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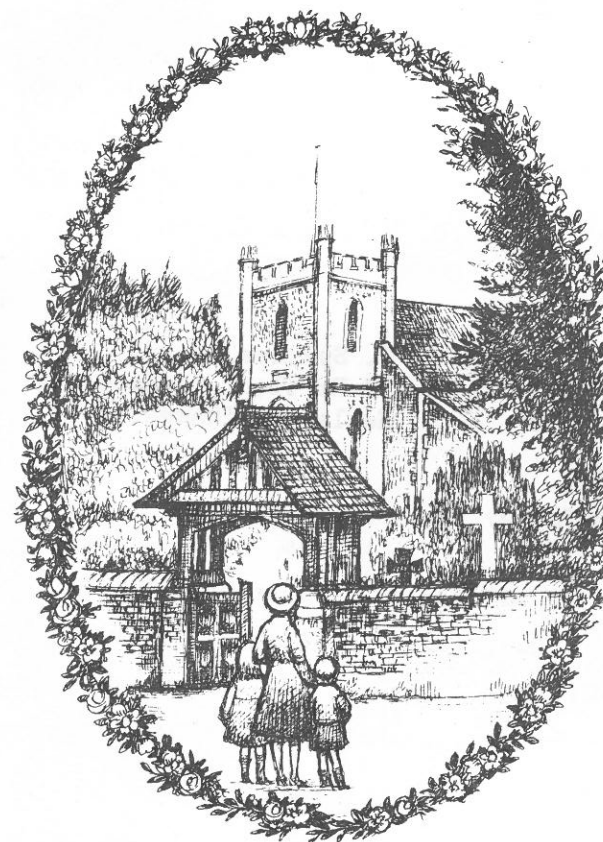
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SERVICES

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

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

April 4th Good Friday 11.00 a.m. One hour Service
of Devotion
April 6th Easter Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
12.00 noon Holy Communion

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

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Aston: "Flower Pot" 1.30-1.55 p.m.
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Forthcoming dates: April 14th, 28th, May 12th.

Regular users: Please check next time you use the
Library; the new date list was not available at the
time of printing owing to staff changes.

RUBBISH SKIP

Don't forget this will be on the verge opposite
Thamesfield from 10 a.m. Thursday May 10th until Friday
morning. The rubbish problem in Remenham is becoming
acute, so do try and help all you can to keep our
village clean.

DON'T THROW THIS AWAY!

The Church is urgently in need of a vacuum cleaner.
If you have one which still has some life left in it,
please contact Mrs. Cartwright at Henley 4846.

EDITORIAL

A very happy Easter to you all! Now that the clocks have gone forward the days are longer and lighter, and there is plenty of time in the evenings to get into the garden, and according to Greenfingers there is plenty to be getting on with, preparing for the great Remenham Produce Show on September 6th. What about the dreaded Spring Cleaning in the house? Nowadays, with all the electric helps such as washing machines and vacuum cleaners it's not such a chore as it used to be, but when the first warm rays of sunshine force their way through the winter fog on the windows and alights on the pile of junk in the corner waiting to be sorted, does your heart sink? It doesn't? Then lucky you - with your large rubbish in the rubbish skip, your un-needed possessions put on one side for the Remenham Summer Sale in July, old newspapers tied up for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and all your family mending done up-to-date, then you deserve a gold medal; there aren't many like you!

At the moment the winning of Gold Medals at the Moscow Olympics is still under discussion at the highest levels; however, it is exciting to reveal that two of our local young men have made a name for themselves in the realms of sport in the last few months. First, Chris David, who was a member of the Royal Navy Team which won the Inter-Services Championship on the Cresta Run, and also won the Duke of Edinburgh's Cup; he is the son of Lynn and Pat David, who until recently were the very popular 'lock-people' at Marsh Lock. He spent most of his childhood there, and has since graduated from 'mucking about in boats' on the River Thames to bigger and better ships. Then there is Benny de Haan, Mrs. Mace's grandson, who spent some of his youth at the Flower Pot, and still comes back to see her when he can tear himself away from his beloved horses. More about him later in the Newsletter. We wish these two young men the best of luck, and a future full of promise.

Do you remember the article about 'Jackrabbit'? The incredible 104-year old Canadian who lives in a cabin in the Laurentian mountains and still cuts out and lays ski cross-country trails as part of his working day. Well, he has not forgotten us, and sent a Christmas card, with a 'special holiday greeting and best wishes for the continuing success of the Remenham Newsletter'.

