

# PEMBURY

Your VILLAGE newsletter / 39

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## A Cut in the Rates

What, in April? In 1984 of all years? Yes, it's true. Read all about it on page three.

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# VIEWPOINT

## OUR BY-PASS'S



Since our last issue in which we outlined the latest state of non-information about starting dates for our two proposed by-passes a little more light has been thrown on a matter that has become clouded by official forecasts, excuses and, to say the least, temporisation.

In January the Parish Council received a letter from the private secretary to Transport Minister Mrs. Lynda Chalker. It stated that Mrs. Chalker appreciated Pembury's concern for early progress and hoped to announce a decision on the A21 inquiry report early this year.

The B2015 inquiry report was received some time after the A21 report and the decision on that would, therefore, be later, the letter went on, adding "but we hope to be able to make an announcement on this in the spring".

The letter said that funds for the A21 scheme are earmarked "which is shown in the 1983 White Paper on Policy for Roads as in our main programme for start of construction in the period April 1985 to March 1987". So far as the B2015 is concerned this is the responsibility of Kent County Council, but the letter stated that the Transport Department had confirmed it would take the scheme into account when calculating its Transport Supplementary Grant to the K.C.C. The writer confirmed that the by-pass was scheduled in the county's current Transport Policy and Programme for expenditure in 1984 and 1985.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, M.P. has been keeping an eye on these two schemes and in December he wrote to our Chairman quoting from a letter he had received from Mrs. Chalker. This stated "The A21 scheme is in our main programme for 1985/87 and funds will be allocated just as soon as the statutory and other procedures are completed and the project is ready for works to start.

"I know that local residents will find it hard to understand why it is taking as long as it is to announce a decision. I can only assure you that there are complexities arising from the Inspector's report which, I am afraid, I am not yet able to discuss for legal reasons."

Nor are we able to discuss them because we don't know for certain what these complexities are. On the other hand it was announced nearly three years ago that the A21 by-pass was scheduled to start in 1984 while it was planned to start the B2015 road in 1982/83 – last year.

And so this long-running saga goes on for another lap. It almost looks as if Ladbroke's might enliven the scene by opening a book on the likely starting dates.

# **VILLAGE RATE REDUCED to 8.8p**

Good news? Yes. How did we do it? Well, with much thought, hours of painstaking accounting and a different system, all of which resulted from the will to hold steady or even reduce the amount of our hard-earned cash that goes to Pembury Village.

For some time I have been thinking of making a recommendation to the Parish Council that the annual budgeting should be based on the last audited accounts, and adding the cost-of-living percentages for the two years up to the year for which we are budgeting.

I am pleased to report that the Council accepted this recommendation and, using the system, we have reduced the rate to 8.8p from the present 9p in the £.

However, we are not complacent. We have made cuts which may become evident as the new financial year progresses, mainly in the amount of money available for the upkeep of our recreation and burial grounds.

You will be pleased to know that we intend to renew part of the allotment water-pipes, and the re-surfacing of the Upper Church burial ground access way will take place in the next financial year. We also hope to make improvements to the village street lighting and it may be possible to do some remedial work to the main entrance to the allotments.

We will become more professional in our spending and keep rigidly to our budgeted expenditure whilst at the same time striving to maintain the high quality of groundwork for which Pembury is well known. And we will keep open a sympathetic ear to those needs which require financial attention.

The coming financial year is one of trial under the new system. I expect our endeavours to be successful.

**B. D. Sands**  
*Finance Chairman.*



# **IN BRIEF**



We apologise for incorrect information in the last Newsletter about the date for taking bicycles to Pembury School for stamping under the voluntary police registration scheme. The date given, January 10th, was wrong. Fortunately no one turned up as it was a Tuesday, whereas the date (in February) was on a Saturday when the school is not normally open.

