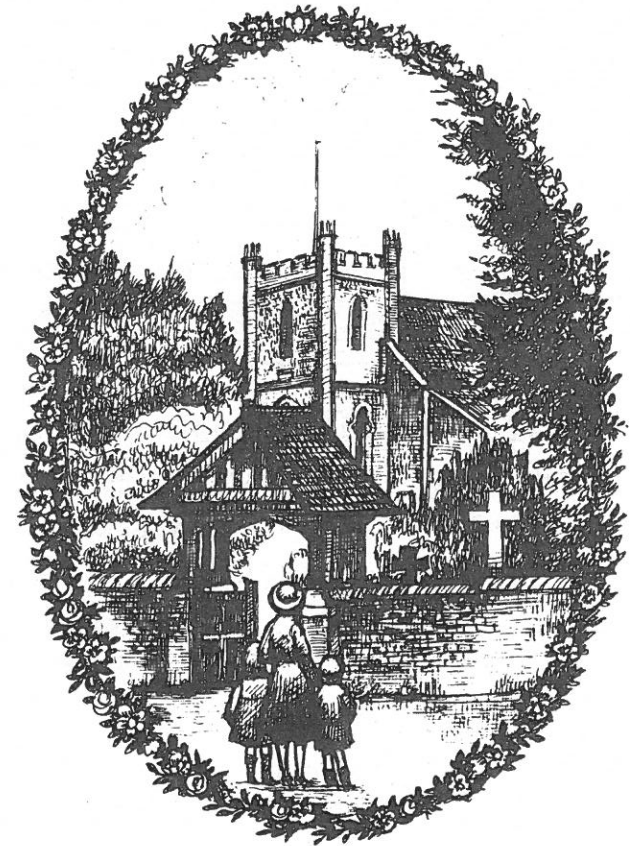


REMENHAM NEWS LETTER



Church of St. Nicholas

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, REMENHAM

Rector (St. Mary's Henley. The Rev. F.M.A. Payne,
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(Tel: 5361)

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H. Cartwright. (Tel : 4846)

Secretary to P.C.C. R.I.D. Arthurton. (Tel: 83-2823)

Treasurer Col. H.S. Tollit. (Tel : 3020)

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

SERVICES

8 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday in each month
11 a.m. Mattins Every Sunday
(Family Mattins 1st Sunday in each month)
12 noon Holy Communion 3rd Sunday in each month
following Mattins.

Sidesmen

1st Sunday 8.00 H.W. Dibley.
Mattins J.A.H. West; R.W. Ewart.
2nd Sunday R.I.D. Arthurton; R. Hardy.
3rd Sunday Sir Colville Deverell; H. Cartwright.
4th Sunday Major D. Young; M.T. Boulton.
5th Sunday Major S.C. Mason; G. Every.

Church Cleaning April : Mrs. Sparkes, Mrs. Kemp.
Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Beith.
May : Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Liddle.
Mrs. Kuipers.

June : Lady Deverell, Mrs. Hardy,
Mrs. Goodenough.

Altar Flowers April : Miss Rhodes, Mrs. West.
May : Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Ewart.
June : Mrs. Beith, Mrs. Daniels.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19th Annual Parish Meeting - Parish Hall 7.30 p.m.
April 28th Remenham Residents Meeting - Parish Hall 7.00 p.m.
May 8th Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall 6.45 p.m.
May 11th Rubbish skip opposite Thamesfield.
June 4th R.N.L.I. Sale - Marsh Lock 2.00 p.m.
Sept. 9th Remenham Produce Show.

EASTER COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

1977	77	£94
1978	91	£132

EDITORIAL

With all the wind and rain and night frosts it seems hard to believe that by the time you read this we shall be thinking about picnics, plans for summer holidays, Henley Regatta, and very important, putting in vegetables for this year's Remenham Produce Show!

March 31st was 'B' for Birthday' at Remenham Place when Mrs. Symondson celebrated her 100th anniversary. It is therefore fitting that Miss Ames's enchanting contribution of personal memories and extracts from her grandmother's letters should contain a reference to Remenham Place which her grandfather built between 1868-70; she says "she could go on for ever" so with luck there may be another instalment in the future.

Although Remenham is about as far inland as one can go in this land of ours, we help pay a large part in supporting the Royal National Lifeboat Association, and last year Henley Branch collected over £7,000 for this very vital institution. Mr. David at Marsh Lock is one of the chief money-raisers (he will charge you at least 1p for taking a photograph of himself - on the good side - the proceeds going into the lifeboat box!). There will be a sale on the lawn at the Lock on June 4th, so do keep this date, and help support a very worthy cause.

