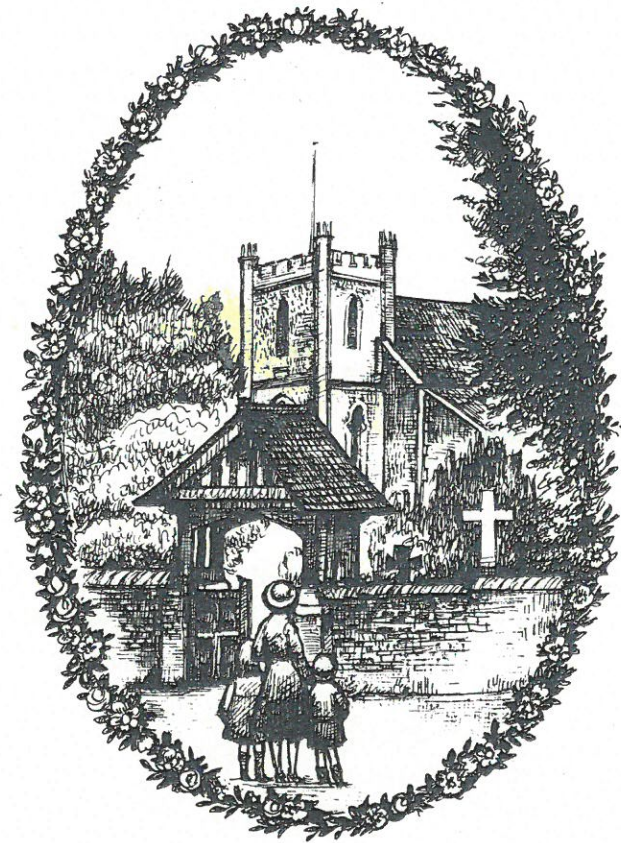


REMENHAM NEWS LETTER



Church of St. Nicholas

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, REMENHAM

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SERVICES

8 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday in each month
11 a.m. Mattins Every Sunday
 (Family Mattins 1st Sunday in each month)
12 noon Holy Communion 3rd Sunday in each month
 following Mattins.

Sidesmen

1st Sunday 8.00 H. W. Dibley.
 Mattins J. A. H. West; R. W. Ewart.
2nd Sunday R. I. D. Arthurton; R. Hardy.
3rd Sunday Sir Colville Deverell; H. Cartwright.
4th Sunday Major D. Young; M. T. Boulton.
5th Sunday Major S. C. Mason; G. Every.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec: 4th Feast of St. Nicholas
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Children's Gift Service.
Dec: 18th 11 a.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.
 3.30 p.m. Carols at Remenham Place.
Dec. 24th 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.
Dec. 25th Christmas Day
 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Mattins
 12 Noon Holy Communion
Jan. 1st 11 a.m. Carol singing for all the family

Church Cleaning Dec : Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Every,
 Mrs. Young.
 Jan : Mrs. Sparkes, Mrs. Walker,
 Mrs. Beith, Mrs. Kemp.

Altar Flowers : Dec : Miss Ansell, Miss Bailey.
 Jan : Mrs. Cridlan

THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

October 30th David Alun Hughes.
November 20th Katharine Elise Crossman.

Marriages

October 22nd Arthur William Stagg and Karen Elizabeth
 Fisher.

Burial

November 2nd Alice Morris.

Michael and Christine Payne would like to wish all the readers of this magazine a very very happy Christmas and much grace and blessing in 1978.

Diary of Events

Dec. 10th 2.30 Chantry House - Sale (nearly new) and Exhibition of Crafts, in aid of the Queen Elizabeth House Trust.

Dec. 21st 7.00 p.m. Family Christmas Party in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation by the Bishop of Oxford on January 5th at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. The Rev. Payne would be glad to hear of any candidates; classes will take place at 6 p.m. at the St. Mary's Rectory.

MAKE CERTAIN YOU'RE ON THE VOTERS' LIST.

