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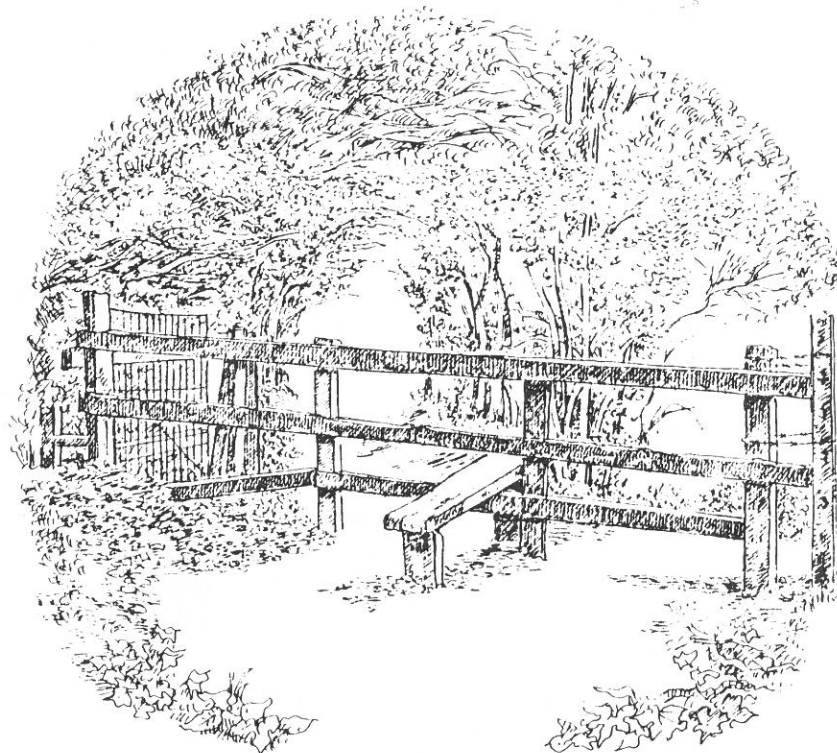
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## SERVICES

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.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT REMENHAM CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER AT 11.15 am**  
**FAMILY SERVICE**  
**GIFTS OF PRODUCE WELCOME ON THE DAY**

13th November Remembrance Day Service 10.55 am

## CHURCH CLEANING

September	Mrs Dibley	Mrs Edwards
	Mrs Duffy	
October	Mrs West	Mrs Sly
	Mrs Law	Mrs Simonds
November	Mrs Mooring	Mrs Young
	Mrs Dowsett	Mrs Walley

## ALTAR FLOWERS

September	Mrs West	
October	Mrs Bland	Mrs Lowe
November	Mrs S Daniells	Mrs Walley
	Mrs Forrester	

## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

26 June	Sophia Emma Arosa Lerche-Thomsen
31 July	Sarah Elizabeth Alliston Brittain
	Aaron Marc Brittain
7 August	Oscar Edward Denton Maddox
	Harriet Vera Jennifer Griffiths

### Holy Matrimony

30 July	David Paul Helps and Lorraine Ann Fournel
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### Blessing of Civil Marriage

23 June	Brian and Anne Passey
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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

*(for further details see articles below)*

<b>24th August</b>	<b>Parochial Church Council Meeting</b> 8.00 pm The Parish Hall
<b>6th September</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 6.45 pm The Parish Hall
<b>12th September</b>	<b>W.I. Meeting (visitors welcome)</b> 2.30 pm Remenham Club
<b>17th September</b>	<b>Country Fayre</b> 2.30 pm The Parish Hall
<b>7th October</b>	<b>Harvest Supper</b> 7.00 pm The Parish Hall
<b>19th November</b>	<b>Quiz Night (with fish and chip supper)</b> Evening The Parish Hall
<b>Early December</b>	<b>Advent Concert</b> Evening The Church

### EDITORIAL

**D**id you all have a good holiday? We certainly had some lovely weather and the only complaint was from the garden which was dying of thirst. However, the water butt is full again and the grass is greener and there is quite a heavy dew in the morning, so let's hope all is well.

Now that Autumn is upon us there are plenty of good things in store. First on September 10th there is the Henley Show; it gets better each year and is a good day's outing, with plenty to watch and splendid animals to see. And, of course, there is the excitement of a new Miss Henley to whom Aston's Sarah Porter will be handing over her crown after a year's reign.

