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## Remenham News Letter



## Church of St. Nicholas

No. 28

April - May 1982

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, REMENHAM

Rector (St. Mary's, Henley The Rev. Alan Pyburn,  
(St. Nicholas, Remenham 15 Blandy Road,  
Henley-on-Thames.  
(Tel: 77340)

Honorary Curate The Rev. Glyn James  
1 Harcourt Close,  
Henley-on-Thames.  
(Tel: 4245)

Churchwardens J.A.H. West (Tel: 4750)  
H. Cartwright (Tel: 4846)

Secretary to P.C.C. P. Challis (Tel: 78342)

Treasurer R.W. Ewart (Tel: 3941)

Organist R. Sparkes,  
37 Havelock Terrace,  
Henley-on-Thames.

Sidesmen

1st Sunday .....8.00 a.m. H.W. Dibley  
Mattins J.A.H. West, R.W. Ewart

2nd Sunday .....R.I.D. Arthurton, A. Burrough

3rd Sunday .....Sir Colville Deverell, H. Cartwright

4th Sunday .....Major D. Young, M.T. Boulton

5th Sunday .....Major S.C. Mason, G. Every

SERVICES

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday in each month  
11.00 a.m. Mattins Every Sunday  
Family Mattins 1st Sunday in each month  
12 noon Holy Communion 3rd Sunday each month  
following Mattins

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GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday, 9th April: 11.00 a.m. One Hour Devotion

Easter Day, 11th April: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. Mattins  
12.10 a.m. Holy Communion

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Church Cleaning: April Mrs Sparkes, Mrs Kemp,  
Mrs Walker, Mrs Beith.

May Mrs Harper, Mrs Liddle,  
Mrs Kuipers.

Altar Flowers: April Miss D. Rhodes, Mrs West.

May Mrs Ewart, Mrs Lowe.

THE PARISH REGISTER

Burial 19th February Ernest Henry Charles Reed-Baker

EAST BERKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

Remenham	"Little Angel"	11.05 - 11.25
Aston	"Flower Pot"	11.35 - 11.50
Remenham Hill	"Five Horseshoes"	1.05 - 1.20
Remenham Hill	Post Box	1.25 - 1.40

Forthcoming dates: April 26th.

CHANGE OF TIMES The following new times will take effect from May 10th onwards:

Remenham:	"Little Angel"	11.30 - 11.50
Aston:	"Flower Pot"	12.00 - 12.15
Remenham Hill	"Five Horseshoes"	1.40 - 2.00
Remenham Hill	Post Box	2.05 - 2.45

Forthcoming dates: May 10th, 24th.



### EDITORIAL

After the very severe winter which looked as though it would never come to an end, these last few sunny days have come as a much needed tonic. Those tight-sealed buds had overnight become brilliant flowers, bringing some welcome colour into the garden; the birds are busier than ever, and even a very rash butterfly has put in an appearance.

Even shopping has become less of a chore as complete strangers smile at each other and say: "What a lovely day. Spring is here at last!" Suddenly everyone is 'springing' into action. The river is getting busy with boats, and groups of walkers look anxiously at maps and get lost looking for a ferry that isn't there. The windows need cleaning, the car needs washing, and the garden - ah, yes, the garden. The pressure is certainly on, which calls to mind a childhood belief that Spring is a very dangerous time of the year; why? Because the hedges are shooting and the bull-rushes out.

#### A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND GLYN JAMES

Dear Friends,

As a preacher I am always on the look-out for quotable anecdotes and quotable 'quotes', and as I was reading my 'Guardian' the other day, I came across one such quote in one such anecdote! What made them both quotable was the fact that they gave an insight into the private life of a famous person, and we all know how much that titillates our curiosity (and boosts the sales of magazines).

The person in question was our Prime Minister. The article was the report of a radio interview she gave with Pete Murray. Asked about the agony she had gone through when her son, Mark, was lost during the Trans-Sahara car rally, Mrs Thatcher told how they had gone to church together on the Sunday after he had returned home safely. "The Vicar said a little prayer," she said, "and during the prayer, he thanked

God that a son had been restored to his family. I just heard Mark choke . . . as a lump came into his throat. I thought, you now realise that all the goodwill and prayers for you did help." She went on to say that when her son had not been heard of for six days, she realised that all the little things people worried about, really weren't worth worrying about at all. And she added, "As the poet said, 'One clear morn is boon enough for being born' - and so it is!"

