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1st Sunday 8.00 am Mattins

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3rd Sunday

Sir Colville Deverell,  
Major Young

4th Sunday

H Cartwright, M T Boulton

5th Sunday

G Every

SERVICES

9.00 am Holy Communion

1st Sunday in each month

11.15 am Mattins

Every Sunday except third  
Sunday of the month when  
there will be Holy Communion  
(1662) with hymns

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Church Cleaning:

February: Mrs Cridlan, Mrs Law,  
Miss D. Rhodes, Mrs West.

March: Mrs MacMillan, Mrs Tollit,  
Mrs Wynne-Willson.

April: Mrs Beith, Mrs Kemp,  
Mrs Walker.

Altar Flowers:

February: Mrs Every, Mrs Gilbey.

March: Mrs West, Miss D. Rhodes.

April: Mrs West, Miss D. Rhodes.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

December 10th Paul Allen BINNEY  
December 26th Gillian Clare BENNETT  
January 3rd. Katrina Cara PENLOW  
Alanna Kimberley Yvette PENLOW  
Abigail Louise BRAMFITT

Marriage

November 6th Andrew James HANNAH to Diana Grace  
LITTLE  
November 12th Derek and Janice BROWN - Blessing  
Service.

Service prior to cremation

December 20th. John James Hubert HALSALL

FORTHCOMING DATES

February 11th. Churchyard working party 9.30 a.m.  
March 9th. Bridge Drive at Holme Farm 8 p.m.  
in aid of Remenham Church  
April 4th A.G.M. Parochial Church Council at  
Remenham Village Hall 8 p.m.  
April 22nd Easter Day  
April 30th A.G.M. Parish Council at Remenham  
Village Hall 8 p.m.  
May 13th Fun Run

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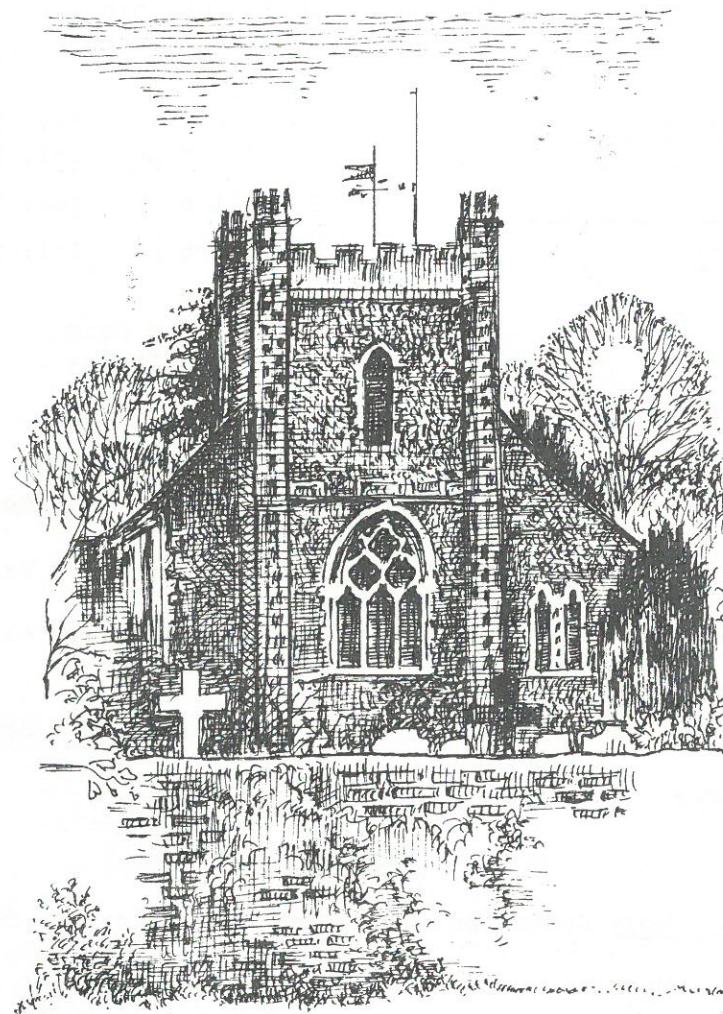
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## Remenham News Letter



## Church of St. Nicholas

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### EDITORIAL

A happy New Year to you all - belated, but none the less sincere.

