual event proves popular with all ages offering something for everyone. We have all the usual stalls plus some new rides for the children.

There will be an arena with shows and events and a stage with live music to entertain you while you eat one of Pete Speight's excellent burgers or enjoy a nice cool pint from the Black Horse Bar.

The main event this year, and the first time we have staged it, will be an Open Dog Show organised by the Kennel Club of Great

Britain. This is a mixture of fun classes and the more serious breed classes. It is open to all so let your dog have a bit of fun this year and let us all see the waggiest tails or least obedient dogs we have in the village.

Entry to the Fayre will be by programme purchased in advance or on the day.

Included in the programme is the chance to win 6 month's free membership of the Jarvis International Hotel Health Club in Pembury. Keep your numbered programme and it will be drawn at the end of Fayre.



Thanks to all advertisers who gave freely to support the youth of the village. Thanks for your support and see you on the day.

Laurie Frowde

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

A CARPET OF CROCUS

A carpet of purple crocus will be planted in the garden of Hospice in the Weald, Pembury, Kent. A crocus bulb may be purchased for a minimum donation of £5 in memory of a special friend or loved one. The bulbs will be planted in the Autumn to provide a splash of colour in early Spring.

You will receive a memorial card and your loved one's name will be recorded in a special Dedication Book which will be on display in the Hospice.

Whether or not your loved one has received care from Hospice in the Weald, you can create a special place where memories live on.

Hospice in the Weald provides specialist advice and support for people with life threatening illness, their families and the bereaved. The service is available, free of charge, to all who need it. Hospice in the Weald is a charity dependent on the local community for its essential work as it is only partially funded by the NHS. So please help us by sponsoring a crocus bulb.

Day Hospice Drivers – We are still short of drivers to bring patients into Day Hospice. If you have an hour to spare in the mornings 10-11am, and afternoon 3-4pm, one day a week, please contact the Volunteer Office – 820529.

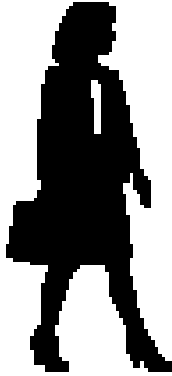
Coffee Bar – We are pleased to announce that the coffee bar will be open for business from Tuesday 1st June serving teas, coffees and soft drinks, Monday to Friday, between 10.30 am and 4.30pm.

Please drop in to buy your stationery and cards at the shop in reception and stay on to relax with a refreshing drink!

House Plants – Since moving into our new building we have been given some magnificent 'triffid like plants' for decoration. If you have green fingers and love house plants, would you like to give us some time to come and look after them and 'talk to them'. Please contact the Volunteer Office.



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PEMBURY CHURCHES AND THE MILLENNIUM

WHAT ARE the Pembury Churches doing for the Millennium? Isn't 2000 a significant date? Indeed it is. It would be easy to overlook that it is the two-thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ that gives to the year of the new millennium.



A working group from the three Pembury church denominations – St. Peter's (Church of England), St. Anselm's (Roman Catholic) and Pembury Free Church – has been making plans over the last 18 months. Called 'Vision 2000' the group has been planning some major co-operative events and also looking at some on-going projects which can start in the year 2000 and go on being some benefit to the local community.

Nationwide, churches are being asked to consider distributing a millennium candle to every household, which can be lit on New Year's Eve as a celebration. The three Pembury churches are to combine in undertaking this project and hope to deliver a candle, candle holder and a 'millennium resolution' to every household in the village before the end of the year.

There will be special services to mark the beginning and end of the year 2000, to which all will be invited. More details to follow.

On Saturday 10th June 2000 the churches will be staging a pageant which will move through the village, featuring scenes at different locations recalling the Christian history of the village and celebrating the faith we profess now.

The churches are very keen to make the millennium a year when they can encourage some new initiatives to promote growth of Pembury as a caring and serving community. One group has been looking at 'Home Start' – a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families under stress. The Vision 2000 group also hopes to arrange home and hospital visiting on a more organised basis, to offer help and transport to the elderly, and to encourage volunteers to help at understaffed community groups in the village. Youth provision has also been one of our concerns and church representatives have joined discussions with the Parish Council and the YMCA to see if together a new Youth Centre could be funded and run.

Some of these ideas are only at the formative stage but we hope readers will see that the churches in Pembury are not viewing the millennium just as a anniversary to celebrate but also as an opportunity to demonstrate, by practical concern and action, how the faith we profess can be shared by others.

The Reverend Stephen Sealy

ROB'S PLOT

WELL, it's been a busy few months. The rotivator is again letting me down and holding me up. The strimmer is also being a bit temperamental, going slower than expected. Huh! So much for winning the prize for the best kept allotment. Still, thanks to Hughie and John, it still looks reasonable as their machinery hasn't let me down.