Next to come is the Remenham Fayre on September 17th which is splendid fun for all, including children's sports, punch and judy, side shows and a riotous pub tug of war. Even the family dog gets a look in! There will also be produce competitions (entry form in this issue). The Fayre will be opened at 2.30 by Mr Alan Burrough.

The Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday, 2nd October. This is a very joyful occasion, the church looks splendid decorated with fruit and flowers, and children are asked to bring offerings of fruit to hand over during the service.

The Harvest Supper will be on Friday, 7th October; tickets will be available nearer the time.

Sadly, our excellent team is breaking up. Our beloved Greenfingers IV (Mrs Bucknall) has retired. However, we have a new Greenfingers whom you will meet in this issue. Also Felicity Rutland has taken on a full-time job so is unable to continue her stalwart support as Production Editor but we are hoping that somebody will come forward to help.

Woodside, Church Lane, Remenham.

11 August 1994

Dear Madam Editor,

**Re: One Hundred News Letters**

May I join the chorus of praise on your triumph; one hundred editions no less and the latest in its smart yellow jacket was very good indeed.

Without doubt our community would be seriously the poorer without the News Letter; so many, many thanks to you and your team of helpers.

Heigh-ho, now for the next hundred!

Yours,  
Keith Walley

*Thank you very much indeed, we are all delighted to receive such encouragement.*

*Ed.*

**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

It has been such a wonderful hot and dry summer that it seems the harvest has been gathered in for ages. Towards the end of July and in the first weeks of August we could see the combine harvesters cutting their way through the golden corn, working late into the evening to get the crops safely gathered in. It really was the perfect harvest scene.

But traditionally we don't keep our HARVEST THANKSGIVING until the first Sunday in October - partly, I suppose, to let the farmers recover and get their breath back. Partly so that the rest of us, who have been on holiday, can be back to take part in it. For everyone has something they have been planning, growing, harvesting through the year. We want to get these things, too, gathered in, so that they can be offered to God. What have we got to offer after such a wonderful summer? Good health and a perfect sun-tan? A wonderful collection of holiday photographs? Some sketches with which we are rather pleased? A fine bunch of GCSE results? A holiday job well done? A first class degree? The prospect of a new job starting next week? This is the harvest of our lives - make sure it is all gathered in, and offered to God with thanksgiving.

What happens to the harvest after it has been gathered in? It is no good if it just stands there in the barns. Our holiday photographs are no good unless we show them to others. Even our GCSEs and our A levels aren't much use unless they help us to do something useful in the world. THE HARVEST MUST BE SHARED OUT. This has struck us very forcibly this year as we have looked at the terrifying photographs of people and children dying of starvation in different parts of the world. Perhaps one of the best ways to make a harvest offering is to send a donation to one of the many charities which try to bring help to people who live such poor and threatened lives.

ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN. ALL NEEDS TO BE WIDELY SHARED. And in a very short time we have to start SOWING AGAIN. Yes, of course, the farmers have to do it for next year's crops. But so do we all. What are we planning now in our homes, at school, in our work, in the church - that will bring forth a new harvest some time in 1995? The most important part of the harvest is that it goes on from year to year, till all our plans and all God's purposes are safely gathered in.

All good wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

*Alan Pyburn*

## ROYALTY INVESTIGATED: OR, A DAY IN THE ARCHIVES

As the hordes of tourists (mainly Japanese, it seems, with a few German, French and Scandinavian coach parties) visiting Windsor Castle every day reach the centre of the castle precinct, they invariably stop to gaze in awe at the majestic round tower (apparently medieval, but in fact rebuilt by George IV in the early 19th century) which stands on a high mound, with a flag flying above and surrounded by gardens and a wall. If they look up they may see a shadowy figure sitting by a window on the second level and perhaps imagine that it is the Duke of Edinburgh, or at least Prince Edward, doing something royal. They are mistaken. It will be no more than a humble historian browsing over the Royal Archives, for the tower is where the historical records of the British monarchy are stored and preserved for posterity. It is one of the most important repositories of historical documents in the country, and one which any historian researching into the history of the monarchy or government must at some time consult.

So, when my wife expressed the view over breakfast that it was time I started either the ironing or another book, I decided to write a biography of George IV and wrote for permission to look at that monarch's correspondence, accounts and other records of his life and time. After a short interval, no doubt occupied in a little discreet vetting, the Queen's Librarian wrote to say that I should be welcome, and a phone call to the Registrar of the Archives supplied personal details and my car registration number for the security system so that I could get into the car park. Armed with paper and pencils I drove to Windsor, was allowed into the car park, and walked up to the courtyard beside the tower where another policeman checked me in, gave me a lapel badge, and sent me through the automatic door into the tower. The policemen at Windsor Castle, incidentally, belong to the Metropolitan Police and are the friendliest and most obliging you will ever meet.