Pembury's Borough Council representatives are anxious to let you know that the new tiered seating recently installed in Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall is a vast improvement for audiences at stage shows of all kinds in the hall. Those of you who have in the past experienced the inconvenience of constantly craning your neck to get a sight of the stage round the person in front can now rest assured that this is a thing of the past.

The Parish Council is preparing an information sheet which it is intended to provide to every new resident in the village. The aim of the sheet is to provide newcomers with handy information regarding organisations and facilities, not only in the village but, where necessary, in Tonbridge or Tunbridge Wells.

Pembury School Parent-Teacher Association has four events listed in the Diary page of this issue. Tickets for the Old Tyme Music Hall, in aid of school funds, on April 28th, are obtainable from Shaphers or from Mrs. Walsh, Pembury 3840. Producer of the show is Rita Willans. Those wishing to take part in the Boot Fair to be held at the school on May 19th are asked to get in touch with Mr. Lay, Pembury 3047 regarding booking a pitch.

Camden Green Badminton Club is looking for more members. The club, which describes itself as "pleasant and friendly" would welcome young adults of either sex who are of League V standard or above. The club's "home" courts (two of them) are at Kent College. Anyone interested in joining should contact Mr. Brian Sands, Pembury 3738.

Interested in jogging? Judging from a casual look around the roads and footpaths of Pembury quite a lot of people are. Anyway, an organisation called Pembury Joggers has been formed. If you are interested in this growing activity contact Timothy Pace on Pembury 4855.

Pembury Players' successful pantomime, Aladdin II, which was given five performances at the end of last year made a profit of around £400. The Players decided to donate 40 per cent of the profits to the Scout and Guide Building Fund, and on January 26th a cheque for £175 was handed to the Fund's chairman, Mr. Andy Cooper.



Incidentally, support for the building fund is coming from the Royal Tunbridge Wells Mixed Voice Choir which is giving a concert on behalf of the fund in the Village Hall on June 16th. In the concert the choir hopes to include items specially written by its conductor, Philip Baker, and its chairman, Bill Brown who, with his wife Evelyn, formerly lived at Sunhill Court. Mr. Brown and his wife plan to return to Pembury in March. The choir would like to include vocal or instrumental soloists in its June concert by a Pembury performer. Anyone wishing to accept this offer is asked to get in touch with Mr. Robert Good of 11 Sunhill Court, who is liaison officer for the choir.



There have been rumours around the village that Ward's Construction who own most of the Royal Oak (supermarket) site have given up the idea of building a supermarket on the land. This is not so. Last autumn Ward's submitted plans for building a supermarket on the site. As mentioned in our last issue the Parish Council criticised the plan on a number of counts and when it came before the planning committee of the Borough Council the plan was turned down. This was followed by discussions between the developers and the Borough and Parish Councils, as a result of which Ward's have withdrawn their scheme. No doubt another will be submitted in due course. The point to remember is that planning permission for a supermarket on the site was given after appeal; what remains to be decided is that the detailed plans for such a development shall be approved by the planning authority – in this case the Borough Council.



The Dorrit Waterfield Fund which closed at the end of last year raised a total of £1,644. The bulk of this money will be spent on purchasing equipment in the refurbished out-patients' department at Pembury Hospital. Details of when this presentation will take place have not been finalised and will be announced in due course. But when the appeal fund was launched it was agreed that part of the money raised should go towards buying a challenge cup to be presented to Pembury Horticultural Society to commemorate the fact that the late Dr. Dorrit Waterfield was a keen gardener. This cup was presented to the society at its annual general meeting on February 23rd by Dr. Dorrit's sister, Mrs. Clifford. It will be awarded to the competitor, regardless of age or sex, who obtains most points in the Society's summer and autumn shows.

# STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Over the years various parish councillors have looked for ways to reduce the amount the Parish Council has to spend on street lighting that it is the Council's responsibility to provide.