It's also been a busy few past weeks as we have moved house and between work, work on the house and the allotment, I seem to be running out of time. (Well, I can still just about manage to have a beer at the local!) So it is with my warm wishes to you all that I write this brief note to bid you happy gardening as I won't be writing another article for a bit.

Keep busy and look after those potential food supplies. If you see me around the village, say "Hello!" for the plot still carries on!

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MAKING APPLES PAY

MR DAVID KNIGHT is only too aware of the importance of his apples. He owns Pippins Farm, here in Pembury, and recently won the Midland Bank Business Initiative of the Year.

Mr Knight previously worked for a consultancy in Tunbridge Wells which advised farmers about finances. In 1981 he obtained a tenancy of Pippins Farm as he was keen to undertake some practical farming and believes himself lucky to get the tenancy, not having been born into it. He then went about upgrading the farm and in 1988 he set up his own consultancy business from the farm premises.

Farms in general aren't just farms. As fruit farmers do not get any subsidy from Government they often need to run other businesses to survive. That's exactly what he does. Pippins Farm covers 100 acres of which 30 are apple orchards, 10 acres are soft fruit, and the remainder is grassland. J. Noakes runs her curtain and dressmaking business from one of the farm buildings, several locals keep their horses at the farm and he also has a farm shop.

Mr Knight's consultancy work has expanded across the whole of the South East. It was while working with farmers that he became aware

that apple farmers were not particularly businesslike. He realised they would benefit from ascertaining the cost per pound of apples produced, before selling on to the supermarkets. In 1995 he was persuaded to run a workshop about the 'Cost to Grow Apples'. Later he developed a computer programme called 'Making Apples Pay'. These enabled farmers to decide whether they will make a profit on the price offered by the supermarkets by forecasting accurately production costs. This is very important as the supermarkets buy their stock on a weekly basis from co-operatives jointly owned by various fruit farmers. The supermarket prices can also vary from week to week. So the package produced is based on a formulae which farmers can buy in the form of a floppy disk. What a superb idea!

Mr Knight was not the only winner from Pembury for a Grower of the Year Award. Mr Ian Mitchell, who also lives in Pembury, along with his brother Robert, won an award for the Cultar Top Fruit Grower of the Year, their farm being Foxbury Farm near Sevenoaks.

Well done to them all and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them every success in the future.

Julia Campbell

BRIAN JOHN HORGAN – new Parish Councillor

I am non-political.

I have lived in Pembury since 1979. Before that I lived in London; I was born in Deptford. I worked for Citibank for 33 years prior to my early retirement at 50. Since leaving Citibank in 1995, I have begun a new career as a Shipping Fleet operations manager.

I stood for the Parish Council as I felt strongly about our community. I am also the Chairman of the Village Hall Fundraising Committee who are seeking to raise funds for our new Village Hall, which is due for completion in April 2000. I decided to become involved in this project as I felt a community of this size deserved better facilities for the benefit of the whole village. I have previously raised funds for the Headway Day Centre and Hospice in the Weald via organising the Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon for several years.

Brian John Horgan



SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

PEMBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

In the Autumn 1998 newsletter you would have read how successful our four senior sides had been in the previous season and how in the 1998/99 season I believed that next season "honours will be harder to achieve".

During the past season we have added a third team to our Sunday set up. This team is made up of players coming to the end of their careers and youngsters just starting out on theirs. Thus we had five sides starting out in the 98/99 campaign trail – a trail that would certainly test them all.

You can imagine the great delight with which we enjoyed the five sides who between them won a total of two league titles, one runners-up position, two cups and one runners-up. The record of each team is as follows:

SATURDAY 1st XI

Division 3 British Energy League



This was their first season in a senior league to the one in which they competed last year. This new league enjoys a high reputation both on and off the pitch. In this first season the team, players and managers laid their stall out early by winning their first match. Finishing position - **CHAMPIONS!**

SATURDAY RESERVES. – Division 1 Tonbridge League

This was their first season in this higher division and after a slow start with a longish period of adjustment in this standard they



finished a creditable middle order. However, this was not the limit of their achievements for they **WON** the Tunbridge Wells Intermediate Charities Cup on penalties – after extra time.

SUNDAY 1st XI

Division 1 West Kent Sunday League



They improved upon last years 5th by becoming runners-up this year in the top division of one of the strongest leagues in Kent and Sussex. Not content with this they also **WON** the League Senior Cup by beating the league champions in the final 4–2 after extra time. The last time this Cup was won by the club was back in Season 75/76.

SUNDAY RESERVES – Division 2 West Kent Sunday League

After gaining promotion in each of the three years since they were formed it was felt that maybe they had reached their limit, particularly after the abysmal start they made to this season. After six weeks they were candidates for relegation. However, this proved to be a fleeting problem because

then they really got their act together and eventually finished **THIRD** – a tremendous performance.