Apart from security vetting, the main obstacle to anyone wishing to work in the Royal Archives lies immediately behind that door. It is a flight of over ninety steep, broad stone steps leading up into the tower. Only the fit should attempt it. At the top, however, a double door admits you to the two working levels of the tower - the rest being storage for the records - which are warm, comfortable, red-carpeted and hung with selected pictures from the royal collection, mainly past monarchs and other members of the royal family. Off the circular corridor which runs round a remarkably modern lift, which reminds you of a modern

department store, are several quite small rooms, used as offices by the archivists and staff. One of these rooms - the one which looks out on to the terrace where the cameras click incessantly - is set aside for researchers. The walls are lined with leather-bound volumes containing newspaper cuttings and court circulars from the time of Edward VII onwards, and there are three rather elegant small tables at which to sit and read and write. If you are lucky you get the table by the window where, besides being in danger of being dimly recorded in countless Japanese family photo albums as at least a prince of the blood royal, you may enjoy a view over Eton playing fields to the M4, the metropolis of Slough, and, by cricking your neck on a clear day, Heathrow airport. This has to be resisted or no work will be done.

The staff of the archives are even nicer than the policemen. Requests for a particular box or volume of papers are met within minutes, and if difficulties arise help and advice are freely given. The staff are even more anxious than you that you should not miss anything relevant. That is not all. At eleven o'clock the discreet announcement "coffee is ready" leads you to abandon your researches and go down one level to a comfortable common room where staff and researchers mingle for excellent coffee (in proper cups, of course) and plentiful assorted biscuits and interesting conversation. Here you may meet conversationally ex-colleagues from other universities, research students and often visiting scholars from abroad who are working on other interesting topics.

Dragging yourself back to work (after at least one refill of coffee) you continue research until lunch which you take, or not, at your leisure: the archives stay open and the keen may forego lunch. Otherwise, sandwiches may be brought and consumed in the common room, which gave rise to much domestic discussion about the proper filling for such an august occasion. Smoked salmon was rejected as too obvious, cheese and pickle as slightly common, so we settled for ham and salad with cake for pudding.

After a further afternoon's delving, and after the tourists have drifted away, around 5 o'clock, it is time to go home. The bustle of the motorway is rather a contrast to the calm quiet of the round tower, but with luck a useful day's work will have been done. George IV's life was to say the least an eventful and interesting one, and reading his correspondence gives you an insight into a complex and often misunderstood character - wait for the book! Research in any archive brings a historian closely in touch with the age and the people he or she is studying and the Royal Archives contain an enormous range of material,

especially for the Georgian, Victorian and later ages. Unfortunately, much of the private correspondence of George IV and William IV with their brothers was so improper that their literary executor, the Duke of Wellington, had it destroyed. Spoilsport. The jewel in the Royal Archives however is undoubtedly the complete original manuscript of Queen Victoria's journal, written in her own hand almost daily in a series of what look like school exercise books. Perhaps after George IV?..... Any excuse would be good enough to prolong the experience of working in such a pleasant and informal environment and with such delightful people - and to postpone the ironing.

*E A Smith*

## 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.



## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will be meeting with the Police early in 1995 to discuss how the 1994 Henley Royal Regatta affected residents re the one-way system and traffic/travelling within the Parish generally. If residents have any comments/grumbles/suggestions which they would like to be brought up at the meeting, they may care to pass them on to the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors NOW for recording whilst still fresh in their minds.

The Henley-on-Thames Town Working Group have invited a representative from the Parish Council to join their Group to represent the residents of Remenham. This Group is made up of representatives of the Henley Town Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, the Henley Chamber of Trade, the Henley Society, the Small Business Bureau, FRESH and the Thames Valley Police and was set up to consider the future development of the Town of Henley-on-Thames in order to maximise the commercial opportunities of the Town whilst ensuring that the quality of life is retained and where possible enhanced. Mrs Pat Sly will represent the Parish Council.