Please remember if there is anything you would like to say or draw everyone's attention to, or a meeting you wish to report, entries for next month's newsletter by MAY 21st please. (Complaints any old time!)

So far there have been a few copies of the newsletter left over, so if any of you would like an extra copy to send to friends please let us know.

THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

February 5th

Edward Ruy De Vilhena.

March 4th

Peter Samuel Scott.

Cherry Henrietta Sylvia Scott.

A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND GLYN JAMES

Dear Friends,

Cold, wet and windy, and too early in the year for blossoms on the trees in the church-yard - hardly an appropriate setting for our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. I do wish the churches of the world could agree on a fixed date for Easter, say in mid-April, which would give us a better chance of that 'breath of spring in the air' which gives a real fillip to our faith when we celebrate this greatest and oldest of the Christian festivals. But then I suppose it could have the opposite effect for our Christian friends in other parts of the world (can anyone tell me what the weather is like elsewhere in mid-April?).

Talking of the association of Easter with the spring, did you know that the word 'Easter' may well be derived from the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess of the spring, 'Eostre'? At least that's what the Venerable Bede suggested, and there seems to be little doubt that the Christian feast has superseded an old pagan festival, which is also true of Christmas. The popular custom of exchanging 'Easter eggs' goes back a very long way indeed.

We had a very good turn-out on Palm Sunday for our procession round the church-yard led by Benjamin, the donkey, lent and firmly handled by Miss Alexandra Southwell. Thank you, Alex, for having him 'hooved' (if that is the right term) and bringing him all the way from Aston. I hope he doesn't come to dread Palm Sunday!

More people than usual attended our One Hour Devotion on Good Friday when we thought about the meaning of forgiveness, human and divine. Then came Easter Day. The S.E.B. men had kindly put the church back in order after tearing it apart to carry out the important job of re-wiring and repairing the heaters; the ladies transformed the interior with their beautiful arrangements of flowers and greenery; and on Easter morning, in spite of cold and windy weather, people from a wide area came flocking to church - it was packed at 11 o'clock. For me it was a great joy and

inspiration to see and meet so many of you who had come to join in the celebration of the 'good news' - that in Christ we have a living Lord with whom we can share his victorious life, a Lord who can still be encountered in our ordinary everyday lives and personal relationships.

We intend to go on singing the 'Easter anthems' throughout the Easter season in order to try and keep alive our Easter joy and courage which ought to sustain us all through the year. After all, every Sunday is meant to be a kind of 'mini-Easter' because it was our Lord's resurrection on that day which caused his disciples to abandon their Jewish sabbath in favour of the new Christian holy-day in the first place.

Before I close, may I say how grateful I am to our good friend The Reverend Robin Brutton for relieving me about once a month. Several of you have told me how much you have enjoyed the services he has conducted, and I know Robin enjoys coming to Remenham, so the change has proved beneficial to all concerned!

Yours sincerely,

GLYN JAMES

EAST BERKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

A thorough revision of mobile routes has been completed, and has resulted in a number of alterations to the time-tables. Please note that from April 17th the times and dates will be as follows :

Aston :	The Flower Pot	1.30 - 1.55
Remenham :	Little Angel	2.05 - 2.25
Remenham Hill:	Five Horseshoes	2.30 - 2.45
Remenham Hill:	Post Box	2.50 - 3.05

Forthcoming dates : April 17th, May 15th, June 12th, 26th.

REPORT OF REMENHAM ANNUAL CHURCH VESTRY AND ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Annual Church Vestry for the Parish of St. Nicholas, Remenham, held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 15th March 1978, Messrs. H. Cartwright and J.A.H. West were re-elected Churchwardens for the coming year.

At the Annual Church Meeting, following the Vestry Meeting, the following matters arose :

1. Col. H.S. Tollit, Mr. H. Cartwright, Miss D. Rhodes, Major D. Young and Mr. R. Sparkes, who, retiring from the Parochial Church Council by rotation, offered themselves for re-election and were duly re-elected.
2. The Sidesmen who performed duties in 1977/8 were re-elected en bloc, to serve for the ensuing year.
3. Mr. Challis reported on the activities of the Deanery Synod for the past year and referred to the recently formed Amnesty International Group in Henley, the involvement with a local Housing Association and the work carried out by the Synod on the reorganisation of the Henley Deanery.
4. Miss D. Rhodes reported on the Electoral Roll. This had started afresh this year, and on March 1st there were 130 names on the Roll including 22 new members. The Roll is now open again.
5. The Treasurer (Col. H.S. Tollit) reported on the Accounts and in particular to the surplus of £626 achieved on the Income and Expenditure Account. Of this surplus £291 was transferred to the Fabric Fund (being one half of the proceeds of the Summer Sale), leaving a net surplus of £55 to be carried forward. The Treasurer also referred to (a) the imminent expenditure of approximately £2000 for repairs to the Church heating; (b) the receipt from the Diocese of £616, in repayment of amounts spent by the Parish on the Parsonage House, and (c) the Parish Hall Account which showed a surplus of £11.94 in its first year of operation as a separate account.

