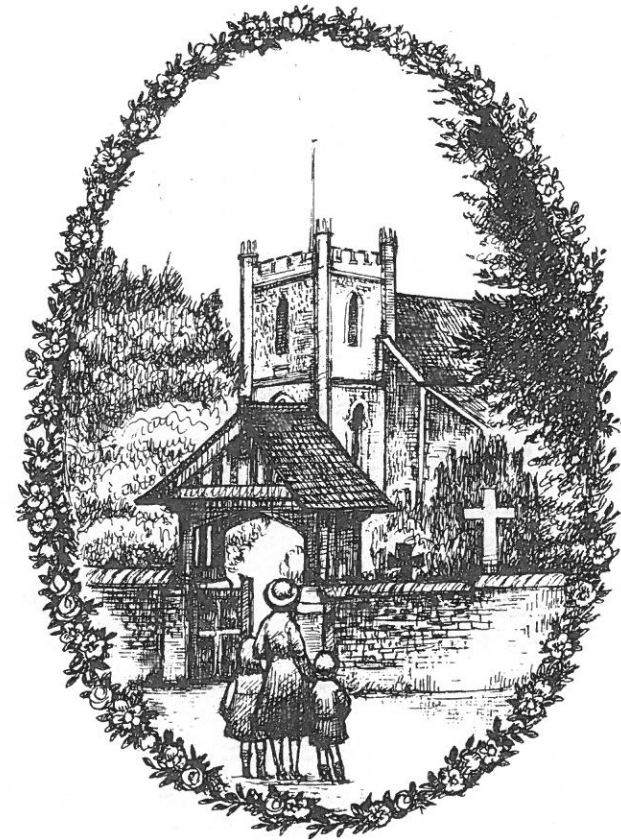


REMENHAM NEWS LETTER



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

Sidesmen

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

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

March 24th Good Friday 11 a.m. One hour of Devotion
March 26th Easter Day 8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Mattins
12 a.m. Holy Communion

Church Cleaning February : Mrs. Cridlan, Mrs. Ewart.
Mrs. West, Miss D. Rhodes.

March : Mrs. Tollit, Mrs. Shephard,
Mrs. Ridsdale.

Altar Flowers : February : Mrs. Every, Mrs. Patten.
March : Mrs. West, Miss D. Rhodes.

THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

December 18th Emma McArthur.
January 10th Nicholas John Cridlan.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday,
March 15th at 8 p.m.

Regular worshippers at the Church are welcome, and those whose names are on the new Electoral Roll are entitled to vote for Churchwardens, Parochial Church Councillors, and Synod representatives.

Please make sure that you have signed one of the new forms for inclusion on the Electoral Roll. N.B. All previous forms have been cancelled.

EDITORIAL

Judging by all the reports that have been sent in, Christmas seems to have been very enjoyable everywhere. Now, suddenly, snowdrops have popped up in the garden, chocolate eggs are in the shops, and - very early this year, Easter is upon us!

Times of Easter Services are given; your attention is also drawn to the special Mothering Sunday Service on March 5th, when it is hoped that as many children as possible will come to the church to collect posies of flowers to present to their mothers, a charming way of saying 'Thank you for everything'.

The newsletter certainly gets around; comments on it have been received from Sussex, Hereford, the Isle of Wight and Oxford. Miss Ames, whose family lived in Remenham until 1923, and were great benefactors to the Church, took a copy when she called in one day. She has now become our first postal supporter which is very encouraging!

The Mobile Library welcomes all newcomers, many of whom have joined as a result of the notice in the newsletter.

Another success story! In reply to our plea for an unwanted electric cooker in the last issue, Mrs. Gander came to the rescue, and it will be installed in the immediate future. The Hall Committee wish to offer their grateful thanks to Mrs. Gander for this generous gesture.

It was a great pleasure to receive such an enthusiastic report of the Remenham Place Christmas festivities sent in by one of the Residents; it's heartwarming to know that they feel part of the Parish, and want to share their good times with us all. Let's hope we hear more from them.

Please keep on sending articles and reports, short as possible as space is very limited, to the Editor, The Cottage, Aston. Tel: 3565. The latest date for copy next time will be March 21st, (but March 29th at the very latest if you have an Easter event to report).