*Philip Moore, Parish Clerk Tel: 573726*

### HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 7th October

Remenham Parish Hall

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £5, £3 for children under 14 (cheques to Remenham PCC)

Tickets limited so apply as soon as possible to Pat Sly - 577925

Jenny Law (574739) and Liz Patten (574400) are organising the food, and would like to hear from anyone willing to help

## PRAYER FOR TOURISTS

Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble tourist servants, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs, and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech you, O Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicensed English-speaking guides.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up, and the hot water running from the correct tap if at all. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is not a telegram waiting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of the trip.

Lead us, dear Lord, to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for undertipping out of ignorance and overtipping out of fear. Make the natives love us for what we are, and not for what they can scow out of us.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as "musts" in guidebooks, and if perchance we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

**For husbands only:** Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains which they neither need nor can afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

**For wives only:** Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all please do not forgive them their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do.

And when our voyage is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding a willing audience for our movies and a sympathetic ear for our stories, so that our lives as tourists will not have been in vain. Amen.

*Found in the Tourist Office in Bruges, Belgium.*

## TEA FOR ALL

Someone had a clever wheeze  
Now we're doing Sunday teas.  
From two to five in the Parish Hall  
A jolly welcome to one and all.

Tea pots lined up by the score  
Home made cakes and so much more.  
Brownies, biscuits, scones with jam  
Rolls with egg but not with spam.

Thirsty walkers saw our sign  
Thought they'd found a diamond mine.  
We catered to their every need  
They thought it was a beezer feed.

The rector came, he thought it nice  
We gave him quite a largish slice.  
Other friends popped in to take  
A pot of tea and varied cake.

A band of ladies worked in teams  
Making sure the kettle steams.  
Washing up the cups and plates  
Feeling very friendly mates.

We think it was a great success  
We really did not make a mess.  
We'll come again in Aug next year  
And hope you'll give us all a cheer.

*Virginia Smith*

# REMENHAM COUNTRY FAYRE



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th  
Adults 50p Children free  
REMENHAM PARISH HALL



2.30pm To be opened by Mr Alan Burrough  
2.35pm Children's Fancy Dress

3.00pm Best Village Pooch



3.30pm Children's Races



4pm PUB Tug-of-War

Coconut Shy

4.30 p.m Punch & Judy



All Bottle Tombola  
STALLS

Produce Show (no charge)  
see opposite

W.I. TEAS



White Elephant

BAR

D.I.Y B.B.Q

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## POLICE

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

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or The Police Station, Lea Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 0734 536259.  
Fax: 0734 723925.

Crime - 999

**H**ello Readers,

In my piece for this issue I'd like to talk about Drugs. If you're medically qualified I apologise - this is not intended for you.

We all use drugs occasionally prescribed by the doctor or bought from the chemist. Others, like alcohol and cigarettes, we don't usually think of as drugs.

The drugs I'm referring to, of course, are the ones illegally used such as heroin, cocaine, LSD, amphetamines, barbiturates and cannabis. If you're a parent you need to know something about these drugs in order to protect your children from danger.

There is no single reason why anyone should take drugs. Most youngsters probably start simply from curiosity or because their friends do it. Others do it for a thrill or because they know their parents would disapprove. Some take drugs out of boredom or because they don't get along with their parents, others because they're depressed, worried or resentful about family, school or work problems or as a "cry for help" to seek attention. Depending on how they feel the first time they may carry on if they enjoy it or if it seems to block out other worries and problems. It is important to remember that most young people DO NOT take drugs. Of those that do few will try them more than once or twice. Even fewer will become addicts. Some of the signs to look out for if you suspect someone is misusing drugs:

1. Sudden changes of mood from being cheerful and alert to being sullen and moody.
2. Unexpected irritability or aggression.
3. Lost appetite.
4. Losing interest in hobbies, sport, school work or friends.
5. Bouts of drowsiness or sleeplessness.
6. Telling lies or behaving furtively.
7. Money or belongings disappearing.
8. Unusual smells, stains or marks on the body or clothes or around the house.

9. Unusual powders, tablets, capsules, scorched tinfoil or, more rarely seen today, needles or syringes.

I have a teenage daughter myself and many parents should recognise 1-6 in the list are sometimes just normal behaviour for a teenager.

Do work out your own attitude towards drugs and above all make time to talk to your son or daughter and get to know their hopes and fears. Give them the confidence that comes from knowing that you care what happens to them and that you can help if they have a problem. If you don't know, ask. The police can provide you with information on drugs and the dangers involved. We're here to help you. Leaflets are available from the Henley Police Station between 0800 and midnight any day.

Stay safe.

