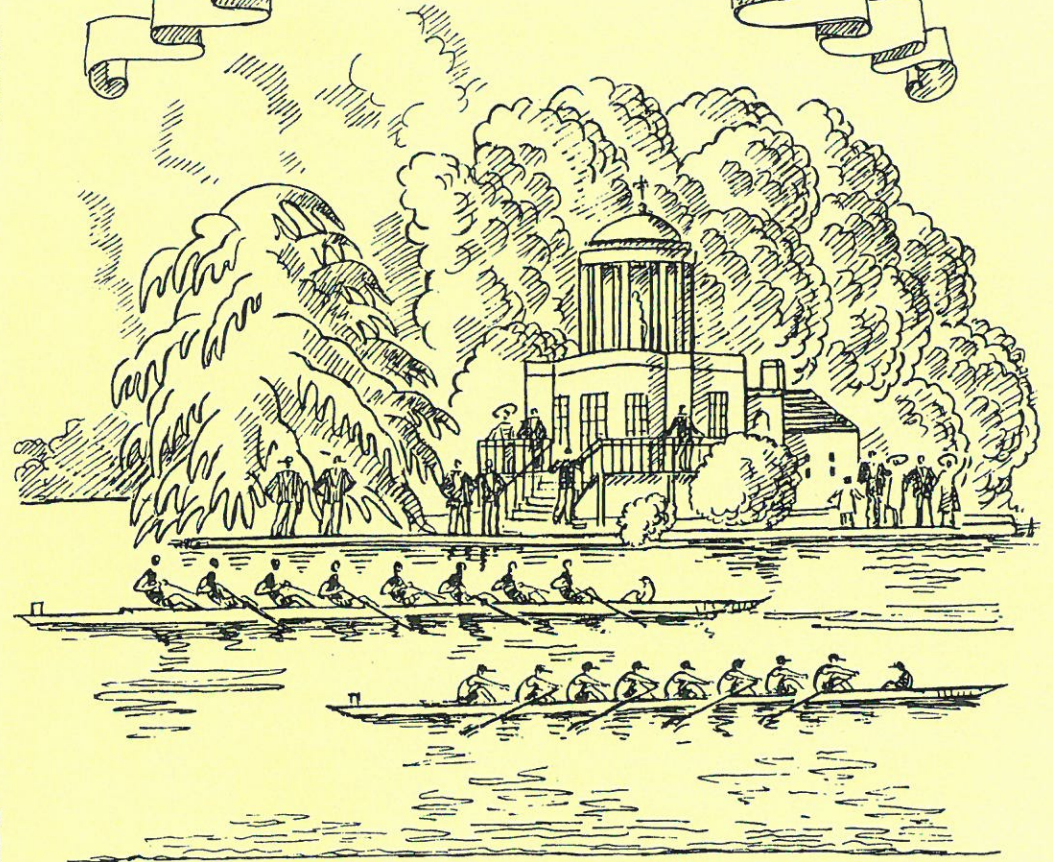


REMENHAM NEWS LETTER

THE 100TH ISSUE



CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

JULY - AUGUST 1994

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Dr E A Smith D Parnwell

5th Sunday

E Selwyn Mrs V Smith

SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion Suspended until further notice

11.15 am Mattins Every Sunday, except third Sunday of
the month when there will be Holy
Communion (1662) with hymns.

SERVICE NOTE

As usual, because of access problems, there will be **no service at Remenham on Regatta Sunday, 3rd July.** Please come to St Mary's, Henley at 10.00 am for the Crew's Service.

CHURCH CLEANING

July	Mrs Wynne-Willson	Mrs Martin
	Mrs Walley	
August	Mrs Cartwright	Mrs Hardy
	Mrs Young	Mrs Eggar
September	Mrs Dibley	Mrs Edwards
	Mrs Duffey	

ALTAR FLOWERS

July	Mrs Law	Mrs Walley
August	Mrs Thompson	Mrs V Smith
September	Mrs West	

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

24th April	Steven Edward Daniells
24th April	Richard William Weili Armstrong
7th May	Sophie Charlotte Emily Sweeting
12th June	Eleanor Daphne Asquith
19th June	Gregory William Smee

Holy Matrimony

18th June	Peter Mummery and Susan Jennifer Reed
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Service of Thanksgiving

27th May	Eugenie Blanche Sutherland
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

(for further details see articles below)