SUNDAY 'A' XI

Division 7 West Kent Sunday League



What a debut performance this was by the new team in the club. They not only finished **CHAMPIONS** in the league but

were also **JUNIOR CUP** runners-up!

Importantly they have also given several young players a taste of senior football with some already having played for the Reserves and even the First XI.

Last year's successes were a difficult act to follow, so this year's will be even harder to follow. However, I am certain of one thing it will not be for want of trying by officials, managers and players.

I know they will do their best to continue this tremendous run.

My report on last season would not be complete without a special word of thanks to all our sponsors whose financial help has given us tremendous support. Thank you all.

Jim Smith, Chairman

PEMBURY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Would you like to play at Wimbledon? Would you like to be another Tim Henman or Martina Hingis?

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If you can play tennis and are over 18 years old, you will be most welcome. We play on Wednesday and Fridays from 6.30pm until dusk and on Sundays from 3pm until 6pm.

For more information, please telephone 822156 or 822405.

Barbara Ballantine

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

A Few Words of Thanks

As the grandparent of one of our Junior footballers, I would like to say a very big 'Thank you' to all the adults who give so much of their time to running this section of the village footballers.

The children thoroughly enjoy their football and at the same time are learning to socialise with their peers and to exercise a degree of self-discipline in the interest of teamwork.

Thank you all very much.

Betty Roberts

PEMBURY ATHLETIC (YOUTH) FOOTBALL

On Friday 14th May the Club held its 17th Annual Awards evening at the Village Hall. With over 150 players aged 7-17 involved two sessions were held hosting over 250 people.

Two merit awards, Clubman of the Year Shield and Player of the Year Cup were presented to winners in the Under 11 to 16 teams. Coaching awards were also presented by Club Coach David Gow and all players received Certificates. Guests included members of Pembury Parish Council, Crowborough & District Junior League, Pembury F.C. and sponsors who all admired the excellent array of trophies on display.

The evening closed with the presentation of two special awards. David Gow was presented with the Peter Chandler Trophy and James Young received Overall Clubman of the Year.

Thanks go to all officers, managers and parents for their support and to Cornhill Insurance and The Independent Insurance for their kind sponsorship.

Ben Coombes, Secretary

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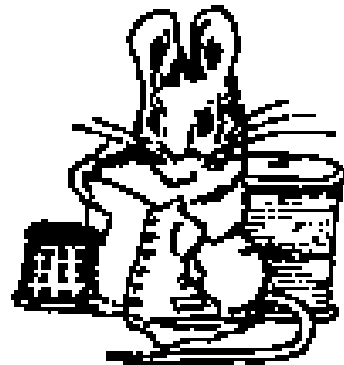
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THE WEATHER

Question: What has been perhaps the most talked about subject in Britain for decades?

Answer: The weather – and that I can tell you as a fact having been around before the turn of the 2nd half of this century.

My interest with the weather began in about 1957.

Then I had a few less wrinkles on my face That particular year was termed in the scientific world as the 'International Geophysical Year'

Other than when I've been abroad, that year we experienced some of the most violent thunderstorms in Britain I have ever experienced. We all know that very fresh smell that arrives after the passing storm. During the storms of that summer I can remember the odour of sulphur in the air and a distinct 'blueing' of the atmosphere. Not surprising when a single stroke of lightning burns its way from the ground positive to the top of the cloud negative at the speed of light, for us old ones 186k miles per hour and the young ones 300×10^6 mtrs per second. The burning process generates temperatures in excess of 30k centigrade (hence the clap of thunder from the resulting rapid expansion of the surrounding air). The stroke will also carry with it an electrical charge of around 20m volts at a current of 50k amps.

Here in Britain we only normally experience thunderstorms during the summer months but

of course most of the thunderstorm activity takes place in the tropical zones of the planet. Indeed as you read this article there are upwards of 1800 thunderstorms raging around somewhere on the planet.

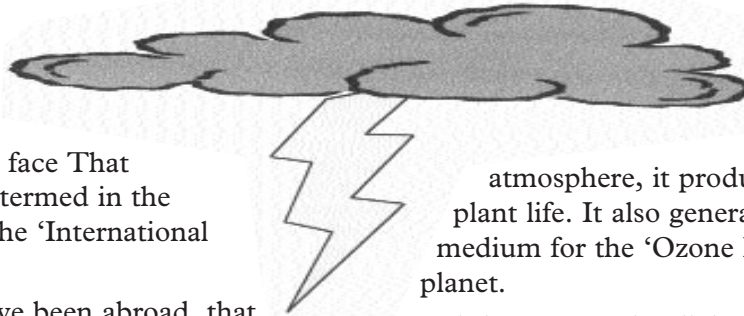
One of the natural functions of the lightning is that, combined with the

atmosphere, it produces nutrients for plant life. It also generates a repair medium for the 'Ozone Layer' around the planet.

