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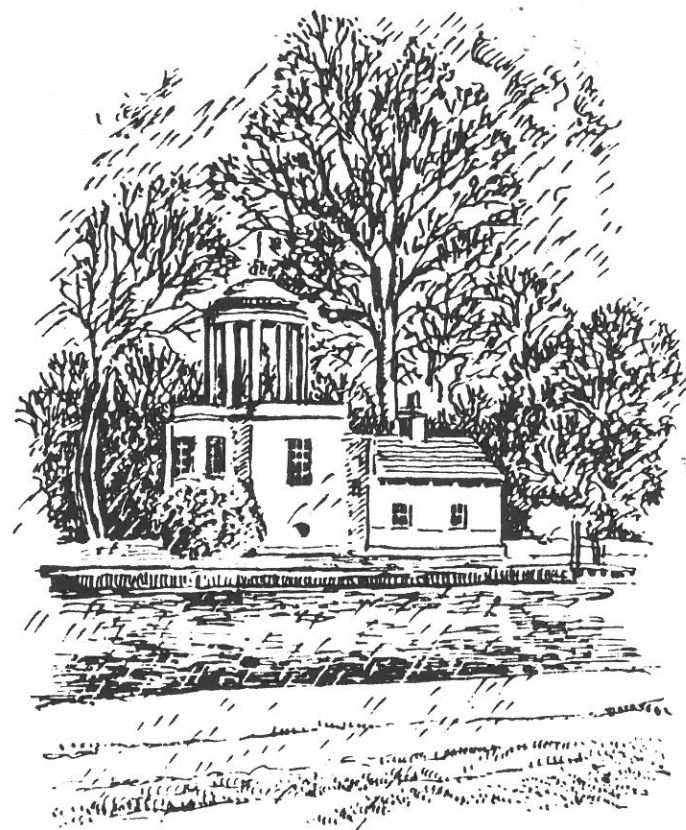


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### *Church of St Nicholas*

No 97 January - February 1994

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM

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2nd Sunday

A Burrough J A H West

3rd Sunday

Sir Robert K H Walley  
Speed

4th Sunday

Dr E A Smith D Parnwell

5th Sunday

E Selwyn D Binney

### 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.

### CHURCH CLEANING

January	Mrs Hogge	Mrs Duckett
	Mrs Hardy	Mrs Cartwright
February	Mrs West	Mrs Sly
	Mrs Law	Mrs Simonds
March	Mrs J Martin	Mrs Wynne-Willson
	Mrs Young	

### ALTAR FLOWERS

January	Mrs Denton	Mrs Halsall
February	Mrs Walley	Mrs West
March	Mrs West	

### PARISH REGISTER

<b>Holy Baptism</b>	
7th November	Gabriel Salvador Thomas Sebastian Augustus Bean
12th December	Joseph Oliver White Southwell
<b>Holy Matrimony</b>	
18th December	Dominic Edward Salter Price and Aloise Cynthia Wilgress Batty

### Thanksgiving Service

3rd November Elizabeth Mason

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

*(for further details see articles below)*

<b>19th January</b>	<b>Parochial Church Council Meeting</b>
	8.00 pm The Parish Hall
<b>1st February</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<i>(Check notice board)</i>	6.45 pm The Parish Hall
<b>8th February</b>	<b>Area Police Consultative Committee</b>
<i>(N.B. Change of date)</i>	7.30 pm The Parish Hall
<b>11th February</b>	<b>Odyssey of a Mountaineer (Lord Hunt)</b>
	7.30 pm The Parish Hall
<b>24th/25th/26th</b>	<b>Remenham Thespians Performances</b>
<b>February</b>	Evening The Parish Hall

## EDITORIAL

We are late - very late. But we meant to be late so that we could report on all the festivities that took place over the Christmas holidays.

Church services started on December 5th with the annual St Nicholas Toy Service when the gifts of toys and games brought by the children of Remenham to send to a needy parish in London filled a big sack. This was followed later in the month with the service of Nine Lessons and Carols and this led to popular services on Christmas Eve and the Day itself. It was encouraging to see so many young families attending.

There are accounts of the most attractive and enjoyable Edwardian evening, the New Year's Eve dance and the children's Epiphany party; fun and games at Remenham Place, and Crazies Hill School where so many of our children are young scholars. Also filming at the church, news of the Thespians new show which takes place on February 24th, 25th and 26th and Lord Hunt's talk on 11th February.