I quite agree, and although I don't believe God sends unhappy experiences like a lost son to try us, I do believe God uses such experiences to help us get things into perspective, to get our priorities right. The old saying is as true now as ever it was: 'The best things in life are free', and by far the most valuable free gift we could ever receive is the grace of God's forgiveness and new life in Christ. I invite you once again this year to come and meditate on what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ when we hold our Good Friday and Easter services. Jacques Maritain had the right idea when he wrote: 'To every soul, even to one ignorant of the name of God, even one reared in atheism, grace offers that Reality of absolute goodness which merits all our love and is able to save our life' ('True Humanism').

I wish you a happy Easter 'full of joy and peace in believing'.

Yours sincerely,

GLYN JAMES.

#### INVALIDS

Our very sincerest 'Get Well' wishes to Joan Cookson who has been in Battle Hospital with pneumonia. Joyce Eaton tells us that Jackie's husband, Hughie, is making a good recovery after a very nasty accident at work.

Joyce Hogge is now up and about again after an operation; we wish her a very speedy recovery.

### REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 22nd March at The Flower Pot. They heard a report from Lt.Col. Sanderson about the activities of the Wokingham District Association of Local Councils and agreed that the Council should join. It was important to keep in touch with events in the district as a whole.

On planning matters, the council confirmed their opposition to the proposals by Milburn Estates to build houses at Remenham Piece in breach of the county Green Belt policy. They decided not to oppose on principle a proposal by Eyot Boat Club to erect a club house next to its existing premises, subject to seeing a detailed planning application.

It was agreed to take up with the Wokingham D.C. the dilapidated state of the former Carpenters Arms and to suggest that the District Council might acquire the property and convert, or rebuild, it to provide two dwellings for local people.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for Friday, 7 May at 8.00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The next Council meeting will take place at 6.45 p.m. on Monday, 17th May in the Parish Hall.

PAUL CLAYDEN.

### REMENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On March 8th the Remenham W.I. held its Annual General Meeting and, happily, Mrs Properjohn agreed to serve for another year as President. The V.C.O., Mrs Hill, gave members a bracing but encouraging talk about the structure and ideals of the W.I. movement and she was warmly thanked by the President. Mrs Thomas won the Cup that is awarded annually for the best record of success in the monthly competitions. Mrs Bucknall had a double success, winning not only the March handicraft competition with a set of finely embroidered linen place mats but also the annual competition for flower of the month.

It may be a little known fact that the Remenham Institute is one of the few W.I.'s in Berkshire to keep up the hearty tradition of a full afternoon tea at its meetings. How lucky we are to have so many good cooks among our members who are prepared to be generous with their time and their talent.

JUDITH FRASER.

### CHURCH FUNDS

A very successful Coffee Morning was given by Mrs Sheila Bucknall in co-operation with many members of Remenham W.I. at Woodview on March 3rd., which raised £35.

Although Mrs Bucknall does not worship at the Parish Church, she firmly believes that now, more than ever, our village life revolves around the Church.

We have lost our school, our two Post Offices, and our village policeman. So please let us do all that we can to keep and support our VILLAGE CHURCH.

MARGARET BOULTON.

### REMENHAM CHURCH ANNUAL SUMMER SALE

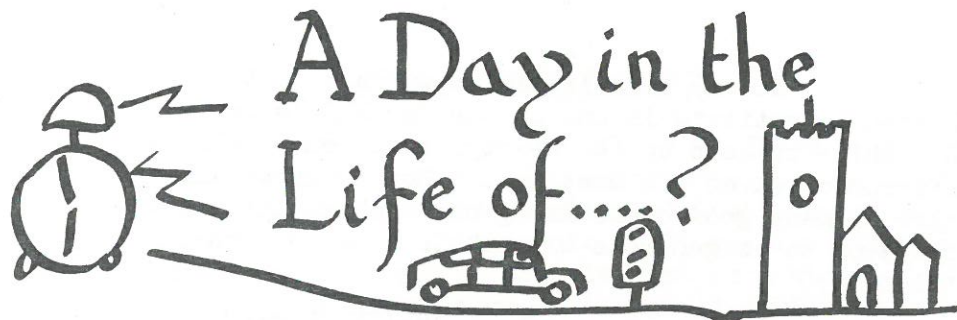
#### QUESTION

Has anyone any suitable and practical suggestions on improving this event?