If you are unsure, contact the Electoral Registration Officer for Remenham, Mr. T.H. Sparks, Park View, Remenham Hill. Tel: Henley 3038. The last date for inclusion is 16th December 1977. If you are not on the list you will not be able to vote at General or Local Government elections.

East Berkshire Mobile Library

Aston : The Flower Pot	12.45 - 12.30
Remenham Church	12.35 - 12.45
Remenham : Little Angel	1.55 - 2.15
Remenham Hill : Five Horseshoes	2.20 - 2.35
Remenham Hill : Post Box	2.40 - 2.55

Forthcoming dates : Dec. 12th, Jan. 9th, 24th, Feb. 6th.

EDITORIAL

Encouraged by the enthusiastic reception given to the 1st Issue of this News-Letter, we venture to offer No. 2, and hope that it will meet with your approval. The object of this venture is to try and bring the very scattered areas of this parish together with each other and our many friends from outside, and to let everyone know what is going on in Remenham (not such a sleepy village as it appears!).

In 'cooking up' new ideas we fell upon the happy one of a favourite recipe each issue, provided by a local personality; to inaugurate this we asked Sheila Bucknell who produced that superb casserole at the Jubilee Review Party, and she has sent us a special Christmas recipe which we hope you will all try out.

If time hangs fire over the holidays, do enter the Remenham Quiz Competition; some of the questions need a bit of ferreting out, but they may intrigue you. There will be a prize for the first correct entry opened after January 6th - don't forget your name and address, and 10p entry!

We would like to thank the very generous parishioner who is sponsoring this issue of the News-Letter and who wished to remain anonymous; we are most grateful.

Though we are distributing the News-Letter free, many people feel that they would like to contribute something towards the production, so if you would like to give a donation towards it please contact Mrs. Every. We are also planning to leave a box in the church if you pick up your copy there.

Apologies to those who failed to receive a copy of the first issue; sadly there seemed to be some gaps in the distribution system.

A LETTER FROM THE REV. GLYN JAMES

Dear Friends,

Three cheers for Bridget and Diana for re-starting this parish news-letter! I hope they won't mind my saying so, but I think the spirit they have shown in this venture is typical of so many members of our church and community, and that is why Remenham is such a great place to be associated with. Since I arrived here last February to conduct the Sunday services I have been really inspired by the vitality and loyalty of our congregation, and the strong sense of community which is expressed and nurtured by our church. This has been partly due, of course, to the very successful series of functions organised by Peter Sanderson and his team to celebrate our Queen's Silver Jubilee, but quite apart from that, one cannot help but be impressed by the friendly and generous involvement of so many good folk in our corporate life. This, surely, is the reason why the local church has come through a difficult year with flying colours and continues to prosper.

I often tell visitors that, for me, Remenham is a little pocket of old England at its best (at least, as I imagine it to have been) - an enchanting little church in a glorious country setting, a haven of peace and simplicity, deeply rooted in the history and traditional faith and worship of our people. Although I am not averse to liturgical experimentation and reform, I have come to appreciate that St. Nicholas' Church and the 1662 Book of Common Prayer 'go together like a horse and carriage'; somehow they fit, and it seems right and proper that our regular worshippers should wish to keep it that way.

'But what about the children?' someone may say: 'How can they be expected to understand Tudor English?'. My answer to that is that 'understanding' is not everything in religion, for children any more than for adults. By all means let us try to teach and guide them in the address, but the child is more than his intellect. He needs to be moved

If you fail to receive a copy this time let us know, and we hope that it won't happen again. Mrs. Every is responsible for the distribution and would be glad to hear from anyone who would be willing to help with delivering the News-Letter, particularly in the Wargrave Road area.

Last day for items for the next issue - January 21st.

