

In the 1850s The National Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland was published by James Virtue*. Remenham was described in his Gazetteer as a parish in the Hundred of Beynhurst in the County of Berkshire and in the Diocese of Oxford. He said it was 1.5 miles NE of Henley (its post town and nearest railway station that was served by the Great Western Railway). He thought that Remenham situated on the River Thames was of small extent, but appreciated that it was celebrated for the growth of lavender (whose cultivation was introduced by the Lord General Conway, one time resident of Park Place (that he digressed to say contained a Druid Temple from Jersey)). He noted Remenham's land was mainly arable and pasture, but that it also benefitted from 300 acres of woodland and plantations. He described St.Nicholas' church as having a tower with two bells and a *curious* chancel of great antiquity. Two schools were to be found partly supported by subscription.

In these website pages we will, over time, explore the virtues and curiosities of Remenham as they have evolved with time.

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