We would like Kent County Council to assume responsibility for this, but that would mean complying with full county lighting standards – involving replacement of many lamp posts and the installation of others where the spacing is, by county standards, too great. To achieve this would entail a capital cost of at least £100,000, probably nearer to £120,000. Also, it would mean that instead of having white lighting we should have to instal orange lighting throughout the village.

Your Council felt that Pembury ratepayers would not wish for a substantial increase in the parish rate for some 15 years to cover the cost of a loan to cover such far-reaching changes in order to hand over the actual energy costs to the County (which we would pay for in the County rate anyway). It is also highly unlikely that in the present economic climate we should get sanction for a six-figure loan.

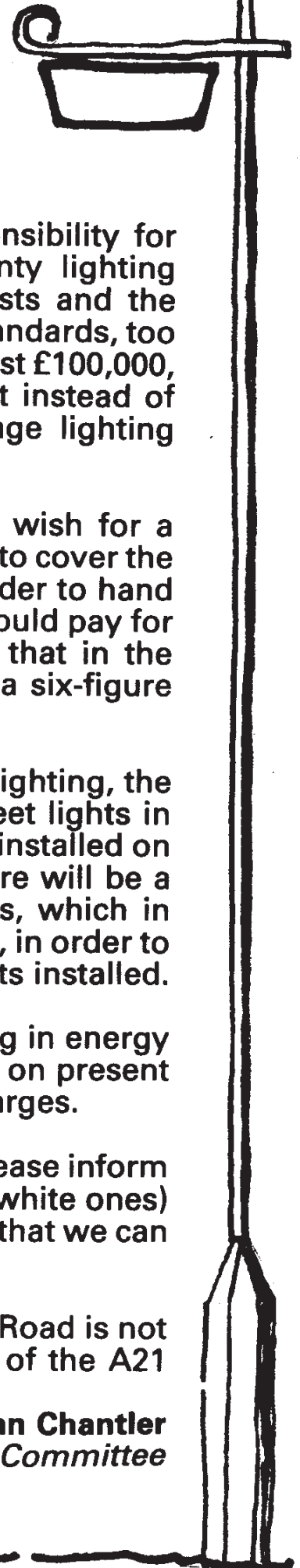
However, in order to reduce the energy costs of street lighting, the Parish Council proposes to convert the majority of street lights in Pembury to a fluorescent type, two of which have been installed on a main road since before Christmas. In most cases there will be a slight improvement in illumination over present lamps, which in many cases are tungsten bulbs. On a few road junctions, in order to give a high light output, we will have a few orange lights installed.

The cost of this conversion will be paid for by the saving in energy costs. In time we will reduce our lighting costs overall; on present charges for current this will save 50 per cent of our charges.

On the question of street lighting, would parishioners please inform council members if they are aware of any street lights (white ones) that are still on in the early hours, or during daylight, so that we can reduce our lighting costs to a minimum.

Incidentally the lighting in the High Street and Hastings Road is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, as this is part of the A21 trunk road.

**Brian Chantler**  
*Chairman, Highways Committee*





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# **A DAY CARE CENTRE for the ELDERLY**

First steps have been taken towards establishing a day care centre for the elderly in Pembury, to be administered by Age Concern in collaboration with Kent County Council.

The venue will be an extension to be built on the north (A21) side of the Upper Church. This, it is hoped, will serve as a day centre for five days a week and as a parish room in the evenings and at weekends. Planning permission has already been given for this extension but a faculty for the building has yet to be granted by the Chancellor of Rochester diocese. Agreement on possible alterations to the approach road to the church has still to be reached.

It is envisaged that the centre, catering for up to 40 people over the age of 60, many of whom would otherwise be housebound, will provide bathing, chiropody and hairdressing facilities as well as hot lunches. Opening times would be from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Much of the capital and revenue cost will be provided by the K.C.C., but many thousands of pounds will have to be raised locally to get the scheme off the ground. The area to be served, besides Pembury, will include Lamberhurst, Brenchley, Matfield and Horsmonden. Many of those using the centre would be transported by mini-bus. In addition to a small paid staff running the centre, Age Concern estimates that some 50 voluntary helpers will need to be recruited.