Now many good resolutions have you broken already? Or daren't we ask!

The Parish Church Council has had to make a very important one - that is to raise more money to fulfill all our financial commitments. Hitherto we have relied on the Summer Sale to provide our main source of income - although successful this is simply not enough, and only draws in a very small section of the congregation. It is felt that in order to involve a greater number of supporters, we should think of other attractions, and so far, the most important one is the 'family fun-run' on Sunday afternoon, May 13th. Further details later.

If you have any ideas to put forward, or would like to hear what is going on in the Parish, do come along to The Annual Church Parish Meeting on April 4th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Another important event in the Church Year is the revision of the Church Electoral Roll - you can read all about it later on in this newsletter. Please take note. At this time of year Annual General Meetings crop up all over the place, and the Remenham Parish Council have theirs on Monday, 30th April at 8 p.m. It is very important that you should attend, because this is your one opportunity to find out what is really going on in the village. You may not approve of what is going on, or you may have an idea that might improve matters - well, come along, meet your Parish Counsellors, and speak out. Do make an effort to support those who are trying very hard to make sure that Remenham is not just a pretty place.

NEWCOMERS: A very warm welcome to:

Mrs Anna Atkinson, Dolphin Cottage, Wargrave Road.  
John Halsall, Cherwell, Remenham Lane.

RUBBISH SKIP The skip will be on the verge opposite Thamesfield from midday Monday, 12th March until the following morning. Do make as much use of it as you can as we are now only allowed to have it twice a year.

### A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND ALAN FYBURN

Dear Friends,

The opening weeks of the year are a great time for getting organised, for booking holidays and making plans for the year. In the church, too, it is a time for paying attention to our organisation. We talk about "organised religion", sometimes as though it were a dirty word - but there is nothing worse than badly organised religion.

The first thing we have to do this year is bring our Electoral Roll up to date. This is meant to be the list of effective members of the church in our parish who are prepared to support the church by their work and worship. They are the voters. If you are baptised, a member of the Church of England, over 17 years, residing in the parish or habitually worshipping in the church you are entitled to be on it. Get an application form from the church or from the electoral roll officer.

Secondly, having acquired the right to vote you ought to use it. This means coming to the Annual General Meeting on 4th April. We all like to grumble about this or that in the parish. Remember that we are the only ones who can put it right. The place to start is at the annual meeting.

Thirdly, at this time of year we present the parish annual accounts. We have to face the question of whether as members of the parish we are doing our bit to provide the financial means for continuing the work of the church. Quite honestly we are just not providing quite enough in Remenham. The remedy, again, is in our own hands.

But organisation, and financial viability are only a means to spiritual growth. Are we growing deeper in the faith? Are we making sure our children and our God children are learning it? At the moment I am collecting names of candidates for a Confirmation at Holy Trinity on Sunday 8th April. I would be pleased to hear from anyone young or old who wishes to be a candidate.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Pyburn.

REMENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the P.C.C. meeting on Wednesday, 18th January the first immediate item of deep concern was the financial report presented by Mr Ewart. The Council had to face the problem of how to meet a 'short-fall' in income and our responsibility as a parish within the Diocese of Oxford.

The Reverend Alan Pyburn, in the chair, now also Rural Dean, informed us that there were other parishes in the Henley Deanery also facing the same stark fact. Confounding our minds was the future outlook because the declared requirement for 1984 Parish Shares had been increased by about 7 %.