5th July	Parish Council Meeting 6.45 pm The Parish Hall <i>followed by</i> 8.00 pm Local Government Meeting
13th July	Summer Sale 6.00 pm Stewards' Enclosure
17th September <i>(Check time)</i>	Country Fayre pm The Parish Hall
24th August	Parochial Church Council Meeting 8.00 pm The Parish Hall
19th November	Quiz Night (with fish and chip supper) Evening The Parish Hall
Early December	Advent Concert Evening The Church

EDITORIAL

THE NEWSLETTER ITSELF. ONE HUNDRED NOT OUT

During the run-up to the Jubilee in 1977 the Jubilee Committee issued regular broadsheets, which were delivered to the whole village, informing people of all the events which were taking place almost weekly. After it was over it was realized that there was nothing left to keep the community spirit going. At a meeting Bridget Every suggested carrying on a newsletter; "she would produce it if Diana Rhodes would edit it", taking in the parish magazine which had then lapsed. It was agreed, so we set off in a lighthearted manner and between us gave birth to the Newsletter, doing everything ourselves from writing, typing, advertising, and delivering.

Copies were delivered, as before, to all houses in the village, and some were placed in the church for anyone interested. It caught on - much to our surprise - and came out, more or less, every two months.

Then disaster struck; Bridget was tragically killed in a car accident which was devastating. While we were all reeling from the

shock, Myrtle Sivyver offered her help - a tutor at Maidenhead College with her own word processor she gallantly undertook to produce the newsletter. Soon Pat Sly joined the team, whipped up the advertising and made encouraging suggestions. When I retired to hospital she capably held the fort, keeping me in touch and there was no break. When Myrtle left the neighbourhood in 1990 Felicity Rutland answered the SOS for help and she has been Production Editor since then with assistance from Pat.

Quite recently Judy Smith has taken over advertising and distribution.

The delightful cover illustrations have been provided by Judy Fraser from the very first issue. Thanks to all the contributors willing (or press ganged!) the Newsletter has now reached its 100th issue - a tribute to Bridget Every whose brainchild it was originally.

THE CAST

Founder Editor	Diana Rhodes
Sub Editor & Secretary	Pat Sly
Production Editor	Felicity Rutland
Advertising & Distribution	Judy Smith
Greenfingers IV	Sheila Bucknall
Cover	Judy Fraser

Distributors:- Mrs Bucknall, Mrs Bland, Mrs Light, Mrs Challis, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Ridsdale, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Plunket, Mrs J Smith, Mrs Barraclough, Mrs Law.

GET WELL SOON to Gillian Murdoch who has broken her leg.

A Reminder - items for inclusion in this Newsletter (or ideas for future issues) - **and contributions to the cost** - to Diana Rhodes please (The Cottage, Aston. Tel 573565).

A LETTER FROM CANON ALAN PYBURN

Dear Friends

So this is the 100th issue of the News Letter - what a marvellous effort, editors, producer, contributors and deliverers.

There used to be a Parish Magazine produced by the incumbent, the oldest copies of which I can lay my hand on being for the year 1915. The cover shows a striking picture of St George dressed in full armour and the text "Put on the whole armour of God". It is a reminder that these were the years of the first Great War, there were working parties to send comforts to the troops, names were being collected for the memorial, Mr Caldicott sang "Tipperary" at the children's party, new oak seats were dedicated for the church. George H Williams was the Rector and honorary subscribers paid 2/6 per annum and ordinary subscribers one shilling. What a long time ago it all seems. And how things have changed. Just a few of the old names can still be traced. "Time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away."

This image of the RIVER is a most important one for Remenham - the church by the river. It is a picture of the passage of time - which often makes us sad. But it is also a picture of joy and happiness and pleasure - which we find every year at the Regatta and the Festival. For the river flowing by waters the banks on either side and enables the trees to grow and flourish. And the river of life sweeps us along through ever changing scenes of life, from hill to meadow, from meadow to suburbia, from suburbia to the tidal waters and the docks. And in life from childhood, to youth, to middle and beyond, until all waters merge when they join the sea. And on that river we are set to row - and learn the skills of a good start, a steady pace, a good follow-through and a clean finish. This may sound a bit like hard work - but for odd moments and holidays we can rest on our oars and enjoy the social life of the Regatta or the strains of music and the flashes of fireworks at the Festival.

Where would summer be without the river? Where would life be without the flowing grace of God? Even in St John's vision of heaven in Revelation there is a river, a pure and crystal river that flows by the throne of God.

I have found a chorus which apparently is often sung at an oarsman's service by the Cam which sums it all up. The last verse runs:

Soon we'll reach the silver River,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

All good wishes for the summer.