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 13th, 8 p.m.	Talk and demonstration on "Lace Making" in the Henley Rectory.
February 18th, 2.30 p.m.	Jumble Sale in Chantry House (Please phone Henley 5361 if jumble needs collecting).
February 22nd, 8 p.m.	Concert for "Christian Aid" in Sacred Heart Church Hall, King James College Madrigal Group.
March 3rd, 2.30 p.m.	W.I. Tea for Forget-me-not Club, Park Place.
March 3rd, 2.30 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer in United Reformed Church, Henley.
March 11th, 10 - 12 noon.	Sale of Household Goods, Remenham Place.
March 15th, 8 p.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
April 19th, 7.30 p.m.	Annual Parish Meeting.

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 - 2.25
Remenham Hill : Post Box	2.40 - 2.55

Forthcoming dates : Feb. 6th, 20th, March 6th, 20th.

REMENHAM PLACE

There will be a Sale of Surplus Household Goods and Furniture at Remenham Place on Saturday, March 11th, 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. All prices - from 25p upwards. Please come and support us.

Margaret Boulton.

The Rectory,
Henley-on-Thames.

My dear Friends,

By the time you read this we shall be going into Lent, the six week preparation for Easter.

Christians everywhere have always seen this time as an opportunity for renewing their faith and hope and love and for realising more fully, by prayer, almsgiving and self-discipline their Christian commitment.

I hope it may be such a time for each of you.

Our Christian heritage needs strongly preserving amid all the material pressures and considerations which surround us in these days and it will only be preserved if each of us live up to our calling as Christians and Churchmen as fully as we can.

I have not been able to see you at Remenham just recently as much as I would have liked. I hope to be coming to you more often in the future. But even when I cannot manage to visit you, I certainly have you in my prayers and love.

God bless you and give you a refreshing Lent and a joyful Easter.

Your sincere friend and Rector

Michael Payne

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every parish in the Church of England is required to draw up an entirely new Electoral Roll by at least 15 days before the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (ACPM) of 1978. As the ACPM at Remenham has been fixed for March 15, this means that our deadline for enrolment is the last day of February, so if you wish to have your name entered on the roll of St. Nicholas Church and have not yet sent in a completed application form, will you please do so as a matter of urgency? The new roll will be displayed at the church door for 14 days, during which time no new names can be added, and it will then be officially published and used for voting purposes at the ACPM on March 15.

You are eligible for enrolment if you are (a) baptised, (b) a member of the Church of England, (c) 17 years old or over, and (d) resident in the parish of Remenham or have worshipped habitually at St. Nicholas Church during the six months prior to enrolment. We trust that you will look upon your 'signing up' as a responsible act of commitment to active Church membership and sharing in our regular Christian worship and service. It would be good if all our members could express this renewal of commitment by attending the ACPM on March 15, and Holy Communion on Easter Day.

Application forms are available in the church or from Miss Diana Rhodes, our Electoral Roll Officer (The Cottage, Aston, tel: Henley 3565), to whom the completed forms should also be returned (or left in the box marked 'Notes for the Rector' at the back of the church). It must be emphasized that everyone whose name appeared on the old roll has to apply for re-enrolment if they wish to do so.

G. J.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Family Christmas Party on December 21st in the newly decorated Parish Hall was a very great success. A delicious mulled wine had been brewed by two jolly barmen which was much enjoyed by the grown-ups and there were other nice drinks for the children. Also delicious eats for everyone.

Nigel and Jack from The Flower Pot played music and our grateful thanks to them both.

It was a very happy 'get together' enjoyed by everyone not forgetting the 'babe in arms' who seemed thoroughly to approve of all the excitements.

Our congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Bridget Every and the hard working Hall Committee and their helpers; also to Mrs. Worthington who had made a fairy tale Gingerbread House cake which was raffled during the evening.

The party made a very happy start to Christmas at Remenham.

Rosamond Cartwright.

CHRISTMAS AT REMENHAM

On Sunday, 4th December, we celebrated our Patronal Festival of St. Nicholas, the original 'Santa Claus', with a Family Service during which the children offered gifts of toys which were afterwards delivered to the children in Borocourt and Smith Hospitals. On the Sunday before Christmas we held our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, with congregational and choral items from the Remenham Carol Book, and in the afternoon the choir entertained the ladies at Remenham Place with carol-singing in the lounge. The following Wednesday evening a party in the Village Hall attracted a large number of people of all ages, the musicians giving the children a specially lively time.

The Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve was poorly attended (only 53 communicants), partly or mainly due to a mistake in the advertised time - such a pity because the church was so bright and beautiful, the service so warm and joyful, and the night was dry and brilliant with moonlight and stars. However, we had good congregations for Communion at 8 and 12 on Christmas Day, and a full house of happy families for Mattins which reassured us that the true meaning of Christmas is still recognized and honoured by very many people in our neighbourhood. The festive season was brought to a close with informal carol-singing and non-biblical readings on the Sunday after Christmas.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Richard Sparkes, Miss Mary Pullen, the choir, the ladies who decorated the church, and those who organized the party, for the major contribution they made in proclaiming the 'good tidings of great joy' and making our Christmas that much happier.

H.G.J.

THE FESTIVE SEASON AT REMENHAM PLACE

We know that Christmas is close upon us when our artistic gardener brings in the holly and mistletoe and starts the decorations, illuminating the Christmas tree and setting up the Nativity scene on the old chest in the hall. We are then ready to welcome the first of our visitors.

The "Lions" and partners have a number of acquaintances among the residents, and on 14th December we enjoyed a happy and informal evening with them, singing carols and chatting as friends do.

Matron's Christmas Party was the next important event, when relations and friends are invited to join us and share a tea consisting of innumerable 'dainties' and 'tasties' which must have taken many hours on several days to prepare. We certainly enjoyed this happy time.

Remenham Church Choir came on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas Day to give a carol service, and have tea with us. This provided an opportunity for us to meet the Rev. Glyn James, whom we were happy to welcome, too, as celebrant at our Christmas Eve Communion Service.

Although we missed the presence of Mr. Rogers this time, it was a pleasure to greet the Henley Singers with their delightful Carol Concert under their acting conductor, Mr. Gordon Siveter. The occasion is always a joy, and the interludes of poetry reading this time were a pleasant innovation, and much appreciated.

And so to Christmas Day, which started with the distribution of well-chosen presents, and many warm exchange of greetings, followed of course by parcel opening and getting ready for the day ahead. Meanwhile Matron and her "skeleton" staff were busy preparing a delicious meal to be served in the sparkingly decorated dining-room. A number of residents were absent with relatives and friends; but those who stayed at home were full of praise for a very happy day.

Here, then, are thanks on behalf of all the residents, to all who contributed to our entertainment, and three cheers to Matron and her Staff for all their kindness and devotion.

"A Resident"

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a recent meeting the Council considered a planning application for the replacement of an existing building at the Wargrave Road Factory, with office and storage accommodation. The Council was gravely concerned regarding this area which since many trees have been removed reveals a number of unsightly outbuildings. The increased work now being carried out may well become a nuisance to nearby residents. The Council strongly objected to the application.

Various planning applications have been received for use of the old Swimming Baths. The Council consider this area to be vital river frontage and have requested Wokingham District Council not to permit any development until the whole future of the site has been very carefully considered.

The problem of the increased dumping of litter and refuse in various parts of the Parish was looked into; there are strong reasons to believe that part of the trouble is caused by persons from outside the Parish. The Council expressed much gratitude to certain public-spirited members of the Parish who have undertaken clearing-up operations.

After complaints last year of vandalism resulting from people attending the Regatta Fair near the Wargrave Road, the Council undertook to investigate.

It was noted with concern the increase of heavy road vehicles in the Parish, and will keep the matter under active review.

An extension to the rear of Wisteria Cottage, Aston, was approved.

E.G. Selwyn.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - April 19th 7.30 p.m.

This is the most important meeting in the year for any parish, for it is the one time when residents can get up and let off steam if there is anything which they feel should be brought to the notice of the Parish Council. This year it will be held in the Hall on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7.30 p.m. so do enter this date in your diary.

GET RID OF YOUR RUBBISH!

Remenham Parish Council is on the warpath to try and prevent litter being spread around the village. The rubbish collection in this area is very regular and reliable; however, did you know that a large skip for outsize junk is available every other month on the 2nd Thursday? You will find it on the verge opposite Thamesfield on the Wargrave Road, on March 9th, May 11th, July 13th and Sept. 14th.

THE CHURCH HEATING

Parts of the Church heating system were found to be defective last summer and two reports stated that the electrical tubular heating installation would have to be re-wired or replaced. This is not surprising as it was installed about thirty years ago.

The P.C.C. appointed a sub-committee to consider alternative systems. This was done, estimates were obtained and churches with other types of heating were visited. The most practical alternative would have been to install infra-red heaters fixed to the walls. Although this would cost less than the re-wiring of the existing system, it would tend to heat peoples' heads and leave their feet cold. Furthermore it was thought that the heaters on the walls would have spoilt the appearance of the Church and would probably have a bad effect on flowers when the Church is decorated.