A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND ALAN PYBURN

Dear Friends,

The Editor has asked me to write you an Easter greeting which will still be alright even if this edition of Remenham News doesn't reach you till well after Easter! This is rather a tall order - and makes me feel I ought to run round the stations to get one of those cards you can get nowadays which say, "Sorry I forgot your birthday". But it is a good idea in one sense - for it means we realise that Easter is not all over and done with in one weekend. It is a reality and a gospel which is permanent - with us for always - and which should provide a foundation for our lives and hopes right on into the months ahead. The days after Easter are glorious days because we follow the pattern of the first Christians in an ever growing and ever deepening experience of the Risen Christ.

During April and May, no doubt, we will all be getting out into the open air, taking up our summer routine, planning our holidays and so forth. Shall we then leave church, and religion, and being serious behind us until the dark days come again? Lots of people seem to have this funny idea that faith in God is only for certain times and certain places. I take courage from the Easter stories in the gospels. For there the Risen Christ appears to his disciples - in a garden, on a country walk, on a fishing expedition. These are some of the very pursuits we will be engaged in in the coming weeks. May we find that our faith goes with us into the open air, to pleasures, and hobbies, on journeys and holidays and may we realise that Christ the Lord is with us wherever we are.

With belated good wishes for Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Pyburn.

A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND GLYN JAMES

Dear Friends,

There must have been very few dry eyes in church on Mothering Sunday as we listened to those 'thank-you' letters, watched the children give posies to their mothers with a kiss, and sang hymns about motherhood which aroused our deepest emotions. Expressions of love and thanksgiving are always so beautiful, and if God is where love is, then we were very close to God that morning, and very close to each other as human beings. Maybe the younger children were affected differently, but I feel sure that participating in services like that makes an indelible impression on them and leads them strongly in the Christian way. It is said that 'Christianity is caught rather than taught'; what happened to us on Mothering Sunday was certainly very catching!

Now we look forward to Easter. I shall be using a differing order of service this year at 11 a.m. on Good Friday, then on Easter Day the church will be ablaze with flowers for our celebrations at 8, 11 and 12.10. The 11 o'clock service will be mattins with a sermon rather than a children's address. I hope as many of you as possible will come and join in this joyful springtime festival of life triumphant over death.

On a more personal note, a family of close friends of mine living in Toronto are interested in arranging an exchange of houses with someone in this area in the summer of 1981. Having made such an exchange myself, I can recommend it as by far the cheapest way of living abroad for a few weeks, and a great opportunity of discovering new places and people. If you are interested, let me know. And talking of Canada, we bid farewell on Good Friday to a Canadian couple who have worshipped with us often at Remenham and endeared themselves to an incredible number of people in Henley over the past three years. I refer to Alasdair and Marion Fraser who are returning to Montreal and are going to be sadly missed. We wish them 'God Speed'.

If you have not yet seen the aerial photographs of Remenham which have been on display in the church, I urge you to do so and place orders for them if you wish. They are really fascinating, and were taken by two of our students at King James's College - one a pilot, the other a photographer, and both an enterprising pair of young men!

Yours sincerely,

Glyn James

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 4th February. They agreed to the erection of a demountable bollard in Footpath 4 running past Leander Club in order to prevent vehicles from using it. The Club and the Regatta Committee have given their support. The Council also decided to obtain and erect "Remenham Lane" and "Wargrave Road" signs to guide motorists and others coming from Henley or the London direction.

The saga of Footpath 4 where it joins the tow-path and Remenham Lane continues. A new route agreed between the landowner and Berkshire County Council was unsatisfactory and the Vice-chairman (John Sanderson) was deputed to visit the BCC legal department to explain the Council's position.

It was agreed not to object to the application of Henley Royal Regatta for permission to build another storage shed off Remenham Lane provided that the doors were placed at the north end and that the shed was properly screened by trees.

Mr. Selwyn reported that once again the old quarries in Church Lane were being used for the dumping of litter. Perhaps a parish "litter day" would help to keep the parish tidy?

REMENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on the 27th February one of the main items discussed was the proposal by the Diocese to sell the glebe field adjoining the Parish Hall to Messrs. Copas Brothers. The P.C.C. has been consulted about this. It was unanimously agreed that the Diocese should be informed that the P.C.C. were strongly opposed to the proposed sale because the field is considered to be a first class amenity for the Parish and, if sold, the new owner might carry out some form of development which might spoil the beautiful surroundings of the Church. It was felt that the Diocese should retain its remaining glebe land and, furthermore, this field is the site of the old village of Remenham and a change of use might destroy valuable archaeological evidence. Should the views of the P.C.C. be overruled, the Diocese is urged to impose strict covenants on the land restricting its use to grazing and mowing.