No, it is not true that lightning only strikes the same place once. Lightning kills directly one in six of its victims normally through cardiac arrest. The people that do survive the strike live a much downgraded quality of life, i.e. suffer things such as memory deficits, etc. Any rate enough about these storms.

Well, my interest in weather has been to record the phenomenon for the last two decades formerly by records of somewhat simple means until the last couple of years when I have purchased more sophisticated methods and also, I hope, more accurate. Temperatures, Barometric Pressure, Rainfall, Humidity, Wind Speed and Direction – all of these are logged at approximately the same time each and every day, plus the additional observations that I make (frost and snow, etc). If you have read all this, well done.

Mike Stanford



FRIENDS OF PEMBURY PARISH CHURCH

The Friends of Pembury Parish Church will be opening the Old Church for visitors each Sunday afternoon from 3pm. to 5p.m. from 2nd May to 5th September 1999.

Each summer many people visit this lovely peaceful 12th century Church but it would be good to see more. The Friends have also updated their range of fund raising items and there is now an attractive terracotta/glazed mug picturing Elizabeth Rowe, a young Elizabethan girl who is buried at the Church. These items, which make marvellous presents for friends and relatives, will be on sale from the Porch.

Ann Toler

PEMBURY IN THE PAST

PEMBURY BOARD SCHOOL

From notes given to me by the late Ivor Beynon, head teacher of Pembury Primary School from 1951 to 1976, I have pieced together the fascinating early history of education in Pembury which is closely linked with the National picture. In the nineteenth century Primary (Elementary) education was bedevilled by the religious and denominational squabbles between the Dissenters and the Churchmen, so much so that the two factions created their own day schools. The Dissenters created The British and Foreign School Society whereas the Churchmen countered by the foundation of the National Society for the Education of the Poor.

By The Education Act 1870, the government of the day conceived a means of setting up a national system that did not give offence either to the Dissenters or to the Established Church. The Act doubled the state grant to the existing Church Schools and to the Roman Catholic schools to enable them to become a permanent part of the new system. It also introduced publicly controlled Board Schools, to be financed out of the local rates, which were to run side by side with the existing schools. In the National School, Church teaching was to be continued but in the new Board Schools the Act prohibited the use of religious teaching of the catechism or any other form of denominational doctrine.

The situation in Pembury – It is known that schools existed in Pembury before 1870. A National school was established in 1817 at Lower Green. In 1837 the National School existed in the building now known as the Hop House and later, in 1864, a British School was founded using a building erected on the site of the present Free Church Manse. Pembury was a growing village; the National School was too small to accommodate the increasing number of children, who under the Act of 1870 were required to attend school between the age of five and 14. A larger school was urgently needed. The question

arose, would the school continue as a National School under Church control or would it become a Board School.

The growing Parish of Pembury (St. Peter's) was served by two churches, the old Parish Church of St. Peters, dating from Norman times and the Upper Church built in the 1840's because development was taking place largely around the Lower and Upper Greens near the main road through the village. The Dissenting Church in Pembury, which owed its origin to the exertions of the brothers Dickenson in the mid 1880's leading to the erection of the Union (Free) Church in Lower Green Road had become a flourishing influence in the parish. Its enlightened leaders including Mr. and Mrs Betts of "Sunnyside", Upper Green, and Sir Simon M. Peto and Lady Peto, were opposed to the denominational teaching imposed on the children in the National Schools and were strongly in favour of a Board School. Among the Dissenters was a smaller group of Methodists, who for 50 years had held regular meetings in a local cottage.

The final decision was in favour of Pembury being served by a Board School to operate alongside the National School. Bible teaching would be on a non-denominational basis; both sides would be represented on the School Managerial body under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The total costs would be paid out of the local rates and the overall control would be vested in the Tunbridge Wells and District School Board. Although the Act of 1870 stipulated that costs would be met out of the local rates parents had to contribute a School Fee in respect of each child to be paid weekly on a Monday morning.

The Pembury Board School was not completed until 1873 and was accommodated in new buildings, now known as the Old School, complete with the Headmaster's abode, on the 13th October 1873 under the Headship of James Thompson Brown. It would appear that at the time the Board School was set up in

Pembury, two schools were formed; one a Infants School for children aged five to seven and a Junior School for children of seven until they left for work at the age of 11. These were to remain separate with their own Headteachers for another 78 years.

This insight into the start of formal education in Pembury is more or less factual and shows only one side of a colourful picture. In the next issue of this magazine,

I will publish some extracts from the early log books of the School from which you will see that they not only show the work of the Headteachers but also their personal thoughts and feelings over the period from the start of Board School in Pembury in 1873 up to the celebration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1898.