Ideas and proposals to lift our financial income to meet our responsibilities climbed out of the doldrums of despair into a more cheerful programme of a wider ranging field of activities. It should give us all plenty of fun as well as reasonable profitability. Come and hear, and add to the ideas, at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th April at 8 p.m. - preceded by the Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Presentation of the New Electoral Roll is made at this meeting. Each and everyone member of Remenham Church needs to complete a form which can be obtained from Miss D. Rhodes, the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Major Young was asked to confer with Mrs Gethin on the wording and design for the plaque for the gates to the churchyard, Mrs Gethin's gift in memory of her husband.

Mr Cartwright will be pleased to acquaint volunteers with the arrangements for the Churchyard Working Party on Saturday, 11th February at 9.30 a.m.

The 'Lot of Bottle' that stood on Mr Cook's Nurseries Shop counter surrendered, on the first count, 3,042 coins plus the odd foreign coin. Thank you Mr Cook for your persuasion, and your customers who gave so freely yielding a donation of £85 to Remenham Church Funds.

P. Challis.

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on 14 November at The Flower Pot. It was agreed to provide and erect anti-litter signs (obtained from the County Council) at Aston Ferry and, subject to getting the owner's consent; at the entrance to the old quarry in Church Lane. Consideration was given to providing hanging baskets of flowers on the main lamp standards in the parish during the summer (as in Henley). Mr Cook said that to provide, stock with flowers and water four baskets would cost £159 (£75 for the baskets and brackets and £84 for flowers and watering). It was agreed to re-consider the matter at the next meeting.

It was agreed to oppose a planning application by A. Reed for a new house next to 29 Aston Lane as contrary to the Green Belt Subject Plan. The Chairman said that Mr Grepne would shortly be making a revised application for a new house at Aston Rise. Although this was smaller and better screened than the previous proposals the Council agreed that it should be opposed as contrary to the Green Belt Plan. The Council heard an interesting talk from Mr Duce of Wokingham DC about wartime emergency planning in the area; it is hoped that the district emergency planning officer will attend the next meeting. The next meeting will be at 6.45 p.m. on Monday, 23 January 1984 at The Flower Pot.

The council met on 23 January. The main item of business was the planning application by Henley Royal Regatta to build a new headquarters on the site of the former Carpenters Arms. After a long discussion, during which local residents attending the meeting were invited to give their views, the council decided to oppose the application on the grounds that:  
(a) the creation of a clubhouse, reception area, library and shop would lead to the establishment of more extensive commercial activities in the future in what should be a residential area;

(b) the building would intrude on the privacy of nearby residents;

(c) demolition of part of Henley bridge, a Grade 1 listed building, would be involved;

(d) there was inadequate vehicular access.

In addition, concern was expressed at the way H.R.R. had moved premises over the years leaving established office use behind them.

The council accepted with regret the resignation of Paul Clayden as clerk. He was moving to a new full time job in London and felt that he would no longer be able to devote the proper amount of time to the clerkship. It was agreed to advertise the post in the Henley Standard.

The council agreed to precept for £800 for 1964/5 (the same as the previous year).

The next meeting was fixed for 6.45 p.m. on Monday, 26 March at The Flower Pot, Aston. The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for 8 p.m. on Monday, 30th April in the parish hall, at which the district wartime emergency planning officer has been invited to speak.

Paul Clayden.

#### THE PARISH SHARE

Every Parish in the diocese is assessed for the amount it has to contribute to diocesan funds. These funds are used to pay for the clergy who give us at Remenham such good service all the year.

For the first time we have, this year, failed to raise enough money to meet our obligation to the diocese as well as meeting our own church expenses.

The Remenham Parochial Church Council is planning a number of activities designed to raise funds and it appeals to all who use the church, however infrequently, to help by means of donations, covenants, offertory contributions and participation in Parish events.

Help our church to play its part.

David Young, Church Warden

#### SPONSORED WALK

Yes, another original way to help the Church and to bring the Parish closer together. Sunday, May 13th 1984 is the date.

We hope that everyone connected with the Church and everyone living within the Parish - young and not so young - will join us for an organised walk, round the lovely Remenham countryside, approximately 5 to 6 miles, on this afternoon.

The idea is that you get friends, relations, etc., to sponsor you for so much a mile. (Prizes for the most collected).