There are also reports of meetings where the people who really care about the village and countryside get together to discuss vital issues. Mrs West, the Chairman of the Parish Council, puts in a plea for people to take more interest and to volunteer for the next local elections due to take place in May.

You are also asked to come to a meeting of the police on February 8th; all details on the yellow leaflet enclosed. This is a vital chance to find out how we can keep crime away from our homes and neighbourhood and learn what to do in an emergency.

The very best of good wishes for 1994 - may it be happy, healthy and peaceful.

## DESPERATELY NEEDED

Volunteers are desperately needed to join the Church flower rota. Please telephone Sarah West, 574750, if you could help out occasionally.

## A LETTER FROM CANON ALAN PYBURN

Dear Friends,

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

What a surprise it was to come down to Remenham on 3rd January and find that the whole place had been taken over by the B.B.C. Flood lights, mobile canteens, buses acting as offices, cables everywhere, dozens of cars, actors, electricians, directors and location managers - the lot. What on earth is happening, I thought. Has the outside world just discovered where Remenham is? Have the Three Wise Men actually landed here - and is this a film company come to welcome them? Are we in for a bigger, better, brighter future? Well, of course, it was nothing like this. Simply a TV company using the church for filming their own project.

But it did make me think. How complicated and expert other people's work is. How much goes on behind a soap opera that we watch so casually in our evening viewing. Make a new year resolution to try and understand the work and skills of others.

Secondly, television is a very wide medium - what is filmed is shown to very large audiences. Some people have to live in the glare of such publicity - it must be quite frightening. They need our sympathy and understanding. We need to make sure, too, that what ever goes on in our own lives, in local committees, in church affairs - things which we think are private and unnoticed - would still look alright if we were suddenly to find it filmed and put on a world wide screen.

Thirdly, we get mesmerised by the power of publicity. If only we could catch the camera's eye, get our faces on the TV or our names in the paper - how famous and important we might be. It is always tempting to play to the gallery and show off when we think anybody is watching. But so much of our lives, so many things we do and say are never filmed. They are unnoticed except by our neighbours, family and friends. Are we careful, then, to live our ordinary daily lives with the care we would take if we knew that other people might watch and find out exactly what we are like.

So let us take care, whether we are being filmed or not, to live and do our best all through 1994.

Yours sincerely,  
Alan Pyburn

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Those of us on the Parish Council are worried about the lack of interest shown in local matters. Recently a public meeting was held in the village to discuss the shake up in local government. Five members of the Wokingham District Council came to explain the Unitary Authority plans to us with maps and slides. Only two members of the public turned up. THIS WAS DISGRACEFUL.

We are due to have local elections in May and there will be at least three vacancies on the Council.

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

We have one meeting a month, which is not too much for anyone. All you need is an interest in local affairs and a love of the local countryside and its surroundings. You all live in this beautiful parish and it is time you did something to help keep it the way you want it - whether it is to bring up your children or for your retirement, whether you want to see more amenities or less, whether you want to do something about the traffic or the accidents on Remenham Hill or to leave matters as they are. It is no good sitting back and complaining when something affects you on your patch. It is time for you to do something about it, and not always expect someone else to carry the can.

You don't need any special skills, just patience and persistence. It doesn't matter what your politics are, we never ask.

Please come forward and help REMENHAM.

Contact Philip Moore (Clerk), Henley 573726 as soon as possible. All nominations have to be in by Thursday, April 7th.

*Sarah West*

Please note the change of date to 8th February at 7.30 pm for the Public Meeting in the Parish Hall with the Police. Full details on the yellow notice enclosed with the Newsletter. Do please come along to this meeting which Tony Southwell specifically requested should be held in Remenham for the first time.

Tony Reed (Flower Pot Hotel) and Peter Sly continue to liaise with the National Rivers Authority during the reconstruction of Hambledon Lock and have on several occasions drawn attention to incorrect traffic movements. The Authority has acted swiftly to put matters right where problems have occurred.

The rubbish skip sited by the Black Shed in Regatta Field is no

longer available for public use. However, the Parish Council is endeavouring to arrange an additional two skips for 24 hours each time making a total of 6 skips every year.

*Philip Moore,*  
Parish Clerk Tel: 573726

## REMENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council met on Wednesday, 1 December.

In response to requests from several parishioners in reply to the note in the last newsletter, the Council decided to go ahead with the installation of an induction loop in the Church to assist the hard of hearing. An alternative estimate is being sought in the hope of reducing the cost.