Henry Plant



The above picture is reproduced from an old photograph of the Board School. Please note the Bell Tower, rising above the middle of the building, is sadly no longer in existence.

THE RISE AND RISE OF THE CULPEPPER FAMILY

On my recent visit to the archives at Maidstone it soon became apparent how powerful the Culpepper family had been in 1300-1500.

One of the earliest recordings is of 1361 of Thomas Culpepper of Pepenbury – Cavalier and is the first appearance among the Knights of the Shire of a name which was subsequently to be of frequent appearance. It is doubted among antiquaries as to whether Bayhall in Pembury or Preston in Aylesford was the origin of the family which became so illustrious that, at one time (according to Camden), it could boast of having no less than 12 members bearing the Honour of Knighthood.

Thomas Culpepper settled at Bayhall early in the reign of King John and was appointed 'Recorguitor Magnan Assitae' in Kent.

He was succeeded by his son named Sir Thomas who also had a son named Thomas, and who in the absence of Lord Badelesmere, acted as 'Castellan of Leeds Castle'.

Queen Isabella, wife of Edward II, on a pilgrimage to Canterbury demanded admittance to the Castle and was refused, a proceeding which so exasperated her that she appealed to the King, who subsequently laid siege to the castle and took it in AD1321.

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PEMBURY IN THE PAST

Thomas escaped but his son, Walter, was captured and executed together with his younger brother, Richard.

Sir John, the other son of Thomas, appears to have obtained favour and promotion in the time of Edward III and obtained a licence in 'Mortmain' to build and endow a Chapel adjoining the Church at Pembury for the celebration of masses for the souls of Walter and Richard after their execution.

The larger portion of Bayhall was demolished by Sergeant Amhurst after he became purchaser of the property in the reign of Charles I.

More on the Culpeppers later but there is evidence to suggest that the Chapel built by Culpeppers is not part of the old Church as we know it today.

I will continue this fascinating story in the next issue.

Hugh Boorman

A TRUE COUNTRYMAN

WHEN I WAS young my grandmother lived in a large house at Speldhurst and, as a kid, I used to spend part of my summer holidays there with my brothers and sister. Part of that time was spent hop picking at Days Farm at Pounds Bridge Mill.

Our hero was one of the farm hands, Ray Baldock, who used to drive the tractor and empty the hop bins. He had the unusual ability to talk backwards as quickly as speaking normally and of course we always used to egg him on.

I never saw Ray again after we stopped going hop picking and I don't know where he moved to. Sadly I was told recently that he had died suddenly and I was sent a copy of one of his many poems that was published in the Penshurst Village News.

His brother 'Chuck Baldock' still lives in The Grove and actually drove the last of the horse drawn wagons on Days Farm in the early fifties.

I think this poem in the next column should remind us of how important the environment is to us.

PROGRESS *by Roy Baldock*

Those once green fields and leafy lanes
Are now concrete strips for cars and planes.
No bramble bush or hazel 'tot'
There's not a tree in sight.

No mead for lowing calf or skipping lamb
No leggy foal walks next its dam
No pig to grunt or duck to quack
Or hen and chicks round neat built stack
The hops and fruit and corn all gone
No farmland left for anyone.

No place for bird to sing or build a nest
Owls to hoot, or mouse to rest
No sweet violets now or primrose bank
It's petrol pumps or 'caff' for snacks
Not a flower left now for anyone.

No matter how hard you look
There's no speckled trout in babbling brook
It's concrete pipe in place of stream
No roach or rudd, no dace or bream
No furry creatures come to drink
There's not a pool in sight

No cover now for sloe eyed deer
Hedgehog, rabbit or gentle hare
No fox of red or badger grey
Their homes are spoiled, they've gone away.
'Cos when 'progress' comes, we all must pay
for
New town 'drome or motorway'.

Hugh Boorman

PICTORIAL PEMBURY IN THE PAST



The above photograph shows twelve past members of the Pembury Bowls Club. Do you know any of the bowlers' names and the date of the photograph? The only person we know is the bowler sitting at the extreme left of the bottom row who is David Morphet, who kindly gave permission for the photograph to be published.

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MRS MARGERY MARTIN (née Bell) – 1899-1999

SHE DID NOT quite make the hundred but that would not have disappointed her for she was by nature a quiet, unobtrusive person who cared not at all for the limelight. Indeed, as she was cared for in her later years at Cornford House, even when she was mentally alert and mobile we hardly knew she was around.

No one seems to know when her parents, with their three daughters, came to live in Pembury – perhaps it was just after the 1914-18 War. Margery was born on December 19th 1899 but as she rarely spoke about herself we can only assume she was the daughter who remained at home and, when the need arose, cared for her parents. In her earlier life in the village she was probably regarded as a ‘lady of leisure’, spending her time caring for others and assisting in numerous activities – apparently she was well known for being seen cycling on her errands of mercy. Among her interests were the Girl Guides of which she was District Commissioner. The Bell family, it is thought, attended the Free Church where Margery took an active part as a Sunday School teacher (still remembered gratefully by some residents) and in various aspects of the witness of the Fellowship.