After discussion it was agreed that the altar side curtains should remain up during Advent and Lent and be taken down during the rest of the year. When the curtains are not hung the altar cross would be placed on the altar.

It was reported that at the recent Deanery Synod meeting the motion to permit the re-marriage of divorced persons in Church as a general rule was defeated.

Some aerial photographs of the Church and surroundings have been taken and can be seen at the back of the Church (with prices).

Arrangements have been made for the damaged Eveleigh Memorial in the Churchyard to be repaired.

The Annual Church Vestry and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on 24th March.

Himley Cartwright.

REMENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Confident, perhaps prematurely, that Winter was packing his bags and happy to see Spring's floral charms already in evidence down the garden path, the ladies of the Remenham W.I. turned out in goodly number for both the February and March meetings.

But whatever the dictates of the calendar, these weeks at the beginning of the year add up to the season of nominations, voting and annual general meetings. So members elected their new committee; so Miss K. Hayes stepped down from the Presidential chair. So, too, it came as no surprise when this highly efficient and popular committee-member, who had done such splendid work during the past twelve months, was re-elected President for 1980/81.

February's meeting was specially enjoyable thanks to an hour-long showing of slides given by one of the members and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Properjohn. The subject was bird life, but the programme wound up on a happy, local note by taking the audience on a riverside walk covering much of the ground lying between Marsh and Hambledon Locks. For a short piece of poetry entitled "A Country Walk", Mrs. MacDonald won the month's prize competition.

At the March meeting the competition was for the best jar of marmalade. All the entries were so excellent that Mrs. Fricker (a visiting Consultative Council Representative who have come to give a talk about W.I. procedure) had a sticky time (in more ways than one!) deciding on the winner. In the final count top marks went to Mrs. Walker. Before winding up the afternoon with the usual excellent tea, it was announced that Miss Hayes was the Competition Winner of the Year, and that Mrs. Boulton had won the year's Perpetual Flower Competition.

And so, as the Institute steps out into their new year, we will step out by taking, with Mrs. MacDonald: "A Walk in the Country".

"A WALK IN THE COUNTRY"

A walk in the country? To slither on ice,
With old aching bones? That's not very nice!
A walk in the country? With rain pouring down,
Splashing through puddles and wet on your crown.
A walk in the country? With sun shining bright
To blister your nose. Ye Gods! What a plight.

REMENHAM VILLAGE HALL

The Committee met on 4th February to discuss plans for the Produce Show to be held on Saturday 6th September. There are a few innovations this year which Mrs. Mickey Brown tells you about below.

In the evening we are going to have a barbecue instead of the dance which we have had in previous years. This is something which all ages can enjoy.

We do hope you will support us just as much as you have in previous years. Any suggestions or offers of help will be greatly appreciated by the writer.

Bridget Every

PRODUCE SHOW - BRING & BUY STALL

This year we will be having for the first time a "Bring and Buy Stall". Please help to make it a great success. Donations of home-made cakes and preserves, home-grown plants and produce, groceries and white elephant items will be gratefully received. Either bring them with you on the day or hand them in advance to Mrs. Mickey Brown, River House, Remenham, or to Mrs. Sarah West at Remenham Manor.

For the children - a Pet Show. Children are asked to bring their pets - anything from a dog to a goldfish (but nothing positively dangerous!). There will be no entry fee and prizes will be given for both pedigree and non-pedigree animals. The number of classes will depend on the number and variety of pets entered and will include classes for grooming, good health, intelligence and other special talents.

Easter Day in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp

by Frank Douglas Simpson

"Always on Easter Day I celebrate",
The Bishop prayed in solitary cell.
"My prisoned brothers in like lonely state
Listening will join as well."

"A toothglass for a chalice, Lord, you see,
And paper as a patten for the bread
Thou will accept. But wine? Will water be
According as you said?"

The answer came: "At Cana, for the feast
I gave the wine. How should I fail you now?
From Me alone, to greatest and to least,
Grace flows, you know not how."

"First for the miracle of Cana pray,
Water will turn to wine,
And then the prayer of consecration say
That makes it blood of mine."

So it was done; and, on that Easter day,
In prison cell, by alchemy divine,
A wager on a golden patten lay,
A chalice brimmed with wine.

LOST Has anybody picked up a large red leather prayer book? It was apparently last seen on the roof of a car going up Church Lane on Sunday, November 11th. It is of great sentimental value, and a reward is offered. Please ring HENLEY 3565.

Dates to Remember: April 24th Annual Parish Meeting
May 10th Rubbish Skip
September 6th Remenham Produce Show

Congratulations : To Kay and Tony Stevens on the birth of a daughter - Anna.