Please keep your reports fairly short as we are limited for pages, and want to keep the letter as varied and interesting as possible. All reports, suggestions and complaints to the Editor, The Cottage, Aston. Tel : Henley 3565.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Christmas Cards - Many of you may not have seen the very attractive Christmas cards which have been made from the cover of this News-letter, designed by Judy Fraser. Mrs. Every still has some left and will be glad to sell them in aid of Church funds - 8p each including envelope. Orders and enquiries, please to Holme Farm, Aston, or Tel : 4825.

Good news : Miss Bridget Bailey is now home again after her operation; all good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations : To Louise and Peter Cawthra, on November 6th, a daughter - Suzanne.

by beauty and mystery in worship; he needs to experience a sense of awe and wonder in the house of God; he needs to feel that he counts and is cared for in the family of God. Above all, I believe the child should enjoy going to church. Briefly, what I am trying to say is that the non-theological factors are at least as important, perhaps even more important, than the theological factors in the spiritual growth of children. So we shall continue to use the Prayer Book Order for Morning Prayer as the framework for our Family Service on the first Sunday in every month, but I wish we could recruit more youngsters to come along with their parents and enjoy it - 1662 and all that! I need not remind you that the children of today will be the Church of tomorrow.

It was sad to hear of dear old Mrs. Morris's death so soon after the 'get well' message in our last issue. Her faithful worship and service at St. Nicholas' over a period of more than 60 years was an inspiration and example to us all, and her funeral was a lovely occasion of Christian thanksgiving and hope. Her family and friends have our sympathy and prayers.

I hope you will make a special effort to join in our Christmas festivities at the church; thus helping to stem the tide of secularism and preserve the true Christian meaning of what is, after, all our Lord's birthday celebration.

Christmas is all about giving; 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son'. May we rekindle our loving and our loving enrich our giving.

Wishing you all a very happy time with your family and friends,

Yours sincerely,

Glyn James

Mrs. Morris

It is with deep regret that we report in this issue the death of Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Pring writes :

Moving from Hambledon to Middle Culham in 1926, Mrs. Morris soon became well-known as a regular Church member and helper. Among other interests, she was an active member of the Cockpole Green W.I., and served for a number of years as Hon. Sec. Achieving the distinction of being a member of the Baptist Womens Own for over 50 years, she nevertheless always found time to be a real neighbour where help was needed. We will remember with gratitude her service among us. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family in their bereavement.

THE PARISH HALL

Thanks to an enthusiastic painting party who swept in with brushes and ladders on October 29th, the walls of the hall are now a glowing apricot colour. As funds become available it is hoped to continue refurbishing the interior; saving up for new curtains is high up on the list as the present ones, made during the war, have earned their retirement.

The Jubilee Review Party is reported elsewhere. The next event organised by the Committee is a Family Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome - admission is free, but refreshments, beer and wine may be bought. Bring the family and friends along and enjoy a good sing-song with Nigel and Jack.

Don't forget that the Hall is for hire; Mrs. Every, Henley 4825, will advise on charges and bookings.

S.O.S. Has anyone a small electric cooker with a reasonable sized oven going spare? If you don't want it - we do!

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At its meeting on 14th November, the Parish Council considered planning applications; a dwelling at Field Place Farm, was objected to as this is in the Green Belt. No objections were raised to extensions to Thamesfield Lodge, and the erection of a pole mounted transformer near Pillar Lodge, Upper Culham.

The sad depletion of the trees in the Parish was then discussed. The death of so many elm trees had led to considerable felling and, in the process, some good oaks and sycamores had been cut down. The Council decided that a programme of tree planting on a substantial scale should be started early next year, and hopes that all who live in the village and value the beauty of its woods and hedgerows will co-operate.

New notice boards are to be erected at Aston and Remenham Hill; the locations will be made known as soon as the Council has secured the necessary permission from the landowners concerned.

David Young.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

When I undertook the organisation of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in 1946 the total collection for the Parish of Remenham was £13.5.3d - a very generous sum in those days of sixpenny pieces and ten-shilling notes. Every year since the total has increased, and this year we exceeded £100. This is due not only to the generosity of the people in Remenham and their sense of responsibility to those who served their country gallantly in two world wars, but also to the devoted band of local helpers who have given so gladly of their time through the years. I am very happy to have this opportunity of thanking them, and the newcomers who are now willingly taking over.