If you have any answers please contact Mr. Norman Daniells

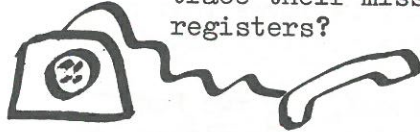
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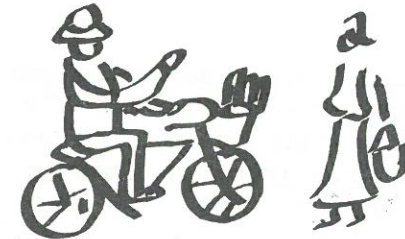
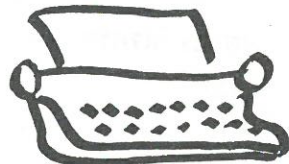
6.00 am Clang. Clang - drat that teas made - it can't be time already. Good heavens. Yes. And its a saints day. Up. Quick cuppa. Down the road to the church for early service.

8.10 am Back home again for breakfast. Quick look at the papers and skim through the mail. Why do people send me so many silly circulars - and why do these folks in Carolina want to trace their missing ancestors in the church registers?



8.30 am Steady on. The breakfast table is bucking up and down - dog walking time. First Hugo the puppy, down the road and up the lane, past Gillotts - children on their way to school - why is it people talk to you and smile when you have a dog - and ignore you when you are on your own?

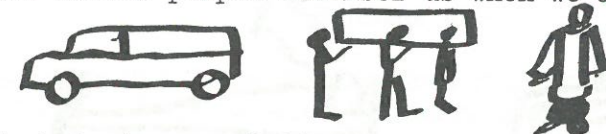
9.00 am Into the study. Sermon preparation time. What dreadful lessons next Sunday - what on earth can I preach about? Ah. I've got an idea coming. (Yes. Good morning - we do do Christenings - anytime on demand - just fill in the form ..... Yes. Hello 77340 - no. The Chantry House isn't suitable for British bulldog. Try the Y.M.C.A.)



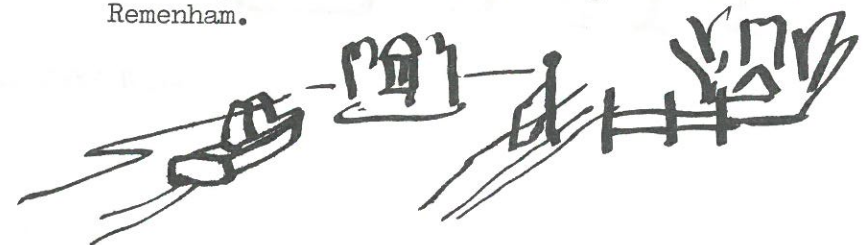
11.00 am. Sermon finished - not very satisfied with it. But the best we can do. Time for a trip down town. On the bike. Down the hill. Hello Mrs ..... husband alright? Hello - nice to see you (can't remember your name but nice to see you). Oh heavens, panic stations - what's the matter now? - the drains are blocked - someone would like to go up the tower? - yes madam you have just got off the bus from the States and you want to know how old the church is? - no. I don't think you will be able to get as far as Stonehenge for lunch.

1.00 pm Up the hill and home for lunch. down dogs. this is my lunch. No. You can't go for another walk now. I've got to go to a cremation in Reading. Yes, dear, I'll get the bread on the way back. Yes dear, by all means get the plumber in. Yes dear, I will be in time for supper tonight. Cheery bye.

2.30 pm How sad it is. The hearse draws up. The dark clothes - the mourners - the flowers - how quickly it is all over - sad to think how little people remember us when we are old.



3.30 pm Back to town. Let's skive off - and have a bit of peace - let's walk along the river to Remenham.



5.00 pm Back to say evensong. Home. Telephone messages - why do they always ring when I am out (or why am I always out when they ring?) Lets collapse into the chair and have an hour with a book.

7.00 pm Supper - with the Archers - no one allowed to speak!



7.30 pm till heaven only knows when - Church Council meeting - what did Parkinson say? - the time taken by any item on the agenda is in inverse ratio to the expenditure involved - he never said a truer word - ah, at last they seem to be falling asleep - too tired even to disagree.