The main business was discussion of the future of the benefice after Canon Pyburn's retirement in 1995. The Diocesan Pastoral Committee has been reviewing those benefices, like Remenham, where the living has been suspended for some years and has asked for views whether the living should now be formally incorporated with St Mary's, Henley, or whether the present arrangement should be extended for an additional period. Further information is being sought so that there can be a fully-informed discussion early in 1994.

There was also a preliminary discussion of a paper from the Bishop of Dorchester on the future of the Church's ministry in the diocese in the light of the likely decline in the number of ordained full-time clergy and the continuing reduction in the contribution from the Church Commissioners to the costs of the ministry in each parish. It is likely that more of the work of the ministry will have to be carried out by non-stipendiary clergy, readers, and lay people and that eventually the whole cost will have to be borne by the parishes themselves. There will be further discussion of this matter also at a future meeting of the PCC.

Parishioners may also like to know that there will be a meeting in the Chantry House at St Mary's at 8 pm on Monday, 17 January, to discuss the ordination of women. Two speakers will present the arguments for and against. The PCC will shortly need to decide whether we shall be willing to accept the ministry of a woman (e.g. as a non-stipendiary assistant) should the question arise in the future.

The PCC expressed warm thanks to Mrs Jo Duffy for her

capable services as assistant organist and hoped that she would consent to continue to contribute to the provision of music in our services.

Finally, Philip Challis outlined plans for a two-day event over the Whitsun weekend for meetings and talks and family participation in connection with the decade of evangelism. Details elsewhere in this issue.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 19 January.

### A MINUTE WITH THE MINUTES

*(The first of an occasional series of extracts from the past minutes of the Remenham PCC)*

#### Problems with the maintenance of the churchyards.

October 2, 1945. The Rector asked what could be done to preserve the much admired character of the churchyards, and whether it would be possible to offer employment to Will Dixon (the former Verger) on his demobilisation in a few months' time. The conditions laid down by Dixon were, that his work would be limited to the churchyards, that he would need from £3.10s. to £4 a week, and that he should not be called upon to do any grave digging, regular church cleaning, or to act as Verger on Sundays...

*(Dixon's terms were agreed to by the PCC but ...)*

September 24, 1946. The Rector reported that W. H. Dixon, the churchyard gardener had left us to take up work with the Post Office. The Post Office offered him £4.2s. a week plus uniform and later a pension. We could not compete with this. His wages with us were £3.10s. a week with a small bonus at Christmas. After some consideration it was agreed that a full-time gardener-handyman should be advertised for and engaged. The wages to be £3.10s. a week with a free cottage at 10s. a week rental. He would be required to do all work required of him in the church and the churchyards.

July 24, 1947. The Council all agreed that the new gardener was making a great improvement in the churchyards and that they were looking much better than they had been for some time.

March 27, 1951. The Rector reported that there had been a change of gardener during the year. The present gardener was a good worker (but) he had no knowledge of pruning...

November 23, 1952. The Rector informed the Council that the new gardener had left after one week.

*E A Smith*

### GASLIGHT GAETIES

The Edwardian evening in the Parish Hall was a great success. All the villagers and their friends made a great effort to dress in the Edwardian style. This participation by the audience bode well for the whole evening. Everyone obviously came intent on enjoying themselves. The amateur actors were very professional and warmed to the audience who booed and hissed as was appropriate. The fish-n-chip supper was hot and tasty and a perfect choice to accompany the Edwardian Elegance!!

*Aafka Oldridge  
ex-Villager*

The prizes for the Best Dressed Lady and Gent went to Marilyn Halsall who looked extremely elegant in her black and white ensemble and Peter Forrester resplendant in white spats.

The Raffle (a dozen bottles of wine) went to Mike and Leo Wyatt from Crazies Hill.

We raised £170 towards the redecoration of the Parish Hall. Thank you.

*Jenny Law*

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year's collection amounted to £600.92 which is a record total for Remenham. I would most sincerely like to thank all those helpers very much indeed for all their dedicated work. Sadly, however, I very much regret to have to tell you that I am being forced by disability to have to relinquish my post for the 1994 appeal. Happily, Mrs Sheila Constantinidi of Marsh Mill House, Wargrave Road (Tel. 578566) has very kindly consented to take over the duties of Parish Organiser. I most sincerely hope that you will all give her the great support that you have given to me over the last few years.