Not the least of the help I receive comes from Mr. Cook, The Angel Inn, The Two Brewers, The Flower Pot, and The Five Horseshoes, all of whom kindly display poppies and collecting boxes.

Clare Cridlan.

REMENHAM PLACE

The House Committee and Matron (Mrs. Booth) would like to thank all those friends of Remenham Place who came and supported the Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on November 15th. The total sum raised was £240 - "Thank You". This money will go towards improvements and amenities in the Home. We are most grateful for this support, and sincerely hope that all who came enjoyed their visit to Remenham Place.

Parishioners and friends might like to know what is being planned for our Residents over Christmas, 1977.

Friday, Dec. 16th Family Tea-party for the families and relations of Residents.

During Christmas Week Visits by the Henley Singers, the Henley Lions, and Choir of St. Nicholas, Remenham; all these followed by light refreshments.

Christmas Day Presents and a Sherry Party for Residents only, followed by the carving of the turkey by our Medical Officer, Dr. Terriss, accompanied by his family.

We acknowledge with gratitude a Donation of £60 from the Remenham Non-Ecclesiastical Charities; this will enable Matron to give help where it is needed, and carry out these Christmas festivities.

Margaret Boulton.

REMENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It was 'full house' for the November meeting which was arranged by the non-committee members, with Mrs. Walmsley acting as President for the afternoon.

There was a most entertaining programme of holiday slides which clearly showed that the Remenham W.I. has its share of 'globe trotters'. There were encounters

with penguins in the Arctic, Koala bears in Australia, countless views of colourful spice markets and blue Mediterranean and Pacific shores. Finally, it was back to a peaceful walk along the Remenham riverside, and nostalgic pictures of the Silver Jubilee Festivities.

A Christmas stall, laden with attractive gifts and produce, was soon sold out.

Audrey Sanderson

Dates to Remember

12th December Christmas Party 7 p.m. Remenham Club

9th January 1978 "Town & Country Gardens" Talk by
Mrs. Susan Hill

Competition : Jar of home-made
marmalade

CULHAM FARM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

In February this year, Culham Farm got together and formed a sports and social club. As we on the committee are all amateurs we have been working on a trial and error basis. So far, we have had a successful Bar-B-Que Barn Dance on the farm, a few good dances at the Parish Hall, and a successful Mini-Fete at Aston during the Summer. We also have our own football pitch up at Woodside, Church Lane, and we play there most Sundays.

Two coming events are a Disco Dance at the Parish Hall on 6th January, 1978; tickets £1. Also a "Crazy Football" game on our pitch on Boxing Day; kick off 10.30

All information from the Secretary : Mrs. McMahon, Henley 77030.

JUBILEE REVIEW PARTY

Of all the English villages that organised celebrations this summer for the Queen's Silver Jubilee, few could have been more delightful than those at Remenham.

A social evening, organised to recapture happy memories of those summer days, took place in the Parish Hall on November 12th, and was much enjoyed by a crowd of local families.

Peter Sanderson, who had acted as chairman of the Jubilee Committee, was presented with an album covering the events, containing a frontispiece of village scenes exquisitely drawn watercoloured by Judy Fraser; the thanks of all were heartily given to him and the members of his committee who had worked so hard and so effectively to produce such a splendid Jubilee programme.

We were reminded vividly of how successful these celebrations had been, and what tremendous fun they were, by a showing of cine-film taken by Giles Every and Anthony West, and also by the screening of more than 100 excellent photographs, most of which had been taken by John Sanderson, Donald Fraser and Noel Whitcombe. These pictures, taken as ordinary snapshots at the time, had subsequently been turned into slides. One by John Sanderson, showed the truly superb floral decorations in the church; he also presented to the village a framed poster-size colour picture of the jollifications outside the church on the big day - a picture that summed up brilliantly the very essence of this joyous occasion. Though it was a cold winter's night in the hall when we revisited those flag-decked days of sunshine, it was heart-warming to see again the marvellous colourfulness of those celebrations, and indeed the lovely and timeless setting provided by the village itself.