Regards,

*P.C. 2810 Andy Thomson*

## STOP PRESS!!

### URGENTLY REQUIRED

**I**s there anyone in Remenham who would consider taking over as Production Editor of the Newsletter as this is the last issue which Felicity Rutland will be able to do for us.

There are only six issues each year involving about ten hours work each time. Someone with a word processor at home, keyboard skills, and an interest in local news would fit the bill perfectly.

Please give me a ring if you feel you can help us or would like more information.

*Pat Sly Tel: 577925*



## THESPIANS

I can't believe that it will be our fourth show next February.

We haven't sorted out what it will be but you may rest assured that it will be no better than in previous years. We need more people - of either sex and any age. Richard Green says he wants to "rest", the Coopers are hoping to move away, Felicity Rutland has gone off and got herself a job (which, I suppose, is only marginally better than being pregnant again). Even the Vicar is retiring.

There must be some bored housewives and husbands anxious to get out of the house for one night a week.

In particular, we need someone to organise the children, preferably with a musical bent.

Please, please come forward you shy, retiring people and we'll turn you into stars overnight - promise.

*Peter Sly 577925*

*Liz Patten 574400*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A Neighbourhood Watch has been set up in Aston and Mrs Alison Barraclough, Tel: 574985, has agreed to act as Co-ordinator.

No NEWS FROM CRAZIES HILL SCHOOL this time - school holidays.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY SKIP

19 September  
31 October

By the Parish Hall  
Wargrave Road,  
Opposite Thamesfield  
Nursing Home



## HENLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Bureau, which is located at the back of Henley Town Hall is looking for volunteers to help with the administrative tasks in the Bureau and we also need to train more advisers.

To assist with the administration tasks, keyboard skills and/or familiarity with word processing and/or computing generally would be especially useful.

To become an adviser you don't need any special qualifications. We will provide training and you will have access to accurate sources of information in the bureau. You would work as part of a team so there will be other advisers around to refer to if need be. 90% of people working in the CAB Service are volunteers who are welcomed regardless of race, gender, sexuality or disability.

All kinds of people come into the Citizens Advice Bureau with a great variety of enquiries so the work is never boring. Last year Henley CAB dealt with nearly 7,000 enquiries. Over 39% of these were concerning benefits or matters relating to consumer problems and debt. During the recession many people have come for help when they have lost their jobs or had to consider changes in working conditions. Others may need to talk about housing or family matters.

So - are you a good listener? Are you willing to learn? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you support equal opportunities? Can you commit yourself to a certain number of hours each week? If your answer is 'Yes' to all these questions and would like to hear more, or you would like to help with our administration, please call 0491-572129 between 2 and 4 p.m. or write to the Bureau in Market Place, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 2AQ.

## REMENHAM W I

### July 1994

In place of the July meeting Remenham WI had a peaceful trip on the river after the hurly burly of the Regatta. Members and guests from neighbouring Institutes travelled by coach to Abingdon and then took a Salters river boat to Oxford. This was a delightful trip along a tranquil stretch of the Thames, passing through colourful lock gardens and often accompanied by families of grebes, coots and young swans.

After a picnic lunch on board, members arrived at Folly Bridge in Oxford and went on to visit the glories of the Botanical Gardens, including the wonderful tropical flowers in the glass houses, where it was marginally hotter than outside in the garden!

After returning by coach to Henley, everyone agreed that the outing had been a great success.

### August 1994

"Living with the Mayor" was extremely hard work but also very interesting and rewarding said Mrs Ken Arlett when she talked to Remenham WI about the year her husband was the Mayor of Henley in 1991-92. She said they attended over 350 functions and more than 100 meetings. Travelling all over Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties they met scores of interesting people from all walks of life, attended opening ceremonies, garden fetes, church services, official dinners, concerts and balls. Often, several events took place on the same day necessitating a speedy change of clothes and when the English weather was unreliable, frequent visits to the dry cleaners! However, Mrs Arlett said in spite of this it had been a most enjoyable and rewarding year.

Earlier the President Miss Rigby reported on the river trip to Oxford which was a great success. She announced dates for "Moneyspinner" events, a coffee morning in September and a tea party in October. Entry forms are now available for the Henley Show and members were asked to enter as many classes as possible.

A National Federation "Promotion Fortnight" is planned for 12-26th September and the members discussed the possibility of mounting an exhibition locally to "spread the word" about activities available within the WI.

"Apples and Pears" is the subject for the speaker at the September meeting on Monday, 12th at 2.30 pm at Remenham Club. Visitors welcome.