Yours sincerely

Alan Pyburn

IN CHURCH - We are pleased to report that an induction loop system has just been installed. This means that anyone wearing a hearing aid can now hear everything that is going on. First trials have been very successful. We are very grateful to Miss Diana Rhodes who gave it in memory of her parents and her sister.

DURING THE SUMMER - So many people visit the church and the river during the summer that we feel some effort should be made to welcome them. It is such a pity that they so often find the church locked up. A group of volunteers are going to try and keep the church open on **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS DURING AUGUST** from 2.00 - 5.00 pm and others will **SERVE TEAS IN THE PARISH HALL**. If you would like to help, either by stewarding in the church or by serving teas or providing a cake, please contact the church wardens. **THERE WILL ALSO BE A SERVICE OF EVENSONG EACH SUNDAY DURING AUGUST AT 5.00 pm** (lasting about three quarters of an hour). **WHY DON'T YOU COME AND JOIN US?**

KNEELAPPEAL

There has been an enthusiastic response to our Kneeler Appeal, and twenty ladies and two intrepid men are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their kits. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

MEMORIES OF REMENHAM

Carol Smalls, who was over from Australia recently with her husband, remembered Remenham where she lived as a child during the war. She remembered going with my father to Hambleden Mill to collect food for his hens, and scouring the neighbourhood for his labrador who tended to go walkabout. She also recalled Mrs Morris who brought round "agricultural pies" every week to ensure land workers were well fed!

Diana Rhodes

Early memories of Remenham have prompted the following contributions.

From *Phoebe Ames*:

"The reminiscences of Mrs Cridlan fascinate me. I'm one who can remember driving to church from Remenham Lodge and Underwood (White Hill House) behind the horses (no outriders!) and the carriages being parked and stabled in the Holloways stables AND the coachmen going out of the choir after the sermon and, hey presto, there were the vehicles plus liveried coachmen all ready and waiting when we came out.

Congratulations on the Newsletter's 100th birthday. All further success to it from a nonagenarian whose first CONSCIOUS Christmas service was in Remenham Church!! Then aged 4, or thereabout."

From *Tom Balding*

"Remenham 1948 - My earliest remaining memory of the church at Remenham is the occasion of Charles' christening, though I feel sure I must have attended before, with the Burnell family, led by my hero, The Colonel.

Charles had arrived among us conveniently a month before the Olympic Regatta in August. Mary and I made the long journey from Kendal with him, really to see Richard compete in the Double Sculls with Bert Bushnell, and this was just the time to have the christening in Mary's church.

Our party arrived at the church, and Mary said to the Rector (Mr Rees Jones) "why are you flying the flag? It's not a saints day." "You don't think I am going to Christen a son of yours without flying the flag!"

And we duly saw Richard win his gold medal.

Then Mr Rees Jones was succeeded by the inimitable Arthur Pettit, whose Easter sermons we came 500 miles to hear. (500? Well, we had to get back, didn't we.)

He mounted the pulpit, addressing us on the need for firm living foundations to our lives. Then, diving into his surplice he produced an enormous turnip and cried "WOOTS! We must all have woots". And thereafter for years we never missed. Probably we were more interested in what he produced from his surplice than in what he was actually saying, but we got the drift. We are still on Christmas card terms, so if he sees this I hope that will continue."

From *Dawn and Geoffrey Loyd*

"In 1968 we were the first "Service of Blessing" couple to be married at Remenham by Arthur Pettit and shortly afterwards we moved to Herefordshire.

We bought an old vicarage and had to change its name, so we called it Remenham House.

Last year over the Regatta weekend our family acquired a Pot bellied pig - guess what it is called? - Henley - and it lives in the "Stewards Enclosure".

Many congratulations to the Remenham News Letter on its 100th issue, and thanks to Diana we are kept up-to-date with all your news."

From *John and Joy Hunt*

"ASTON - THEN AND NOW. Looking back on our impressions of Aston, as it was when we first came to live here in 1956, we think of how little this place has changed, protected as it is by the National Trust, over nearly 40 years. For us, this is a source of comfort, in a world in which development, in the name of progress, has altered many other villages, up and down the country, almost beyond recognition since the 1950's. Of course, people have changed; they have stayed on and grown old as we have, or moved elsewhere and been replaced by others. For instance, Wisteria Cottage, opposite our house in Aston Lane, was occupied by a delightful Irish family. It was even smaller then than it is now, but Paddy Ronan and his wife managed to bring up a family of six children there, in very cramped conditions.