Exploratory talks about the venture have been taking place for the past year and publicity material about the scheme will be issued later in the year.

Meanwhile, Age Concern plans to open a toe-nail cutting service for the elderly in the village. To operate this it is seeking the help of an unemployed or recently-retired State Registered Nurse who would undertake the work on an expenses-only basis. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Kathleen Meade at Age Concern on Tunbridge Wells 22591.

# YOUR CLERK REPORTS .....

1984 sees the 90th anniversary of the Local Government Act under which the civil functions of the church vestries, and other duties of certain appointed officers, such as Overseers of the Parish of Pembury, were transferred to the newly-formed Pembury Parish Council.

The newly-formed council's first meeting was held in Pembury Board School in Lower Green Road on January 1st 1895, when members laid what was to be the base for local government organisation in the village.

Since that date the Parish Council has kept the village in the forefront of progress. It was the Parish Council, and not the Borough Council's predecessors, which embarked on the essential sewerage and public street lighting services for the village showing, in the exercise of its powers and responsibilities, that the Council has always kept in mind the interests of parishioners.

The present Parish Council's functions now include the provision and maintenance of its two recreation grounds, three burial grounds, public street lighting, bus shelters, allotments, the Village Hall and the Village Green. One of the anomalies the Parish Council is trying to rectify is that whereas, quite rightly, the sewerage of the parish has been taken over by a higher authority, public lighting is still a continuing heavy burden on the residents of Pembury.

It should be noted that all the labour-intensive amenities mentioned above have been provided solely by the Parish Council levying a precept through the General Rate Demand of the Borough Council. I know many people think the Parish Council's proportion of the rate bill is high at 9p in the £, but this is because of Pembury's very low penny rate product. When looked at in realistic terms, out of an average annual household rate bill of, say, £280, *only* £27 is requested by the Parish Council – about 52p a week – about the same as a single bus fare into Tunbridge Wells. Looked at in this light your contribution per household must be considered excellent value for money, especially when compared with what, say, the Borough Council contributes to the Parish of Pembury by way of amenity.

Parish Council members have completed the budget for the coming financial year and, as always, they have looked critically at all aspects of expenditure, which is reflected in the fact that the parish portion of the rate bill has been reduced ~~by~~ 8.8p in the £.

To



If you are interested in Parish Council affairs, why not come along to Parish Council meetings which take place approximately every other Monday in the Village Hall? You can give your views or ask questions during the public open sessions at 8.30 p.m. Dates of meetings are given in the Diary at the end of this Newsletter.

On the subject of finance, many people are unaware of the rights of an elector in any area to which the accounts relate to question the District Auditor about, or make any objections to, the accounts of a local authority. In the case of Pembury Parish Council I arrange each year for the completed accounts to be made available to any interested elector for the period of seven clear days before the appointed date on which an elector can attend at Tunbridge Wells Town Hall to question the Auditor on the accounts. A notice setting out this information is always displayed, usually during May, on the Parish Council notice boards.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on March 14th I will present a resumé of the Parish Council's finances for the financial year ending March 31st 1983. So that you may have the opportunity of studying it before the meeting, my report will read as follows:—

"It is my duty to submit the following particulars in respect of the Parish finances for the year ended March 31st 1983.

"For this period, precepts amounting to £47,376 were demanded from the Rating Authority by your Parish Council. Receipts from burials, interest on capital, and miscellaneous income amounted to £14,688.44, which combined with the sum of £19,797.09 brought forward from the financial year ended March 31st 1982, totalled £81,861.53.

"Expenditure for the same year amounted to £73,684.88 which left a surplus of £8,176.65 carried forward to the commencement of this current year 1983/84 as a credit on the Burial Board account of £275.40, on the Public Lighting account of £974.92 and on the General account of £6,926.33.