This get-together was organised to raise funds for the hall, and in this it was highly successful. Rupert Bucknell ran the bar in a tent-annexe put up by John Sanderson with a team of helpers, and Sheila Bucknell produced a delicious hot supper, assisted by Moira Grepne. Including the sum of £26 from the raffle run by Charlotte Every, the evening raised a total of about £75.

Sally Whitcomb.

THIS MONTH'S RECEIPE

Mrs. Tibbles' Christmas Pudding Enough for 10 persons

6 oz. currants	1 oz. ground almonds
6 oz. sultanas	2 oz. roughly chopped almonds
12 oz. seedless raisins	2 oz. glace cherries halved
3 oz. mixed peel	Grated rind of 1 lemon
3 finely grated large carrots	Sprinkle of grated nutmeg
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb S.R. flour	4 eggs well beaten
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb fine white bread-crumbs	2 tots brandy, and some Old Ale or Stout to moisten
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb suet	
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb brown sugar	
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mixed spice	

Mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl; add the eggs and brandy + Old Ale and stir until thoroughly mixed, and make a wish. Pour into well-buttered pudding basins, cover with buttered paper and foil, and steam for 9 hours.

The Duke of Cambridge's Tart Enough for 4 persons

(An alternative to Mincemeat Tart)

Line a sandwich tin with Short Crust pastry made from :

8 oz. S.R. Flour
3 oz. lard
1 oz. margarine

Cover the bottom of the lined tin with :

3 oz. candied peel (chopped)
2 oz. halved glace cherries

Melt in a saucepan :

3 oz. butter
3 oz. caster sugar

Add: 2 beaten egg yolks
2 tablespoons brandy

and bring to boil.

Pour at once over candied peel and cherries, and cook in a slow oven until pastry is ready, and the filling nice and brown.

Sheila Bucknell

"KNOW YOUR REMENHAM" QUIZ

1. What did the children of Remenham give to add colour and light to the Church ?
2. What Royal event takes place every year within the Parish ?
3. One of our parishioners hit the high-lights in Coronation Year. Who ?
4. Part of the island of Jersey is in Remenham. What and where is it ?
5. St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of our Church; also of children, and who else ?
6. There are many of them on the River Thames, but at least Remenham can boast of two.
7. Reading Abbey - long destroyed - helps bridge the gap. Where ?
8. 'There is nothing like a Dame'! One of the first pin-up girls, she lived and died in Remenham. Who was she ?
9. Part of the village is commonly believed to have been mentioned in Domesday Book. Whereabouts is this area ?
10. A heroic lover who swam and was drowned, but is now in the pink! What does this mean ?!

Name

Address

Entries to be sent to The Cottage, Aston, by Jan. 6th with 10p entry fee.

<p><u>The Two Brewers Inn</u> Wargrave Rd, Henley 4375 Bed & Breakfast - Hot & Cold Bar, Snacks at all times. Table d'Hote lunch A'la Carte dinner.</p>	<p><u>The Flower Pot, Aston.</u> To all our friends greetings and the best of good wishes for the coming Season.</p>
<p><u>Chez Skinners Club</u> Remenham Hill, Henley. Tel. 5430 Parties catered for. Enquiries welcome.</p>	<p><u>Le Radier Restaurant</u> Remenham Hill, Henley-on- Thames. Tel. 4455. Open for dinner.</p>
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<p><u>Little Angel - Bar & Bistro</u> Remenham - Tel: 4165 Twice daily menu change. Full range of Draught Beers & Wines. Your hosts June & Paul Southwood.</p>	<p><u>The Five Horseshoes</u> Remenham Hill. Accommodation - hot meals. We wish everyone a happy Christmas & prosperous New Year.</p>

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