But Aston, with its lack of main drainage and water supply, and

the lanes which lead to and from it, look today just as they did when we first saw Highway Cottage and fell in love with the place. The name of our house has changed; it was somewhat grandiosely named "Aston Hall" when we bought it. We discovered that it is, in fact, a merger of two old dwellings. It may look a somewhat over-grown cottage today, but the name suits our style and outlook. We called it "Highway" because of the old road, now covered in trees and scrub, but still lined by ancient yews, which runs along the North side of the house on an embankment. Shortly before we came here, a bridge carried this roadway across Aston Lane. The road can still be traced from the former farm house where the Chairman of the Parish Council, Tony Southwell, and his family now live, past Culham Court to the point where it joins the A423 near the "Black Boy" inn.

So a bridge has disappeared. So has the chain-hauled ferry barge across the river, manned by one Ted Randall, who lived in the last cottage down Ferry Lane (now merged with another dwelling to become "Ferry House"). The ferry provided access to the Henley - Marlow road. It, too, was a useful and historic means of communication for the village. It ceased to function shortly before our arrival.

But the most important change was the closure of the Post Office and village shop, which were located in the house now named "The Old Post Office". A pub, a post office and a shop are surely the hallmark of a village; now, only the "Flower Pot" remains as the focus of tradition immortalized by the incomparable Fred Hewitt. We remember with affection Bill Dixon who lived down Ferry Lane and who had to remove indoors from its outside position his hand-operated water pump in cold weather. Equally, we fondly recall Mr and Mrs Waite, who kept the Post Office and shop. Afflicted with arthritis, Mr Waite had to use a long pair of tongs to fetch down items of his stores from the shelves. We remember that, when Tenzing Norkay first came to stay with us, at the height of his fame as one of the heroes of Everest, he had been bewildered by the bedlam of the big cities in which he was fêted. But despite the language difficulty, he immediately related happily with Mr and Mrs Waite, and with the farmer, David and Mary Bone; they were country folk, like himself.

Aston is today, as it was then, a peaceful place, which stands aside from the speed and sound of the world around us. How fortunate are those of us who live here!"

REMENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on Wednesday, 15 June.

The following matters of general interest were discussed.

The Induction loop, for the benefit of the hard of hearing, has now been installed and seems to be working very well.

Consultations on the proposed union of the benefice with St Mary's Henley are going ahead. No objections have so far been reported.

Methods of economising on the costs of churchyard maintenance were considered.

Mrs Walley is organizing the arrangements for opening the Church to visitors on Sunday afternoons during August and providing teas in the Parish Hall. She will be pleased to hear from volunteers to help in both places. Canon Pyburn has kindly offered to provide evensong at the end of each Sunday afternoon and we hope that parishioners will welcome this and will come to the services. There will also be evensong on the second Thursday in the month when the kneeler embroidery group meets in the Church. We hope that it may also be possible to have Holy Communion on one weekday morning: this will be discussed further at the next PCC meeting, which will be on Wednesday, 24 August, at 8.00 pm.

E.A Smith

ST NICHOLAS SUMMER SALE

What could be more pleasant on a summer evening than to stroll by the river and visit the prestigious Stewards Enclosure (available by kind permission of the Regatta Committee) where the Summer Sale will be held on Wednesday, July 13th, from 6.00 pm onwards? There will be lots of interesting stalls for children and adults, and light refreshments will be available.

Sarah West and Pat Sly will be happy to receive tombola prizes and bric a brac, and any items for auction.

Mim Dibley and her splendid team will accept secondhand clothing (particularly children's garments) in the Parish Hall on the afternoons of Monday, July 11th, and Tuesday, July 12th.

Please help as much as you can, but in any case, come along and enjoy yourselves.

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Following submission of the petition regarding the speed on the A4130 at Remenham, the subject will be discussed at the Wokingham District Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 7 July. The Parish Council is most grateful to Mr Anthony West who has kindly agreed to speak on the subject on our behalf at the meeting and it would help to strengthen our case if as many residents as possible could attend.

The enlargement of Hambleden Lock is now complete and the damage caused to the roads by the heavy vehicles during the work has been inspected and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Local Government Restructuring - The Local Government Commission has just produced its draft recommendations for Berkshire as follows:-

1) Four new councils in place of the County Council and District Councils, namely:

a) "Expanded Reading", the present Reading Borough, plus Earley, parts of the parishes of Shinfield, Burghfield and Theale, Tilehurst, Purley and a small part of Eye and Dunsden parish.

b) Royal East Berkshire (Bracknell Forest Borough, Windsor and Maidenhead Borough, Wokingham District).

c) Newbury.

d) Slough.