Her’s was a simple life-style despite her rather affluent upbringing. She only took a holiday to accompany someone who needed practical help – and met the cost for them both! Her interest in Christian missions, at home and abroad, was widespread and they had her prayers and generous support so long as she was able. One organisation, which sends to prison chaplains hand copied letters to be given to lonely prisoners at Christmas, when informed Margery was no longer able to supply them replied that, according to their records, in 17 years she had sent them 1,500 letters!

Margery married in 1949, the second wife of J. B. Martin, a former China missionary and retired secretary of the China Inland Mission, who died in 1967. It was then she moved from their home to Pembury Close. In 1986 she joined the Mission family at Cornford House and was there for the remainder of her long life, taking a genuine and caring interest in the other residents and the staff.

Eventually senility deprived her of the ability to relate to others though her lively smile never left her. Few in the village nowadays will remember her but there are still those who treasure the memory of a gracious lady with strength of character, quiet demeanour and unstinted generosity.

She departed this life on Tuesday 3rd February 1999.

Harold Withington

MILLENNIUM KNEELER PROJECT FOR PEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

This project really got underway during January 1998 and at the end of April 1999 we have 45 canvases stitched – including the two special wedding ones and 32 of those have been made up into the finished kneelers.

The designs on these kneelers are becoming a record of Pembury’s buildings and Pembury people’s activities and remembrances and those of you who attended St Peter’s May Fayre at the Upper Church will have seen them on display.

Please get in touch with me, Ann Toler, on 824071 if you want more wool or wish to choose colours for your design. Also there are now two frames available should anyone wish to borrow them. If you are in

need of any help to complete your kneeler do please contact me as we really do wish to have them placed safely and colourfully in the Church during the early part of the Millennium year.

Thought for the day – each kneeler takes at least 110 hours absolute minimum (no wrong stitches or unpicking). Our target of 100 kneelers will have taken 3,959,200 stitches which, together with the two special wedding kneelers, brings the total of stitches to well over 4 million to complete this project. We well probably all need new fingers as well as new eyes before this task is finished but undoubtedly congratulations are due to all.

Ann Toler

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PEMBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Summer Fete 1999 – Saturday 3rd July

Pembury School is getting ready for its annual Summer Fete. This year the School is going to be nostalgically looking back over the last 100 years. The fete will be opened by Queen Victoria and her Lady in Waiting, followed by a procession of the children of the school displaying various types of costumes, inventions and anything that is relevant to their chosen decade. Hopefully we will be able to see The Beatles, Vera Lynn, Florence Nightingale, Neil Armstrong, Hitler, the Spice Girls, Elvis and many more famous people of the 20th Century.

There will be the usual stalls such as Lucky Dip, Tin Mine, Raffle, Tombola, Lucky Ducks, Coconut Shy, Face Painting, Win a football, White Elephant and many more.

Part of the afternoon can be spent relaxing in The Lyons Corner House where there will be tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes on sale. For the hungrier person there will be a Barbeque available. Popcorn and candy floss can also be bought during the afternoon.

Children can have the chance to soak their favourite teacher/parent in the stocks and for the more energetic there will be a Mega Assault Course. For the very young there will be a Merry Go Round, a Tiny Tots play area and a Bouncy Castle.

Punch and Judy will be entertaining the children during the afternoon.

In the Arena there will be a Fancy Dress Competition, a display of dancing by the children of the village Dancing School and a display of 'Dancing Throughout The 20th Century'. Music will be played during the Fete so come along and ask for your favourite Old Time Hit!!!

If anyone would like to donate any books, toys, games or unwanted gifts for the White Elephant could they please bring them to the School Office between 9am and 3pm. Also any donations for the Raffle would be gratefully accepted.

The PSA Committee are all working hard to make this a successful event so please make a note of the date in your diary – we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 3rd July 1999.

Helen Hendley, Secretary

ICT AT PEMBURY SCHOOL

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has become a major part of our every day lives. In order that children are confident and knowledgeable in this area a government initiative, The National Grid For Learning (NGFL), has been set up and all schools will be taking part.

Funding will be available in order to provide more equipment for children but to qualify for this money the school has had to produce a plan to show the development and integration of ICT within the curriculum until 2002. This has been known as Phase One.

Pembury School joined the NGFL in the early stages and has received a portable computer to enhance teaching and to provide access to the Internet for more pupils.

Phase Two of the initiative will include the possibility of developing a computer room. This, however, is only at the planning stage.

All children have access to at least one computer in their classroom and groups of children are now taught to 'surf the net' on a regular basis.