After the walk there will be light refreshments in the Village Hall. Further details will be announced in due course. Sponsor forms will be available via the Remenham Newsletter or in the porch at Remenham church.

Norman Daniells  
Robin Ewart.

#### BRIDGE DRIVE

There will be a Bridge Drive at Holme Farm, Aston, on Friday 9th March starting at 8 p.m. in aid of Remenham Parish Church. The cost will be £12 per table, to include a glass of wine on arrival and sandwiches and coffee during the evening.

So, please, all you keen Bridge Players, get in touch with Mrs Every, Holme Farm, Aston, Henley 574825.

Bridget Every.

#### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules a new electoral roll is to be prepared in each parish in 1984.



If your name is already on the previous roll and you wish to remain on, please fill in an enrolment form again as we have to start-again from scratch.

If you are not already on the roll and would like to take a further interest and 'belong' to Remenham Church you would be extremely welcome; just fill in the form.

Forms are available from the Church or from Miss D. Rhodes, The Cottage, Aston, Tel: Henley 573565, who will also answer any queries.

Diana Rhodes, Electoral Roll Officer.

#### REMENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Remenham New Year meeting members remembered with affection and a great sense of loss a much-loved founder member, Margaret Boulton, who died in December. Her contribution to both the Remenham W.I. and to the County Federation was incalculable.

A talk on the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg given by Mrs Annette Mates, accompanied by beautiful slides, was much enjoyed. She was thanked by Mrs B. Sanderson.

The competition for a plate of biscuits was won by Mrs Whittington, the best bloom came from the garden of her daughter Mrs Constantinides, and Mrs Philpot won the raffle.

Judy Fraser.

#### MRS MARGARET BOULTON

With the death in December of Mrs Margaret Boulton, Remenham lost one of its most respected and best loved residents.

Margaret worked tirelessly for the village; a born organiser who would take on any new project and throw herself whole-heartedly into making a success of it, often spreading her wings even further afield as in the case of the W.I. holiday trips abroad. She served for twenty

years on the Parish Council, and eighteen years as chairman of Remenham Place Committee, but even when retirement gradually removed her from the front line there was always good counsel and advice ready whenever the need arose.

Most of us, however, will like to remember Margaret for the warmth of her friendship, and perhaps it is fitting to end with this tribute from Leo and Giselle.

"One of the few good things that happened during the war, as far as I was concerned, was my meeting Margaret Boulton.

I was in the Polish Airforce and in the autumn of 1943 I was transferred to R.A.F. Medmenham. Looking for accommodation in Henley I was referred by the local police to Margaret.

In next to no time she made me feel at home in Bird Place Cottage. She not only introduced me to the English way of life, but also to her wide circle of friends, who like her, showed me great kindness.

Her hospitality was stretched even further when it became impossible for me to return to Poland and my family joined me in England. My wife and son arrived in July, 1946 and for the next two years Margaret proved a Guardian Angel to us all.

She taught my family the basics of English, she taught my son how to swim and row, and she guided us through the mysteries of the English educational system.

Our subsequent friendship was enriched by her unfailing vitality and sense of humour. She was always such fun to be with. She was a good friend and we miss her greatly."

L. Hrabkiewicz  
Sqn. ldr. ret.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

At this time of the year there is nothing like a really good hot soup to keep out the cold and warm the inner man. This traditional French soup is nourishing as well as filling, and extremely tasty.

#### French Onion Soup

1 lb. onions  
2-3 oz. unsalted butter  
2 pints chicken or beef stock  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  level teaspoon salt  
1 oz. plain flour  
4 slices French bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick  
4 oz. Gruyere cheese

Peel and thinly slice the onions. Melt 1 oz. of the butter in a large saucepan and add the onions. Cover with a lid and cook over a low heat for about 15 minutes, until the onions are soft and transparent. Remove the lid and continue frying the onions, stirring occasionally until they are golden brown. Stir in the stock and salt. Replace the lid and simmer the soup for 30 minutes. In a small basin, mix the flour with  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of water until thoroughly blended. Add to the soup and stir until it comes back to the boil. Simmer for 2-3 minutes until the soup has thickened, then draw the pan off the heat.