*Pamela P Selwyn*

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT REMENHAM PARISH HALL

To celebrate with glee  
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Fifty or more  
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Fred sang a song  
That didn't last long

Nigel Foster and his band  
The best swingers in the land  
Played scintillating jazz  
And all that razzmatazz.

Before I say goodbye  
Many thanks to Peter Sly  
For planning this party  
Enjoyed by the hail and hearty.

*Jerry Ward*

"A successful event, but unfortunately only £8 profit towards the Parish Hall redecoration fund."

*PS*

## SPIFFIN' EPIPHANY PARTY

Our Vicar Alan Pyburn held an informal Epiphany Service in church on Sunday 9 January attended by over 30 village children accompanied by their parents. Cut-outs of the Wise Men and their gifts were distributed to one and all. Afterwards the ladies of the Parish provided a bumper tea party having been suitably bullied by "don't worry God will provide" Philip Challis. Games followed with prizes for the winners and tantrums for the losers.

## NEWS FROM CRAZIES HILL SCHOOL DOWN MEMORY LANE

Crazies Hill School took their audience down memory lane with their Christmas Concert. The concert was based on the history topic, Britain since the 1930s. Songs and sketches were performed relating to life in the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's. Children from Remenham took on a variety of roles.

Tammie Hiscock was part of a group dancing a graceful ribbon dance to Gershwin's music, Summertime. Claudia Cooper and Sarah Denton were delightful as part of a tribute to Shirley Temple singing and dancing to the song The Good Ship Lollipop. Victoria Cope and Kelley Hiscock were part of a group of rock and rollers who brought memories flooding back with a lively number, jiving to Rock around the Clock. Thomas Clifton and three other cool guys were teenagers dancing to a song from the musical Grease.

We then came to the 60's and Oliver Ward and three friends started all the girls screaming when they came on stage as the Beatles singing She loves you, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah. Alastair Clifton and friends had the audience chanting and cheering as they relived winning the World Cup in 1966. The era came to an end with Rosalind Leeming in a group of hippies reciting poems and preaching peace and love.

This performance was followed by carols and the nativity. Freddie Ward took the part of a shepherd, Robert Halsall was the narrator, Louisa Clifton and Jessica Kennedy were delightful angels and Lauren Caunter was one of the shepherds.

The performance went very well despite the fact that a large number of the children had been ill with chicken pox during rehearsals.

*Sue Brooker*

## ODYSSEY OF A MOUNTAINEER

Lord Hunt will give a talk with slides in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 11 February.

Tickets in advance - £3 adults, children free - from:

The Slys - 577925

The Laws - 574739

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## REMENHAM THESPIANS

Our forthcoming production (and third actually) will comprise two farces:

**Mixing with the Right People**  
By Dan Sutherland

**The Gosforth Fete**  
by Alan Ayckbourn

Neither of these plays has achieved international fame and your local theatrical group has no intention of disturbing this present state of affairs. If anything, their strength lies in their innate ability to turn farces into fiascos.

No matter how awful they are you've all got to turn up because the village children are performing songs from *Cats* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by Andrew Lloyd Webber, which means they are all animal lovers and of a religious disposition.

PS

## RUBBISH SKIP

A skip will be placed in Wargrave Road, opposite Thamesfield, for approximately 24 hours on 14 February 1994.

**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).

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**H**ello Readers,

I would like to open by wishing all Newsletter readers all the very best for 1994. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. This article is a good conduit to keep many Remenham residents informed of Police matters which you may find interesting and which may affect you personally, but I don't want to use this article as a one way street for my views as a Police Officer, or bore you with a lot of crime statistics. Please feel free to write to me at The Police Station, Lea Road, Sonning Common, or 'phone on 0734 536259 (Fax 0734 723925) if there is something you feel Thames Valley Police should be paying more attention to. It may be a minor matter that you find annoying, or it may be a section of road you find dangerous. You may want to offer some constructive suggestions about an ongoing problem. I am here to listen.

Naturally, the Police focus on crime related matters but Police work covers a wide spectrum of areas concerning public safety, so if it is not really a Police matter, I'll certainly help in any way I can. As I mentioned in my last "piece", I cover four Parishes and try to tackle problems within these areas especially. You may remember too that Remenham Lane by the church had become a target for thieves stealing from motor vehicles. I am pleased to report that measures I've implemented in conjunction with Remenham Parish Council have seen a marked reduction in these offences.