Home to be bit of late night telly - and so to bed. What's that hymn which would make a lovely evening prayer? "For ever with the Lord. Amen so let it be .....and nightly pitch my moving tent a days march nearer home ....."



ALAN PYBURN.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

28 Aston Lane,  
Remenham Hill,  
Henley-On-Thames

The Editor,  
Remenham Newsletter.

14.3.82.

Dear Sir,

Readers of Micky Brown's article "A Lavender Farm on Remenham Hill" may be interested to know that the lavender house is illustrated in a recently published book, "Mrs Hurst Dancing and other scenes from Regency Life 1812-1823".

Plate 53 is entitled "Pouring out the lavender oil into the vases, in the lavender house at Park Place". The author gives a standard recipe for lavender water: "Half an ounce of oil of lavender, six pennyworth of ambergris, mix them together and put them in a pint and a half of the best rectified spirits of wine, shake it well two or three times a day, let it stand for two or three months, then filter it off".

Two other illustrations in this delightful book of watercolours are also reminders of Park Place; a winter walk, with the spires of Reading in the distance, and digging up a wasps' nest near the river.

BARBARA CASE.

(Mrs Hurst Dancing and Other Scenes from Regency Life 1812 - 1823. Watercolours by Diana Sperling. Text by Gordon Mingay. Victor Gollancz Ltd. 1981)



### NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

This is the best time to start making a hedge, either a beech or hornbeam one, about 6 ft. high to divide a garden, or a shorter berberis one, spikey and impregnable, to stop marauding animals and produce lovely autumn berries.

In both cases, fill a foot wide trench with good farmyard manure. If they are open rooted plants, get them under ground as soon as possible; see that they are neatly trimmed and, if necessary, posted, as they should not need to be pruned for about two years.

Hard wooded shrubs want to be pruned hard back now, e.g. buddlea, spirea, and dogwood, but bush roses, having already been pruned, want special attention after this yard winter, and the last bits of dead wood removed.

Now, give your lawn a good scratch, sprinkle some sedge peat over it, and after a day or two, sweep it off with an ordinary yard broom before its first light mow. After that, there is no end to all the jobs to be done - sowing seeds, pricking out, re-potting old plants, weeding - and so on - ad infinitum.

Of course, your garden furniture has all been painted during the winter months, so by the end of the day you will be ready to sink down onto your garden seat with a well earned drink, and rest. Good Luck.

GREENFINGERS II.

GOLDEN GREETINGS TO JOHN CRIDLAN ARRIVED REMENHAM  
FARM MARCH 25th 1932 STILL GOING STRONG.

### RECIPES FOR THE MONTH

If it's roast lamb for lunch on Easter Day, why not try this version of the usual mint sauce. It is an American recipe, and combines both sweet and sour flavours which help to bring out the flavour of the meat.

#### Jelly Mint Sauce for Lamb:

Melt 2 tablespoons red currant jelly and combine with 2 tablespoons chopped mint, 1 tablespoon vinegar, a little sugar, and grated rind and juice of an orange.

Betty McDonald

#### Fudge Cake

3 oz butter  
3 oz castor sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb digestive biscuits  
1 egg  
2 oz grated chocolate  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  gill either rum, sherry or brandy - or orange juice

Method: Cream butter and sugar until light and white. Add egg yolk and beat again. Crumble biscuits and moisten with chosen liquid. Beat egg white and fold into cream mixture. Line sandwich tin and sprinkle grated chocolate on bottom. Then put in layers of mixture and crumbs, starting and finishing with crumbs. Cover with foil and leave in fridge for twenty four hours.

Linda Hare

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S  
SOCIETY

The Church of England Children's Society Henley Committee raised a total of £2,532. 14. for the year 1981. A very magnificent effort on their behalf. £1,249 was made by their Regatta Coffee mornings.

I do know that Mrs Beith would always be glad of extra helpers, particularly with the house-to-house collections.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections are planned for Thursday, 6th May. It is not yet known whether there will be a contest in Remenham, but no doubt all details will be appearing in the local press.

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CULHAM COURT, ASTON.

The gardens at Culham Court will be opened on the following Sundays:

18th April (National Gardens Scheme)

23rd May (Gardeners Sunday)

2 - 7 p.m. Adults 35p.

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THE BOTHY On 18th April the gardens at The Bothy will also be open with an opportunity to see an informal garden by the river with unusual trees and shrubs. Admission for adults will be 25p. and children 5p.

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