2) Almost exactly as above, but with the Expanded Reading council taking in the whole parishes of Earley, Shinfield, Burghfield, Theale, Tilehurst, Purley, Woodley and Mapledurham, Kidmore End and Eye and Dunsden.

A leaflet will be delivered to each household by the Royal Mail towards the end of June so that everyone can make an evaluation of the options and then return the questionnaire which will be enclosed with the leaflet.

Philip Moore, Parish Clerk Tel: 573726

Your Parish Council, after reading the proposals, will still be supporting the **Wokingham Option**. When you receive your questionnaire you will be asked to choose "Option 1", "Option 2" or "Other". If you wish to add your support to your Parish Council's choice, please choose "**Other**" stating support for the Wokingham Option.

Tony Southwell, Chairman, Remenham Parish Council

STOP PRESS!!

THIS CONCERNS EVERY RESIDENT OF REMENHAM

On Tuesday 5th July at 8.00 pm in the Remenham Parish Hall, a public meeting will take place to discuss the draft recommendations on the future of Local Government in Berkshire.

Various representatives from Wokingham District Council will be on hand to answer your questions.

PLEASE COME - the Parish Council needs your support.

MISS EUGENIE SUTHERLAND

Miss Eugenie Sutherland of Mill Pool Cottage, Remenham, died peacefully by the river at Thamesfield. She and her family have always been great lovers of the river and apart from the war years and when serving abroad, she always attended the Royal Regatta.

During the Second World War, Jae, as she was known, served in the Foreign Office all over the world, including West Africa, the Middle East and Egypt with her sister Phyll, where her father saw service in the army in the First World War. Here, she was involved in preliminary preparations to destroy or evacuate Embassy documents as Rommel and his Africa Corps neared Cairo.

In Remenham she was well known, taking part in many activities including being secretary of the Women's Institute, a loyal member of the congregation of St Nicholas Church and secretary of the Residents' Association. Jae was a great character and will be much missed by her many friends. She is survived by her elder sister Irene, her brother Peter and sister-in-law Diane Sutherland.

REMENHAM COUNTRY FAYRE

This year's event is to be held on 17 September. There will be a much larger produce show to be organised by Una Dawes with the following categories: 5 different vegetables, 5 tomatoes, 5 cooking apples, 5 eating apples, best single bloom, small table arrangement 6" max., best photo of animal/child/children, vegetable animal:- up to 5 years and 5-7 year olds, 3 gingerbread men:- 7-11 year olds, and best photo of animal/child/children. There will be no charge to enter and entry forms will be available in August from Una Dawes, Woodside Farm, Remenham Church Lane, Tel: 572416. There will be a Punch & Judy Show for the children as well as all the usual attractions. Full details will appear in the next issue but, in the meantime, anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact Jenny Law (574739) or Pat Sly (577925).

Peter Sly

HAMBLEDEN LOCK

On Friday, 20 May, Peter Sly as Liaison Officer and myself as former Chairman of the Parish Council were lucky enough to be invited by the National Rivers Authority to the opening of Hambleden Lock.

We met at Leander, where we boarded the New Orleans for coffee before proceeding down river to the lock.

On arrival we were divided into parties for conducted tours and information on the working of the lock, which has a new system whereby the water comes in through pipes to the centre of the lock; this enables boats to move right up to the gates and has a much less turbulent flow of water when it fills up. It is also now the largest lock on the mid-Thames.

Mr Selwyn Gummer, Minister for the Environment, arrived by road to perform the opening ceremony. He was introduced by Lord Crickhowell, Chairman of the NRA, and made a short and amusing speech congratulating the NRA and the contractors, Murphy, on the wonderful job they had done. A plaque at the side of the lock with the date was then unveiled. This was followed by a blessing on the lock and all who "use her" given by Canon Alan Pyburn.

We then boarded the boat to take us back to Leander for lunch.

Peter and I felt very honoured to be included as the majority of guests were either from the NRA or the building contractors. It was a very interesting and pleasant day out.

Sarah West



Canon Alan Pyburn blessing Hambleden Lock

Photo: Gilliam Nahum

THE MIND BOGGLES

Hambleden Lock has been rebuilt but there is no toilet block although we were told that there would be - indeed, we understand that the NRA laid the foundations but that the National Trust, who hold covenants over much of the land in Remenham, were only prepared to accept their construction if they were placed underground.

The number of walkers using the towpath has increased enormously over the years. Where are they expected to woopsie? There are NO facilities on the towpath in Remenham. We have enough trouble with goose muck and dog muck without suffering the additional and heavier penalty of human muck!