The best deterrent of all, however, is not to leave anything valuable in your car. Statistics show that 90% of thefts happen because the thief is after the stereo system. If you're considering buying a new car stereo, try and buy one that you can remove from the dashboard altogether and if possible, consider getting it engraved with the registration number of your car. That way, if your car stereo is stolen and we recover it later, we can trace the stereo back to you. Can I remind our lady readers among you that leaving your handbag tucked under the seat of your vehicle is not safe. It takes just seconds to break the side windows. Try and get in the habit when you leave your vehicle parked anywhere to have a good look round. If you see people hanging

round acting suspiciously, make a note of the description, registration numbers of vehicles and do call us straight away. Act on your instinctive feelings that something is wrong and they are very often proved right. Many people look at things but they don't actually see anything. You won't be criticised if you report something which turns out to be OK. Many people seem reluctant to call Police when very often they should have done and prevented a crime.

I hope that Thames Valley Police can do something for you to make 1994 a much safer and crime free year.

Very kindest regards,

*P.C. 2810 Andy Thomson*

## "CHANDLER & CO"

**R**esidents may have seen filming taking place around Remenham Church on 4 and 5 January. This was in connection with the production of a new Detective Series for BBC television, provisionally entitled "Chandler & Co", to be screened during late 1994. The series stars Barbara Flynn and Catherine Russell as "Dee Tate" and "Elly Chandler", and the series follows their exploits as they set up and run their own Detective Agency.

## EAST BERKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

Aston	"Flower Pot"	9.45-10.00 am
Forthcoming dates:	January 11th and 25th February 8th and 22nd March 8th and 22nd	



CHRISTIAN CONCERN IN ACTION  
KOINONIA 21 PILGRIMAGE

**P**arishioners of Remenham -

You may not be aware that nationally there were/are plans for events at Whitsun 1994 to create a time of "Fun" in association with the Decade of Evangelism.

We have decided to push "the boat out" on the River of Faith. The Parish Hall has been booked and Messrs Copas Bros have kindly granted us the facilities of Remenham Barn and Meadows.

The Plan - a Whitsun Festival on 21/22 May 1994.

It is essential that the Action has two concurrent paths:

**ONE**, the Way of the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and preceed our activities together as a Community - the stroke in "our boat".

**TWO**, seeking the team of volunteers and relying on their diversity of gifts, both of talents and finance - "our crew".

The spiritual path has already been taken. We now need volunteers from our community of Remenham parishioners. Kindly consider your talents. Write to us with your offer of practical help.

This is for all Parishioners. Even those we only have the pleasure of meeting occasionally. Let us all join together to make it an occasion.

Take another look at the picture in the Parish Hall. Remember that occasion?

Let us all make Whitsun '94 an even more embracing event, one that our children will remember.

Yours in the Faith,

*Philip Challis*

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REMENHAM W I

November 1993

**C**hristmas started early at Remenham WI November meeting. After a short business meeting members enjoyed buying delicious home made cakes, jams and chutneys from the produce stall and delightful Christmas cards, tags and table decorations - all produced by Institute members. All sorts of interesting items turned up on the Bric-a-Brac stall and were soon snapped up. Buying completed, Mrs Judy Fraser showed everyone how to decorate the ordinary domestic egg with ribbons and ruffles to produce a charming and original Christmas tree decoration. Members tried their hand at making one but this turned out to be more difficult than it looked!

The next meeting will be the Christmas Lunch.

December 1993

Remenham WI were delighted to welcome County Chairman, Mrs Jean Clayton to their Christmas lunch meeting, together with V.C.O. Mrs Anne Protheroe and guests from Twyford, Cockpole Green and Knowl Hill Institutes. The Committee cooked and served a delicious first and second course and each member brought a pudding, providing a mouthwatering display to choose from. Mrs Clayton drew the prize-winning numbers for a bumper raffle and presented birthday posies.

After lunch a concert party group "Enterprise Two" provided an afternoon of sparkling entertainment. Songs, sketches and monologues followed each other in quick succession, accompanied by a dazzling array of costume changes. The seasonal music and comic enterludes were much enjoyed by all. Tea with home-made shortbread followed the entertainment and everyone had a very happy afternoon.

## REMENHAM PLACE

After going to Press, Remenham Church sent us the most wonderful gift from the Harvest Festival, for which everyone was most grateful and send their thanks.