At their meeting on the 30th November last the P.C.C. considered all the reports and professional advice and were unanimously in favour of having the existing system re-wired and any necessary replacements made. The estimated cost of the work is £2,005 plus V.A.T.

Before work can start an Archdeacon's Certificate has to be obtained. The necessary procedure is being followed and the required notice has been posted on the Church door. It is hoped that the certificate will be issued by the end of January and that the work, which may take about a month, can then proceed.

Himley Cartwright.

REMENHAM WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Christmas Party. An old-fashioned atmosphere prevailed at the annual Supper Party held on 12th December at the Remenham Club, with a gaily decorated Christmas tree, soft lights on all the tables, and everywhere great bunches of red-berried holly. Everyone was welcomed with a glass of sherry, followed later by a delicious buffet provided by members, and accompanied by wine. A truly magnificent cake had been made by Mrs. Simpson which tasted quite as good as it looked. A big thank you to her for such a wonderful effort.

After the supper there was dancing to a record player, and various amusing games in which everyone participated. Mrs. Helen Cullen, a most talented pianist, performed tirelessly throughout the evening, and contributed greatly to the success of the party.

The evening ended with carols introduced by a small choir of WI members who, clad in cloaks, carrying lanterns, came in from the cold, dark night.

January Meeting. Mrs. Susan Hill of Yateley WI provided the entertainment on Monday, 9th January. She gave a talk, with slides, on 'Town and Country Gardens at Home and Abroad'. Many of the photographs had been taken on WI outings and during holidays abroad.

Mrs. Tansy, wife of the new Steward of the Remenham Club, was warmly welcomed as a new member. She will be a great asset to the village, having studied art and catering. Mr. and Mrs. Tansy, with their 10 year old son, have now moved into the charming new flat above the Club.

The prize for the best jar of marmalade was won by Mrs. Simpson, who also won the bloom of the month.

Forget-me-not Club. The annual tea party which the Remenham WI give for the Forget-me-not Club for the disabled will be held on Thursday, 3rd March at Park Place School by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr. Owen. The pupils have once again volunteered to provide the entertainment.

We would be very grateful for any small wrapped presents, for men or women, and for offers of cakes or sandwiches for this occasion. It would be a great help if gifts could be brought to the February Meeting, or taken to Mrs. Judy Fraser, Bramham, Remenham Lane.

February Meeting. Talk by a member of the Red Cross Society on 'First Aid in the Home' on Monday, 13th February. N.B. Please make effort to attend as new Committee will be nominated.

Windsor Theatre Outing. The rendezvous for the bus will be at 6.30 p.m. in the Market Place, Henley-on-Thames, on 15th February.

Audrey Sanderson.

CULHAM FARM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Our football match on Boxing Day was "Crazy", and very good fun; it was very nice to see some locals - thanks to you all for coming along.

The Disco Dance at the Parish Hall was very enjoyable; our thanks again to local support.

Keep your eyes open for posters about our next "Do" which will hopefully be the first week-end in March.

Pat McMahon

(Club Secretary - Tel : Henley 77030)

Small advertisements 1p per word.

WANTED Lady's bicycle for energetic teenager.
Simmons, c/o The Cottage, Aston.

THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

It was a very sad day when Remenham School packed up; the younger children were taken on by Crazies Hill, and the other pupils were swept off to the Piggott School in Wargrave. Now a modern comprehensive school, it is interesting to discover how the name "Piggott" came into being, and how the present Governors try to keep the school going following the intentions of Robert Piggott, its Founder. The Headmaster, Mr. Waghorn, has kindly sent us this very interesting account.

The Piggott School is the senior part of an ancient educational foundation, and its origins lie in the Piggott Charity created in 1796 by Robert Piggott, sometime churchwarden of St. Mary's, Wargrave.

The School was created for 20 boys and 20 girls of the Parish of Wargrave, whose parents could not pay for their education elsewhere. Robert Piggott placed money in trust, later added to by his sister Ann, not only to pay for the erection of the school buildings, but from investments to pay for the salaries of the staff, provide clothing for the children, and meet the cost of materials that the children used for their work.

The Headmaster's salary in 1796 was £21 per year, plus £1.10.0. for firing, and £1.10.0. for seeing the boys to church. The school mistresses salary was £15.