Meanwhile, butter both sides of each slice of French bread; grate the cheese and sprinkle half over the bread, on a baking tray, in a preheated oven, at 350F (mark 4) until the bread is crisp and the cheese is melted. Arrange the bread in individual bowls and pour over the hot onion soup.

Serve the remaining cheese in a separate bowl.

D. Rhodes.

### NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

Just a quickie to get the smell of new salad into one's nostrils and thoughts of Spring in the air. Grow a handful of Chinese Mang Beans in a pie dish. Soak them in warm water over-night and scatter them on a piece of flannel or a new J-cloth. Cover with a plate to exclude the light and put in a cupboard or a drawer for a week in the dark, after which the sprouts should be ready to eat.

They can be eaten raw, mixed with rice, or stir-fried for two minutes to accompany barbecued spare ribs.

A happy New Year!

Greenfingers II.

### NAKAMURA PARABLE

On a December morning in 1946 I stood shaving from an enamel mug on the deck of a Japanese coal barge coasting round the southern shore of the island of Shikoku. Light snow was falling, and I was heartened by the Yorkshire voice of Corporal Pickles alongside me singing "Rocks of Ages" while preparing our breakfast bacon on a primus stove.

48 hours previously I had noticed the chandeliers swinging violently at 2 a.m. in the Ballroom of a Tokyo hotel where I was enjoying myself as a guest of the 5th/1st Punjabi Regiment.

I said nothing at the time lest it was the good hospitality which had produced the illusion of swinging lights.

However when I got back to base at Iwakuni in Southern Honshu it was reported that a violent earthquake, followed by fires and a tidal wave had stricken parts of the Japanese island of Shikoku.

Our particular rescue team of 5 men which set off for Shikoku included an operating room attendant, a carpenter, an electrician and a cook. We flew to a British Army base in Shikoku and eventually embarked in

the coastal coal barge together with a Japanese interpreter and a Japanese Red Cross team.

In addition to our medical supplies we carried a large supply of blankets and Red Cross stores.

Our destination was the city of Nakamura with an estimated population of just under one million. All communications with the city had been severed and the only feasible approach was by boat around the southern coast of Shikoku and then up river to the stricken city.

On arrival at Nakamura we were greeted by the Town Mayor and the Chief of Police. The latter, who looked as though hewn out of a particularly ugly piece of granite, made us feel glad that we had not been his Prisoners of War.

The city of Nakamura had indeed been largely flattened by the disaster. Some buildings still stood however and we were conducted to an Inn which appeared to be intact.

The fur-capped innkeeper greeted us on all-fours, bowing his head and protesting to the Chief of Police that his "unworthy hotel would collapse at any minute and that there was much better accommodation for the foreigners elsewhere."

The Police Chief sternly put a stop to these protestations and we were warmly welcomed into what was to be our comfortable abode by the innkeeper's wife of beautiful figure and Madonna-like face.

During our days spent in doing what we could to help the inhabitants of Nakamura, and in our dealings with the Town Mayor Chief Engineer, Chief of Police, Health authorities and other dignitaries, it was revealing to observe an Oriental refusal to admit to our little team (we were the only foreigners in the isolated city) that anything of material significance had really happened. The "men and woman in the street" however seemed touchingly grateful for any help given.

There came the time for our departure. On the last evening I said to the Town Mayor that I would like some porters to come to our Inn on the following morning to carry our empty packing cases and our team's baggage to the boat.

On the morning of our departure I came down into the hall of our inn and found there a line of city dignitaries, including Mayor, Police Chief etc. standing at attention.. I enquired "Where are the porters?" The Mayor replied "Today we are your porters". These City worthies then proceeded to hump our packing cases and the troop's baggage 300 yards to the boat.

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#### Forthcoming Dates

February 13th, 27th, March 12th,  
26th., April 9th.