LOCAL LAD MAKES GOOD

On January 2nd, on a cold wintry day at Chepstow, John Francome, the well known jockey, had to pull out at the last moment, and a young apprentice was called in to take his place on Arctic Princess - and won.

This was the turning point in the career of Benny de Haan, who has since gone on to ride seven more winners and has been 'in the frame' (placed) in many more. He is a grandson of Mrs. Mace of the Flower Pot, and his mother, Pauline, can be seen there most Saturdays helping behind the bar.

Benny has always wanted to be a jockey, and managed to get an introduction to the famous trainer, Fred Winter, who agreed to take him on as a stable lad. For four years he has worked with the horses, exercising, feeding mucking out, and of course riding, essential training for a potential jockey. Fred Winter has this to say: "I am very pleased with him. He is showing promise." Which is praise indeed from Bennie's 'Governor'.

B. de Haan, as he appears on the programme, has been helped considerably by two of his partners: 18 year-old Sonny Somers, a great National Hunt favourite, who must know most courses like the back of his - hoof; and Stopped, who, like Benny, has discovered that it is more fun to be in front at the end of the race.

Good Luck Benny!

NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

It is said that you must sow seeds of transplant seedlings during a waxing moon and never a waning one, preferably naked during a full moon. Remember that whoever sows the parsley wears the trousers in the home!

When sowing beans, wangle a handful of hair-cuttings from your hairdresser or take some when grooming your cats and dogs; put these in the trench to keep snails and slugs at bay.

Most vegetables can be sown in the open in April, but runner beans, celery, ridge cucumbers, sweet corn and dwarf tomatoes should still start under cloches for safety from late frosts.

Earth up early potatoes, leaving only the tips showing, and thin your onions to allow plenty of room for them to develop into specimens for THE SHOW.

When picking primroses, you must never bring fewer than thirteen into the house; like thirteen eggs as a clutch when sitting under a hen, this is a very old tradition. Has anyone an explanation?

Now, write in your diaries the date which is the highlight of the year for Remenham gardeners:
6th September, 1980 : The Remenham Produce Show

Greenfingers II

RECIPES FOR THE MONTH

This was offered as a suggestion for a Good Friday meal, but it sounds the ideal dish for a hungry family, inexpensive, simple to make and filling.

FAMILY FISH PIE

1 lb white fish i.e. cod, coley etc.	
$\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk	cornflour
Seasoning	4-6 oz grated cheese
2 - 3 tomatoes	2 hard-boiled eggs (optional)
breadcrumbs	

Method Cook fish in seasoned milk. Then, retaining milk, flake fish into oven proof dish, add skinned and sliced tomatoes - and quartered eggs if used. Make up milk and cornflour to smooth sauce. Season to taste and add $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cheese. Pour over fish and tomatoes, cover with remaining cheese, then sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake gas 4 30/40 minutes until crisp and golden. Serve with mashed potatoes, peas or beans.

Margaret Beith.

For a festive occasion here is something really spectacular and mouthwatering, begging for second helpings!

APRICOT SLICE Cook two oblong pieces of puff pastry (approx. 12" x 6"). When well risen cool and slice each piece into two lengthwise. Spread each base piece with thickly whipped double cream and top with apricot halves; place another piece of pastry on the top and repeat process. Finally, ice the top with glaze icing and decorate with chopped browned almonds or grated chocolate.

Rosemary Burrough

And, now for a further instalment of

THE ASTON MYSTERY THRILLER by E.Wells.

P.C.Pruitt was in a foul humour as he made his way home from police headquarters. He had received a severe reprimand earlier that day for not issuing a full quota of parking tickets for the month of March. He had tried arguing with the Chief Constable, but it was no use. Now it looked as though he might be transferred to somewhere faraway and remote station, like Skirmett or Fingest. He didn't want to move away from Henley. He had built up a good reputation amongst the Henley townfolk, and his wife had made quite a few new friends. Besides, a move might mean a reduction in salary, and he didn't need money troubles with a baby on the way. His wife was already six months pregnant. What he really needed, he decided, was a big break.

He was halfway home when he spotted an object blocking the path in front of him. Pointing his flashlight towards it, he saw that it was a bicycle. Its wheels were askew and the spokes were dented. Next to it lay a small piece of cloth. Looking closer at it, he saw that it was a blue and yellow striped scarf. There was a large blotch in the middle of it, which looked like it could be blood. P.C. Pruett could feel the adrenalin entering his veins. This could be the break he was looking for.

Next issue... To whom does the scarf belong?

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