If more and more people use the countryside, then we must make sure that reasonably placed facilities are available for their use.

PARISH HALL CHARGES

Daytime £7.00 per hour	Evenings £8.50 per hour
Weddings/functions	£80 for the day
Marquee setting up - day before	£16
Marquee taking down - day after	£16

China and cutlery are also available for hire for private functions other than in the Parish Hall, as are tables and chairs

Please contact Marilyn Halsall, 576190 for all enquiries.

WHAT A "BLOOMING" FESTIVAL

The flowering variety was a delightful display in the church blending with the liturgical colour of the season of Whitsun. A sincere thank you to the ladies whose artistic arrangements were greatly appreciated during the morning service and the two days open to visitors.

Hugh Legh, of St Mary's and the Toy Library, undaunted by the heavy showers, demonstrated cunning skill to meet the eleventh hour switching Whit Sunday's outdoor active events from the Parish Hall and grounds into the Church.

The colourful variety of collages, pictures and drawings by the children of Crazies Hill School shone forth from the newly decorated walls of the Parish Hall. Sue Brooker too has a talent for bringing out the best in the children's expressive gifts.

Joy to the World was our Whitsun Theme. Hedley Roberts, of the Trust, aptly expressed this in accepting, and giving thanks, for the Toy Gifts the children had brought or sent for the disadvantaged children in the world of the Trust's concern. "In two weeks these toys with the special flower pictures will be in the hands of abandoned children of Moscow" he promised. Our donation would have been more generous had the weather been kinder.

Two exhibitors, to add to the scope of the Festival, sat out the two days with stalls of Natural Wood Sculpture by Pat Main and of Marble Work by Vanessa Jones, both of Henley.

The U-Three-A Singers from the Toy Library, members and friends of Melba Pitt delighted the tea-time gathering when the sun burst through to make a grand finale to the Festival.

Philip Challis

PRAYERS AND BEARS

The Henley Deanery Mother's Union Teddy Bears Picnic held at Remenham Parish Hall on Tuesday, 7th June, was attended by about 60 families. There were songs and stories appropriate to the very young before they started on their picnic. After pony rides, playing on the bouncy castle and PC Andy Thompson's demonstration of his police car, the afternoon finished with a blessing given by Rev. Dick Chown who led the crowds in "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

NEWS FROM CRAZIES HILL SCHOOL

ART EXHIBITION

The Crazies Hill School Art Exhibition at the Parish Hall was a first. A selection of the work done by the children from reception to year 6 was on display. Most of the Remenham and Aston children had their work exhibited. Apologies to Ros Leeming because her contribution was left out. The inclement weather kept visitors away which was a shame. The children's work looked good alongside the beautiful wood sculptures and marble pieces by displayed and on sale.

SCHOOL VISIT

The school has recently been on two trips. The younger children, known as Key Stage One, visited Cogges Farm near Witney. The trip was linked to their science and history work. They saw some weaving being done on a large loom and the cows being milked by hand. Claudia Cooper had a go at milking the cow. (See her account of this below.) The children had a very enjoyable day with their teacher Helen Sleep and lots of willing parents.

The older children visited the Victory in Portsmouth. Again this was a very successful day. The children were shown around the ship by excellent and amusing guides. They were fascinated by the different kinds of cannon shot, not just cannon balls and the cat of nine tails. Oliver Ward made himself comfortable in a hammock and the guide demonstrated how the dead bodies were sewn up in them before being tipped overboard. All excellent stuff for the children, the more blood thirsty the better they liked the stories. Again the children were accompanied by willing parents and staff Sue Brooker, Catherine Spivey and Sue Lorenz

Sue Brooker

MILKING A COW by Claudia Cooper aged 7

I milked a cow when we went to Cogges farm. First a man milked the cow. Then he asked for a volunteer. The man chose me. So I tried to milk the cow. It was difficult because you had to do it by hand. You had to keep on moving your thumb then your finger. But I didn't get much milk out.

POLICE

HENLEY-ON-THAMES POLICE STATION, KINGS ROAD,
HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.

Telephone: 0734-536505 8.00am-12pm (Routine Matters and Messages).
or The Police Station, Lea Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 0734 536259.
Fax: 0734 723925.

Crime - 999

Hello Readers,

Well, the silly season is almost upon us when thousands of people descend on Henley from all over the world to take part in the Henley Regatta. For some of the Remenham residents, however, it can be a very stressful time and the Police fully understand this. With so many visitors, statistically you are going to have some of the bad element visit as well. Now is the time to review your home security.