The provision of clothing was interesting; a sum of £60 was set aside to provide each boy with a suit of clothes consisting of a drab coat with brass buttons, a yellow waistcoat, a pair of corduroy trousers, and a pair of boots. Girls were given a dress and a pair of boots and stockings. Later red capes were provided and the children of the School looked very distinctive as they walked to Church on Festival Days.

In 1936, Canon Stephen Winter raised enough money to force the Berkshire Authority to provide a separate senior voluntary school in this area. The money raised came from the Parishes of Wargrave, Twyford, Sonning, Waltham St. Lawrence, Knowl Hill, White Waltham, Hurst, and not least Remenham - the buildings are still owned by the Church, and Remenham is a dutiful contributor.

The present building was opened on 18th September by Mr. H.T. Loyd, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Three bishops were in attendance, together with the Archdeacon of Berkshire and other clergy; it is reported that one of the bishops fell into the mud in full regalia which must have added to the sense of excitement on this great day.

In 1962 it became apparent that the school had to grow in size, and when the Governors realized how much money was needed to keep the school voluntary-aided, they reluctantly decided to opt for controlled status. This meant that the local education authority found the money for the new buildings but the Church and Governors retained many of their rights over the way it was run; this has been an amicable arrangement and the Diocese now appoints four out of the twelve Governors.

When the school became comprehensive, four years ago, the aim of Robert Piggott to give an education to all children whose parents did not send them away to school was again fulfilled. We have, of course, many more buildings than in 1796 - indeed, more than in 1939 - but although we can now boast of such things as seven science laboratories, prep rooms, and a well-equipped maths area linked into a modern complex, and of sports halls and playing fields with fantastic equipment, and although we produce sportsmen and sportswomen of County and International level, and gain excellent academic results in 'O' and 'A' level examinations I am sure Robert Piggott would not be looking to these things alone to judge the worth of his school. He knew why he set up the school and would know where to look for the criteria by which to judge it. I hope that over the years we have kept faith with his ideals.

Douglas Waghorn.
Headmaster.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Christmas is over. Lent is upon us, and the house-keeping money - if not the digestion - calls for cheap, simple, though nourishing meals.

Miss Jemmett, from her experience of rowing appetites during many, many Regattas, has come up with an inexpensive recipe which looks easy and sounds delicious.

Beef Loaf with Horseradish Sauce

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb lean beef	
4 oz raw ham or bacon	1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 egg	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon made mustard
4 oz breadcrumbs	1 pickled walnut chopped
1 small onion	Pinch grated allspice & nutmeg
	Salt and pepper

Mince the beef and bacon, chop the onion finely, and put into a basin with all ingredients except egg. Beat egg, and add to form fairly stiff mixture. Season to taste.

Grease an oblong bread or cake tin, put in the mixture, cover with greased paper, and cook in a moderate oven for 2 hours. Remove from oven, press with a heavy weight for several hours until loaf is quite cold. Remove from tin. Brush all over with meat glaze (you could cheat with powdered aspic and gravy browning! Ed.)

Serve hot or cold with Horseradish sauce :

2 oz finely grated horseradish.	
$\frac{1}{4}$ pt cream or evaporated milk.	A little made mustard.
2 tablespoons vinegar.	Pepper and salt.

Whisk cream until fairly thick. Stir in the horseradish, vinegar and mustard and seasoning.

Dorothy Jemmett.

THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Although the number of entries for this was disappointingly small, the standard was very high, and the independent judge found it a hard job deciding upon the winner. After much deliberation a dead-heat was declared between Miss Kate Hayes and Mrs. Boulton, both of whom had 9 correct answers. Congratulations to you both.

No one knew about Horseshoe Common, and few mentioned the two locks - Marsh and Hambleden - well-known features of the Thames waterway.

The answers are as follows :

1. The stained glass window in the porch (for which we children saved pocket money towards a mile of pennies).
2. Henley Royal Regatta.
3. Lord Hunt, who as Brigadier John Hunt, led the successful Everest expedition.
4. A druid's circle of stones now at Templecombe was given to General Conway by the Island of Jersey where he had been the Governor.
5. St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of children, sailors, Russia, - and pawbrokers!
6. Both Marsh and Hambleden Locks are in the parish.
7. The 'Ragged Arches', now known as Conway's Bridge, built by him from stones from the ruin of Reading Abbey.
8. Dame Gladys Cooper.
9. The area between Common Barn, the Five Horseshoes and Remenham Place.
10. Leander was drowned swimming the Hellespont for a secret assignation with his girl friend, Hero. (Why didn't he row ?). The Club, whose colours are pink, is named after him.

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