At Pembury School we are very excited by the developments in ICT and look forward to children, and teachers, becoming confident and effective users in the next millennium.

Mary Roe, ICT Consultant



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LOCKED IN LOVE

"I'm so glad you could come!", Sophie greeted Rachel at the door.

Rachel had only decided to come to the party last night. She was indecisive and hadn't been sure she would enjoy it. At the moment she still wasn't totally 'up for it' but still, she was here now and thought that she might as well make the most of it.

The hostess was someone called Sam who she scarcely talked to, but she had been invited nevertheless.

"Hi Rach! You look lovely." Natasha's perfect figure bounded over to her with a perfect smile on her perfect face. She was close to Rachel but still Rachel was extremely jealous of her. She was always the centre of attention, could get any boy she wanted, talented in many areas and so nice. Some people made her sick.

"Hi Tasha" Rachel said unenthusiastically.

"You would not believe the talent in this place. I've got my eye on that guy over there. See?" She pointed to a tall, dark, handsome boy.

"Oh yeah", Rachel said saucily. "I see."

"What a fit bum! Anyway, I'm going in for the kill. Catch ya later!" Natasha went off.

Rachel started looking around and suddenly saw an Italian-looking boy. Tall and dark but not the same as Natasha's. She caught his eye and gave him the 'eyebrow' and a little smile, just before being whisked away to the living room by Jessica (who'd known her since primary school).

"You're looking rather happy. What's happened?" Jess inquired.

"Oh, I've just seen someone, that's all."

They let the music control their bodies and felt exhilarated, moving so fast, nothing could worry them.

Just then Rachel turned round and accidentally bumped her arm into the stomach of the boy she had seen a minute ago. She felt so embarrassed.

"I am so sorry, are you alright?" Rachel pleaded with him.

"Yeah, it didn't hurt, don't worry."

"Sure?"

"Honestly, I was just coming over to talk to you."

At that point Rachel felt her heart stop. She could not believe it. Why would he want to talk to her? No-one had fancied her before, what would she do? Her brain was frantic with worry and her mouth was wide open and dry.

"Uh-huh."

After saying that she just wanted the ground to open up and swallow her. "Get a grip", she thought to herself.

"Yeah, I'm Matt."

"Hi Matt, I'm Rachel."

"Hi Rachel. Look, it's a bit hot in here, do you want to go outside?"

"Do I?" she said excitedly. "I mean, yeah, that'd be lovely."

She had to compose herself.

"Oh God." she thought. "Just smile and relax. Go with the flow."

That was pretty hard to do when your heart was beating so fast and so loud you were sure everyone could hear it.

Once outside she was more relaxed. They chatted away, laughing and smiling. They seemed to get on quite well.

Rachel sat there staring into Matt's eyes. Matt sat there staring into Rachel's eyes. They were alone and totally oblivious to anything else happening around them.

"He's so fine." Rachel thought. "She's divine." Matt thought.

They were locked in love and their heads moved slowly together, their lips touched. It was a soft, delicate, heavenly kiss.

After a short while their lips parted and Rachel gave a shudder. "Are you cold?" Matt asked her.

"A bit." She looked at her watch. "Oh goodness, is that the time? I've really got to go!" She hadn't realised she'd been outside so long. "I know it's still quite early but I asked to be picked up early because I didn't think it was going to be a very exciting night."

"But your opinion has changed, I trust?" "Oh yes, definitely." He ran his fingers through her hair and kissed her on the forehead.

"Goodbye." she whispered.

"I'll ring you." he said.

"I'm counting on it." Rachel said as she walked back inside beaming with joy. She said goodbye to all her friends and they all asked the same question. "What happened out there?" She gave them all the same answer: "I'll tell you later."

She got into the car on cloud nine, feeling like she could jump off the top of the world and still survive.

"How was the party?" her dad asked.

"Brilliant." she said. "Just brilliant."

Hannah Flynn, aged 14

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PEMBURY MILLENNIUM EVENTS

THE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE, in association with Pembury Parish Council, represents a number of Pembury organisations. Our main task is to co-ordinate events to be held in the village in 2000.

So – how are you celebrating the Millennium? Is your club organising something special? where will it fit into the diary of events?