Most police officers know that if you are going to be burgled, it will be through a rear, ground floor door or window and from a spot that is not overlooked. The offender will have worked out an escape route to flee if disturbed. Many people I meet say "Well, if they are determined to get in, they will." This is not telling the whole story. It is true most villians will case a place, i.e. check out the security before they strike, and when they do strike, it takes most villians minutes to steal what they are after. If your security is good, they will invariably forget it and try somewhere else.

Rule 1 is to install good locks at windows and doors, especially at the ground floor rear.

Rule 2 is to use them. Check if they are locked.

Rule 3 is if you can afford it, get an alarm installed and have it monitored remotely.

The distress caused by a burglary in many cases is far worse than the property being taken. I have seen this distress myself. Don't say it will never happen to you. Be prepared and you will keep them out.

If you need any crime prevention information, it is available at no cost from the Henley Police Station from 8.00 am to midnight any day.

Have a very pleasant and crime-free Regatta.

Regards,

P.C. 2810 Andy Thomson

CHARITY THEATRE NIGHT

The Wargrave Theatre Workshop are presenting their opening night of the Wizard of Oz and Shakespeare's Heroines on Thursday, 30 June, 7.30 - 10.00 pm at the Woodclyffe Hall, High Street, Wargrave, as a benefit performance for THE GIL POULOS MEMORIAL TRUST.

Gil Poulos was a young boy full of joy, energy and promise when his life was tragically cut short by an automobile accident. During the five weeks of hospitalisation prior to his death, Gil displayed a remarkable nobility, a delightful sense of humour and a loving nature which touched everyone who came into contact with him. In the three short years of his life he managed to influence and bring out the best in everyone who met him.

To honour Gil's spirit and to preserve the valuable lessons he taught, his parents have established a trust in his name. Its purpose is to promote joy, growth and the development of the human potential through the support of projects which improve the quality of life for children and adults.

With the proceeds from this production, The Gil Poulos Memorial Trust hopes to provide the Stoke Mandeville Hospital Spinal Injuries Unit with a TV, Video unit and children's tapes specially designed for patients with spinal injuries who cannot sit up during their months of recuperation.

To purchase tickets for this benefit performance please send your minimum donation of: Adults £6.00, Children under 12 £4.00, Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £18.00, made out to The Gil Poulos Memorial Trust with a stamped self addressed envelope to: The Gil Poulos Memorial Trust, The Glade, Remenham Piece, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 3ET, or telephone Suri or Darrel Poulos, 0491 573532/411156 or Hava Feary, 0491 574435.

REMENHAM W I

May 1994

The Remenham WI May meeting was a very busy afternoon covering subjects ranging from scented garden plants to pornography!

However, the meeting opened on a sad note when the death was announced of Miss Jae Sutherland. She had been a member of the Institute for many years, serving on the committee and as an officer, and

would be greatly missed.

After dealing with business the President introduced Voluntary County Organiser, Mrs Christine Ingram, who led a lively discussion on the three resolutions to be debated at the TGM in June. The subjects of the resolutions being organ donation and transplants, the changes in the legal aid system and revision of the obscenity law. Mrs Ingram provided plenty of background information on the resolutions so that members were able to make a decision as to how their delegate should vote.

The resolutions debate was followed by a second speaker, Mrs Campbell Preston, who talked about scented plants for the garden. She had brought along a wide variety of plants and demonstrated how scent is often produced in different parts of the plant such as leaves and stamens. Everyone was able to have a good sniff at each plant!

The County Moneyspinner scheme also got off to a good start with an excellent bring and buy stall offering home made goods and bric a brac.

The members looked forward to the June meeting to be held in Mrs Bucknall's garden at Woodview, Remenham Lane.

June 1994

It was a glorious afternoon for the Remenham WI Garden Meeting held in Mrs Bucknall's garden and members had to shelter from the sun under umbrellas! The President conducted the business and reminded members of the river boat outing to Oxford and the Botanical Gardens in July.

Mrs Sheila Constantinidi reported on the Triennial General Meeting, describing a busy and interesting day including a most amusing talk by Michael Palin who managed to speak to a meeting of ten thousand women despite always having been afraid of women, mostly, he felt, as a result of his public school upbringing!

Mrs Constantinidi reported on the voting for the resolution concerning organ donation which was carried by a large majority. The decisions on the other two resolutions will be sent to the Institute by Mrs Protheroe who voted on their behalf on the second day of the meeting.