## REMENHAM PLACE

The residents went to the Kenton Theatre to see "Turn Your Radio On" and greatly enjoyed the outing.

The 15th July was the official opening of our beautiful conservatory built by Joan Rixon's company. We were honoured by having Miss Phoebe Ames whose family built Remenham Place in 1870 and she met Miss Diana Rhodes who also is a descendant of one of our local families. We also had Raymond Baxter who is, of course, the television broadcaster. The proceedings were opened by Bill Smith with his rich humour and thanks to all. This was followed by Hedley Roberts, with his charming wife, who gave us a talk about his wonderful work for crippled children throughout the world. Finally the moment came when Anton Rodgers, actor and Patron of Remenham Place, cut the ribbon and all went into the conservatory and into the beautiful gardens. Jean, our Mrs Smith and Matron, gave us her usual excellent buffet spread and lots of lovely wine. The holly green chairs and tables from the House Committee were greatly admired. I myself was on this House Committee for 18 years and the favourite tree I planted here is a blue cedar in memory of my dearest friend, Margaret Boulton, whom most of you must remember. You can imagine how proud I feel of this lovely home, its history and the dear folk who run it and now we belong to Henley completely. Thus ended an evening to be long remembered.

The residents had a lovely tea party given by Mr and Mrs West in their beautiful garden at Remenham Manor. Everyone enjoyed a hot day in the shade of the trees, especially the resident who slipped off to have a swim in their lovely pool. So many thanks to you both for such a lovely afternoon.

We have been Remenham Place Ltd now since June 5th. The first dividends have been received by our shareholders and when the holidays are over we hope to get busy with the new plans.

*Joan McDonald*

## NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

The glorious summer weather has provided a wonderful excuse to sit in the garden, preferably with a glass of Pimms, and enjoy all the hard work of the Spring. September, with its shorter days and cooler evenings, will hopefully stir Greenfingers to carry out the many Autumn tasks that demand attention.

Spring flowering bulbs, planted now, will provide welcome colour after the Winter months. Mark the planting positions carefully then sow some half hardy annual seeds, such as larkspur. These will develop into strong plants to continue the succession of flowering in the border once the bulbs have faded, and their foliage will hide the bulbs' leaves as they yellow and die. Some annual seeds can be sown into pots to give lovely early flowering pot plants in the greenhouse. *Calendula* "Art Shades" will give a selection of pastel cream and apricot hues.

The vegetable garden should be providing late peas, courgettes and salad crops. Greenfingers has been disappointed with the runner bean production caused by the poor setting of the flowers. This may be due to the very hot, dry weather in July. By contrast, the ridge cucumbers have been over productive! A sowing of Spring cabbage will give tasty greens in April when vegetables are at their most expensive. Be careful to net them to prevent them from providing a winter meal for the wood pigeons.

The Berkshire College of Agriculture at Burchetts Green run a number of excellent day and short horticultural courses ranging from garden design to nature gardening. There is a well stocked library at the College with many gardening books available on loan to Berkshire residents. This is well worth joining.

*Greenfingers V*

### EAST BERKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

Aston                      "Flower Pot"                      9.45-10.00 am

Forthcoming dates:                      Sept. 6th and 20th  
    October 4th and 18th  
    Nov. 1st and 15th

## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

### FILLETS OF LEMON SOLE WITH TOMATO AND CHIVE SAUCE *Serves 8*

You can make this recipe with Dover Sole if you prefer but it is much more expensive and most people can't taste the difference.

1 large lemon sole fillet each  
8 wedges of lemon  
Juice of 2 lemons  
6 medium tomatoes  
250g unsalted butter  
6 tablespoons medium dry sherry  
6 tablespoons double cream  
2 large bunches chives  
Salt and fresh ground black pepper

Blanch the tomatoes, skin and remove the seeds from them. Cut the flesh into strips. Grease a baking tray with 50g of the butter to grill the fillets without them overlapping. Sprinkle four of them with salt and pepper, half the lemon juice and dot with half the butter between them. Grill for a few minutes and transfer on to warm plates. Proceed exactly the same way with the other four but keep all the fish juice as well.

To make the sauce place the baking tray over direct heat and bring the juices to boil, add the sherry and boil for one minute. Stir in the tomatoes and snipped chives and continue to boil for another minute. Stir in the cream and after another minute or two the creamy sauce will thicken slightly. Divide spoonfulls of the sauce over the lemon sole and serve at once with wedges of lemon.



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