You will all know by now that Remenham Place Ltd belongs to Remenham and Henley. How grateful we are to our many friends who have made this possible and all the love and care will remain the same.

There is someone I have not yet mentioned who is greatly loved here and plays a vital part. She is Lucy. She keeps our rooms spotless, with flowers beautifully arranged, and takes great care of all our bits and pieces.

December 9th. The residents went to the Kenton Theatre to see Oliver which was enjoyed greatly by all.

December 10th. Remenham Place held its Christmas Party. A splendid buffet supper for the residents and their relatives. Next came Babes in the Wood pantomime played by the staff. Such great fun and performed extremely well.

The House Committee gave their usual staff party during which Mrs Smith was given a picture of Remenham Place, framed, of course, by a local, and the staff were given their Christmas bonuses by Mike Croskell. A very happy evening.

Carols came next, first by the Brownies who gave each resident a pot of crocuses.

December 21st, the residents were lucky to have carols again, beautifully sung by the Lions, and the residents were given a delicious box of chocolates each. Many thanks to you all from everybody.

The residents had a marvellous Christmas cake given by Mr and Mrs Smith and the staff. Mr Smith played the organ in Remenham Church on Christmas Day. Also carols here at the Home. Everyone had a present from Santa Claus. Bill, of course, surpassed himself in a snowy white beard.

Don't forget our Burns Night. It is January 25th. Tickets £5. A truly Scottish evening by truly Scots folk, Mr and Mrs Smith.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year with peace and love from us all.

*Joan McDonald*

**STOP PRESS.** Marvellous news. Several members of the staff at Remenham Place answered the SOS call from the St John Ambulance and have volunteered to join the First Aid course starting this month.

## NEWS FROM THE POTTING SHED

Now that Christmas, with all its happiness, with cards that bring the welcome news that old friends have survived another year, is passed and the days begin to lengthen, there are many jobs to do in the garden.

Ponds in particular need cleaning, though sometimes laziness can prove a boon, as when an antique lead fountain was knocked off its pedestal by a flying garden table in one of the gales, and suffered no damage because of the many leaves in the pond.

But the stench of rotting vegetation is unpleasant and decaying garbage does not help the water plants. One of the easiest ways of clearing is with a rake, but if you have a pond liner remember to put the head of the rake flat on the bottom or you may cause rents.

With all the gales there are twigs everywhere, so before the first mowing in March, pick them up.

Hopefully we shall escape flooding though the Thames is now on Red Alert, and a great deal of water is still to come down. It takes twenty two hours to reach us from the source, so think ahead if you are in a low lying area.

Forty years ago Remenham Lane was impassable because of flooding, and lorries used to go to Aston with ladders so that those who were marooned could climb on board and be driven to the main road: there was also a return service!

Gardens look shaggy at this time of year, so when the rain stops teeming down and the temperature is more clement, tidying is very rewarding. The plastic bags that have flown over the hedge, the branches from other people's trees that have landed on the flower beds, and the general debris of winter needs clearing, and then can be seen, even now, the first signs of self sown snowdrops, bluebells, and Lords and Ladies - the wild arum. Forget-me-not seedlings are everywhere and are ready for transplanting. Nature is lavish with her gifts.

But conservationists should recognize the need to cull magpies. No longer are there song birds in the area, all the eggs and fledglings have been eaten by these marauders, and the pleasure of bird watching from one's windows have gone, and the little birds were the gardener's friends, for they ate plaguey insects.

As an old gardener used to say "This weather don't give me no INSENSITIVE to work", a feeling we all share, but take advantage of the fine spells and achieve something and often.

Looking forward to the Spring.

*Greenfingers IV*

## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

### PHEASANT INDIANA

Pheasants are coming down in price now that the season is nearly over. But the following sauce is equally delicious with guinea fowl or small chickens.

*Serves 8*

Set oven to 190 C/375 F, Gas Mark 5  
3 cooked pheasants, carved into slices and legs skinned.  
Half a pint of double cream  
4 tablespoons Lea & Perrins Worcester Sauce  
4 tablespoons mango chutney  
Salt and pepper

Arrange pheasant in deep ovenproof dish or casserole. Whip cream until firm peaks hold, then stir in sauce and chutney and seasoning. Pour over pheasant and bake for 20 minutes until browned and bubbling.

*Antoinette Saville*

February 15th is **Shrove Tuesday** - don't forget your pancakes! You can make them in advance and put them in the freezer interleaved with greaseproof paper.



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