"Outstanding loans on March 31st 1983, due to the Bank of England, totalled £41,007.33. These comprised £248 in respect of Burial Grounds, £231.83 in respect of Allotment land, £11,716.45 in respect of the Woodside Playing Fields, £17,915.86 in respect of the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground improvements and £10,895.19 in respect of the Village Hall.

"Major items of expenditure during 1982/83 were wages, graduated pensions, public lighting, new machinery, and repairs and renewals to machinery and parish property, the resurfacing of paths and renewal of part of the grass court fencing in the Recreation Ground, repairs to the War Memorial and the renewal of the entire Village Hall access way.

"The accounts of Pembury Parish Council were audited and approved by the District Auditor on May 26th 1983.

"The Parish Rate for the financial year 1984/85 is 8.8p in the £, which will produce the sum of £48,928 based on a penny rate of £5,560.

"I would with respect request that the Chairman of your Council submits this financial report for the year ended March 31st 1983 for adoption."

**H. S. J. Plant**  
*Clerk to the Council*

The population of Pembury at the 1981 census was 5,967, living in a total of 2,087 households, 77.1 per cent of which owned a car.

These figures are contained in a document recently issued by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys, which shows that between 1971 and 1981 Pembury's population rose by a fraction over 20 per cent.

Census day in 1981 must have been a good day for visitors because the figures show that altogether 6,285 people were registered as living in the parish, although 318 of them were not regular residents.

Of the 5,967 resident population, females outnumbered males by 3,137 to 2,830, nearly 26 per cent of residents were under 16 and 15½ per cent of pensionable age. The unemployment rate among the 16–64 age group was 3.71 per cent.

Altogether 67.66 per cent of us owned our own houses and 21.23 per cent were living in council accommodation.

And if you sometimes feel you are overcrowded – well, there are only 1.7 of us to every acre of land in the parish of Pembury.

## **Pembury LAWN TENNIS Club**

Pembury Tennis Club has been in existence for over 50 years and plays on two grass courts in the Lower Green Road Recreation Ground, rented from the Parish Council.

Our season runs from the beginning of May until the end of September. We play a few friendly matches against other tennis clubs in the area. For the past few years we have had a team in the Maidstone and District League, and we hope to do so in the coming season if enough members are willing to play in the matches.

But you don't have to want to play in matches to be a member of the Tennis Club. Anyone who likes to play tennis in a friendly atmosphere is welcome to join.

If you are interested in joining, why not phone our Secretary, Jean Prosser (Pembury 2682) or me (Pembury 3250) or simply turn up at the Club?

We used to have a junior section for players aged between 12 and 18, but the numbers declined and eventually that section disappeared. We would very much like to see it operating again and interested players, or their parents, are invited to telephone one of the numbers given above.

**A. Gould**  
*Chairman*



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The final stages of building and equipping Pembury Woodside Youth Club's building on the Woodside Recreation Ground have now been reached and it is hoped the club will be in operation early in the summer. January's violent gales created havoc to the roof and caused further interior damage as water seeped through. Fortunately this was covered by insurance and the damage has now been made good.

When the club is open it will provide activities for the senior club – 13 to 21 age group – on two, and possibly three, nights a week and a junior club for the 8 to 12s one night weekly. Qualified youth leaders will conduct a variety of interesting activities inside and outside the club building. These will include trips, outings to places of interest, art and craft sessions and competitions. It is also hoped to run a junior table tennis club on Tuesday nights and a junior snooker club on Saturdays.

Meanwhile the committee would be glad to hear from anyone willing to donate crockery and kitchen equipment for use at the club. If you can help please contact Mrs. Pauline Hawker on Pembury 4327.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



This will be on Wednesday, March 14th at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. It affords parishioners an opportunity of questioning the Parish Council about its conduct of affairs during the past year and of airing topics of interest.

The first part of the agenda will include reports by the Chairman and the Clerk. This year, however, it is planned to introduce two subjects, to be taken after an interval during which coffee will be served.