Please let us know what you are planning so we can add it to the following list:

Year 1999	Event	Organisers
December 19th	An Ecumenical Service	
Year 2000		
January	Pantomime	
February 15th or 16th	Disco	
Spring	Spring Millennium Service	
April	Art and Craft Exhibition	Pembury School
April	Spring Handicraft Show	Pembury Gardeners' Society
May	Annual Parish Meeting with Exhibition	Pembury Parish Council
May	Open Day and Fete	Larkfield Hall
May/September	Cricket Weekend	Pembury Cricket Club
June 10th	Pageant	Parish Church
June 30th, July 1st & 3rd	Flower Festival	Old Church
Summer	Tea Party	Guides
June	Village Fete & Carnival Parade	
June	Barbeque/Entertainment	
July 8th	Fete/Fayre	Pembury School
July 21st/23rd	Millennium Day Exhibition Camp	Guides
August 17th	Parents & Toddlers Event	WI
October	Musical Event	Kent College
October 13th	Concert	Pembury Charity
November	Village Exhibition	Pembury Parish Council
December 31st	Candlelit Service	

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CRIME IN PEMBURY

Yet again there is good news regarding the crime rate in Pembury. For the first three months of the year there have been considerable reductions in most of the major crimes; except for assaults, which have risen from 1 to 5. Please see the table for last three months of 1998 and the first three months of 1999:

	1998 Oct-Dec	1999 Jan-March
Burglary (dwelling)	11	2
Burglary (other types of premises)	6	7
Theft of Vehicle	5	2
Theft from Vehicle	16	4
Criminal Damage (includes damage to vehicles)	9	9
Shoplifting	0	0
Other Theft (all other than vehicle related)	5	12
Bilking (making off without paying)	7	5
Theft of Cycle	1	1
Assaults – excluding Sexual Assaults	1	5
Miscellaneous	0	15

Please remember the miscellaneous figure now includes crimes which were previously not shown, as they were non-indictable. The worrying one is the assault figure but as yet the details are not available. We obviously still have some light fingered people either among us or who enter and leave the village at ease when we consider the other theft figure.

Please make a conscious effort to secure your property and try not to make it easy for these creeps.

There has been a suggestion that an evening meeting with Crime Prevention Officers and Demonstrations of Security Devices would be welcome. If there are enough parishioners who are interested, please contact me and we will see what can be arranged.



On a finishing note, did you notice the continual tipping over of the salt bin and damage to the bus shelter at Woodhill Park? Whilst the salt bin has been removed until winter, if you see any such petty damage, please ring the police.

The culprits are very similar to an annoying pimple that won't go away until it receives severe treatment.

Be vigilant, but not afraid.

Hugh Boorman

PLAY SCHEME FOR PEMBURY

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- 1 Pembury Afternoon WI: The Inside Story of HM Customs & Excise – Free Church Hall – 2.15pm
- 2 Pembury Evening WI: Gainsborough & Reynolds – Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 3 Pembury School Fete – Pembury School – 1.45pm
- 3 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Bo Peep – 2.15pm
- 5 Floral Art – Village Hall – 8pm
- 7 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Outing to Hever Castle – Details to be advised
- 10 Pembury Gardeners Society: Summer Show – Village Hall – 2pm
- 10 Final Fling – Village Hall – Details to be advised
- 12 Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8pm
- 13 Darby and Joan Club – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 17 Pembury Village Fayre – Recreation Ground – 1pm
- 17 Pembury Bowls Club: Coffee Morning – Recreation Ground – 10am-12noon
- 27 Darby and Joan Club – Catholic Hall – 2pm

AUGUST

- 2 Floral Art – Free Church Hall – 8pm
- 4 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Social Afternoon – Details to be advised
- 5 Pembury Afternoon WI: Members' Meeting – Free Church Hall – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Evening WI: Members' Meeting – To be advised
- 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Stonecourt Lane – 2.15pm
- 10 Darby and Joan Club – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 24 Darby and Joan Club – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 28 Pembury Bowls Club: Coffee Morning – Recreation Ground – 10am-12noon
- 28 League of Friends of Pembury Hospital: Annual Fete – Pembury Hospital – 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Pembury Afternoon WI: Four Years in Washington DC – Free Church Hall – 2.15pm
- 3 Pembury Evening WI: Paper Flowers – St. Peter's Upper Church – 7.45pm
- 4 Friends of Pembury Parish Church: Coffee Morning – Village Green – 10am
- 4 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Camden Car Park – 2.15pm
- 6 Pembury Parish Council – Village Hall – 8pm
- 6 Floral Art – Free Church Hall – 8pm
- 7 Darby and Joan Club – Catholic Hall – 2pm
- 8 St Peter's Mothers' Union: Speaker from Headway – Upper Church Room – 8pm
- 11 Pembury Gardeners Autumn Show – Free Church – 2pm
- 18 Pembury Bowls Club: Coffee Morning – Recreation Ground – 10am-12noon
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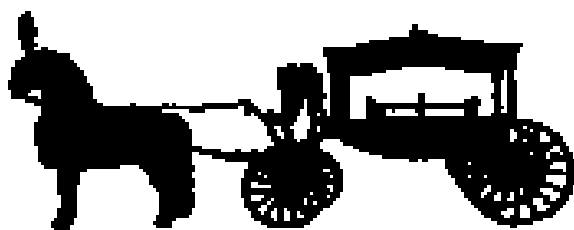
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