Business concluded, members talked about various interesting holiday experiences - both pleasant and unpleasant - and looked at some very unusual photographs.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious tea and the afternoon was voted a great success.

REMENHAM PLACE

June 3rd was the day of days. We changed from 2 Care to Remenham Place Ltd and we are now owned by Henley people as should this wonderful old house with so much happy history.

Lovely plants are still coming in for the new conservatory. Hibiscus, deep purple geranium to climb with the pale pink one up the house, a lemon tree from Mrs Constantinidi which has got a lot of small lemons all over it, and tomatoes, sweet peas and scented herbs have been planted until the soft fruit comes in October.

We welcome two new residents - Mrs Frances Mann who had a house in Henley for 40 years, and Mr Bill Marshall, one of those young old gentlemen, and we wish them both a happy home with us.

Mr and Mrs Smith, Bill and Jean, celebrated their wedding anniversary on 6 June and this is an account of where they went to Rossie Priory, leased by Robert Spencer, younger brother of the late Earl Spencer.

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There are so many new plans for the house which is taking priority in our thoughts at the moment. Thank all those of you who have made this takeover come true.

Joan McDonald

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NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

Soon Regatta will be upon us, and it behoves us all in Remenham to have the village looking gay and colourful, with well mown lawns, hedges neatly cut, and all flower beds edged. Weeding is not so important, but dead heading makes a garden look trim, like a head with a good haircut.

Remember to water the bedding out plants daily, they need a good drink after a week of no rain.

Nature is very perverse. Yesterday Greenfingers had a tea party in her garden. Nothing was flowering in the pond except yellow flags, today there are water lilies pinkly blooming, why not yesterday?

Ascot has had beautiful weather so perhaps Henley will be lucky too and all those hats, home made and haute couture, may be flowering as well as the Regatta beds.

Yesterday evening Greenfingers was lucky enough to cruise down the Remenham side of the river in an electric canoe, along the reach from Marsh Lock to Hambleden. She thought that there could be no village so beautiful as ours, the rolling fields still in agricultural use, so little building between the Bridge and the Lock, and the few houses along the bank with their gardens blazing with flowers. The Residents of Remenham can be proud of their efforts to beautify our village, unlike Henley whose Town Hall will remain swathed in scaffolding throughout the Regatta.

This is the 100th edition of the Remenham Newsletter, so it is the appropriate time to bid you all farewell, and thank you for reading the little articles of horticultural trivia which I have written (did you know that where three roads met the Romans erected a post and nailed to it pieces of gossip, hence the word Trivia or three roads).

In the words of the wireless of my youth, this is 2LO signing off as does Greenfingers IV or Sheila Bucknall.

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RECIPES FOR THE MONTH

Here is an Australian recipe which makes an exciting change from the usual pavlova. Exotic fruits are now available from the superstores but peaches would do.

SUMMER PAVLOVA ROLL

4 egg whites
Three quarters of a cup of castor sugar
Half teaspoon vanilla essence
One tablespoon castor sugar, extra
One teaspoon cinnamon
Half a cup of slivered almonds
Half a cup of cream, lightly whipped
Pulp of 3 passionfruit
One cup sliced fresh summer fruits (e.g. strawberries, pawpaw, peach)
Extra whipped cream or ice cream for serving.

Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually add sugar to form a smooth meringue, add vanilla. Spread mixture over a greased foil-lined 35 x 25 cm (14 x 10 inch) Swiss roll tin. Sprinkle with combined extra sugar and cinnamon then almonds. Bake at 180 degrees C (350 degrees F) for about 8-10 minutes until the meringue is firm. Turn onto a sheet of greaseproof paper, allow to stand for 3-4 minutes to cool slightly. Quickly spread with cream, top with passionfruit and fruits. Roll up and refrigerate until required. Cut in 2.5 cm (1 inch) slices and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

Aussies are keen on barbecues because they can rely on the weather. Here, sometimes we can be lucky.

HONEYED PRAWNS ON SKEWERS

3 lb green King Prawns
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Recipes for the Month continued

Shell prawns leaving tail intact.

Devein, rinse and drain well. Mix remaining ingredients in a plastic container, add prawns and toss lightly. Seal and leave to marinate in refrigerator for 3-4 hours or overnight, shaking container occasionally to distribute marinade.

When required to barbecue, thread prawns on to 6 long, flat metal skewers. Pour remaining marinade into a small pan. Barbecue prawns over glowing coals for about 3 minutes, turning skewers and basting with marinade. Serve hot with a rice salad and with any leftover marinade, heated thoroughly and served separately.

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