These are a discussion on whether or not Beagles Wood Road should become a through road or whether a footpath only should link the existing portions of the road. And in view of the projected start of the two by-passes (even though somewhat delayed) an officer of Kent County Council will speak on how the schemes will be carried out and the likely effect on the village while they are in progress.



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# FOR YOUR DIARY

- Apr** 3 Ladies' Social Group – 100 Years of Fashion, Mrs. Bruce. 2 The Forstal.  
 3 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting and talk by Police Sgt. Harris. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.  
 5 Afternoon W.I. – Birthday Party, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 6 Evening W.I. – All about Lamb, Mr. Peter Speaight. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 7 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane 2.15 p.m.  
 9 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 10 Parish Council (question time 8.30 p.m) Allotments, Amenities. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 14 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Clearance walk starting from the Camden 10 a.m.  
 17 Darby & Joan Club – Coffee morning and Sale of Work. Village Hall 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
 17 Ladies' Social Group – Icing an Easter Cake, Mrs. Houghton. 6 Westway.  
 26 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk on English Gardens, Mrs. Bartlett. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 28 Pembury School P.T.A. – Old Thyme Music Hall. Village Hall 7.30 for 8 p.m.  
 30 Parish Council (Question time 8.30 p.m) – Highways, Public Relations. Village Hall 8 p.m.
- May** 1 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.  
 1 Ladies' Social Group – Quiz Night and Bring & Buy. 15 Lower Green Road.  
 4 Evening W.I. – Discussion of resolutions for annual conference. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 5 Pembury School P.T.A. – Maypole Dancing on the Village Green. 1.15 p.m.  
 5 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from the Camden. 2.15 p.m.  
 9 Outgrown Children's Wear – Sale. Village Hall 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.  
 10 Afternoon W.I. – Discussion of resolutions for annual conference. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 14 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 15 Parish Council (question time 8.30 p.m) Planning, Finance. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 15 Darby & Joan Club – Outing to Chartham. Coach leaves Royal Oak 2 p.m.  
 15 Ladies' Social Group – Flying Visit to U.S.A, Mrs. Maxlow. 22 Herons Way.  
 19 Pembury School P.T.A. – Boot Fair at the School. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 17/18/19 Pembury Players – Summer production. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 29 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.  
 29 Ladies' Social Group – Cheese & Wine party and A.G.M. 30 Woodhill Park.  
 31 Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk on Herbaceous plants, Mr. Brian Doe. Village Hall 8 p.m.
- Jun** 1 Evening W.I. – On being a Fashion Model, Mrs. Ridsdale. Village Hall 7.45 p.m.  
 2 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Bo-Peep, 2.15 p.m.  
 4 Parish Council (question time 8.30 p.m) Allotments, Amenities. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 5 Ladies' Social Group – Barbecue. 12 Amberleaze Drive  
 7 Afternoon W.I. – Royal Heritage, Mr. Fuller. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.  
 11 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 12 Darby & Joan Club – All-day outing to Eastbourne.  
 16 Concert by Royal Tunbridge Wells Mixed Voice Choir in aid of the Scout and Guide Building Fund. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 18 Parish Council (question time 8.30 p.m) Highways, Public Relations. Village Hall 8 p.m.  
 19 Ladies' Social Group – Ramble and a pint. Meet at the Green  
 23 Pembury School P.T.A. – ANNUAL FETE. The School 2 p.m.  
 26 Darby & Joan Club – Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4.30 p.m.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Upper Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (First, Third and Fifth Sundays)  
 9.45 a.m. Parish Communion  
 11.30 a.m. Junior Church (except fourth Sunday)  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong with sermon

### Parish Church

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Second and Fourth Sundays)  
 11.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon



Every Friday – W.I. Market – V.Hall 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.

(35p)

Every Monday – Pembury Old Tyme and Modern Dance Club – R.C. Hall – 7.45-10.15 p.m.

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