6. Mr. Cartwright reported on the Church Fabric and in particular referred to the following matters. (a) The rewiring of the heating system, (b) the theft of a plaque depicting the Last Supper from the North Tower of the Church, (c) proposed repairs to the Lych Gate at a cost of approximately £235, (d) the lack of progress on the Church Noticeboard, owing to the overwork of the sign writer, and (e) the preparation of an inventory with photographs of the Church contents and fabric by the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies.
7. Mr. Cartwright reported on the Churchyard, stating that the mowing contract had been placed satisfactorily for the coming year but that Mr. Heath had been forced to retire owing to ill health. Mr. Cartwright hoped to engage an alternative gardener in the near future.
8. Mr. West reported on the current situation regarding the Parish Hall and explained that the Parish had three alternatives :-
 - (a) to leave the ownership of the Parish Hall with the Church Commissioners as part of the Glebe at Remenham.
 - (b) to accept a transfer of the Hall from the Church Commissioners to be administered by the Parochial Church Council and to be used for ecclesiastical purposes (which did not preclude the letting of the Hall for non-ecclesiastical purposes provided that the letting fees were brought into the Church Accounts)
 - (c) to apply to the Charity Commissioners for an Albemarle scheme which would permit the P.C.C. to grant a lease of the Parish Hall to Trustees for 28 years at a minimum ground rent of £5 p.a., the Trustees assuming full responsibility for the outgoings and maintenance of the building.

After certain discussions, the Meeting supported the action of the P.C.C. in having opted for course (b) above, and confirmed that the P.C.C. should not apply for an Albemarle Scheme at present, particularly as the Parish Hall Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Every had been extremely successful with its finances for the year to 31st December 1977.

9. Before closing the Meeting, the Rev. F.M.A. Payne, as Priest-in-Charge of Remenham, referred to the remarkable results achieved by the Parish during its first year without a resident clergyman. In particular he referred to the introduction of this Magazine, and the fact that Church collections had increased during the year. Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. Glyn James for all the help which he has given; Mr. Payne hoped that the Parish would continue with the same enthusiasm, as it was an example to other Parishes.

J.A.H. West. Churchwarden

THE PARISH HALL

The affairs of the Hall are now run by a flourishing committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Every. The last meeting on February 28th was held in the dining room of the Flower Pot so committee members were able to relax before and after the meeting by an open fire in the newly decorated bar.

Those who came to the Christmas party will know that the Hall has now been partly redecorated by volunteers. New curtains are soon to be put up which will add still further to the appearance of the Hall. Now too we can walk from the road to the door without getting muddy feet; the new concrete path is an anonymous present for which we are most grateful.

As a newcomer to the village, I found Jubilee year an ideal time to arrive; so much was going on, and everyone was most welcoming. But now the celebrations are over it seems that Remenham is still a village where something is always going on ... plans are afoot for a Produce Show and another working party, so maybe the kitchen too will be sparkling with new paint next time you visit the Hall.

Barbara Case

A date has now been decided upon for the Produce Show. September 9th, and schedules will be available during June from Mrs. Every. Tel No. Henley 4825.

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Remenham Parish Council devoted much of its last meeting to the question of litter in the Parish. The present condition, siting and emptying of litter bins is unsatisfactory and the County authorities are to be asked to improve them. The pit in the Spinney along Church Lane has become an eyesore and the Remenham Residents' Association has asked the Parish Council to see what can be done to prevent what is in fact quite irregular tipping. The Chairman, Colonel Tollit, is to discuss the matter with the County Litter Officer and, if necessary, with the Health authorities.

In considering planning matters the Council regretted the fact that Wokingham Rural District Council has overruled the Parish objections to a number of applications and was particularly concerned at developments in the vicinity of the Henley Swimming Baths. A deputation from the Parish Council is to seek a meeting with the Planning Officer to clarify some of these matters.

The Council heard with pleasure a report to the effect that the future of the Parish Hall as an amenity for the village appears to be secure, at least for the next 28 years. A full report of the arrangements made will be given at the annual parish meeting on 19th April.

Although many Council members are concerned about the threat to some of the footpaths in the parish - and particularly to access to the towpath down Church Lane - it was decided to postpone the parish "footpath walk", planned for 8th April, until next year. This delay is to allow for settling-in by certain new landlords and for the long-term effects of farming developments to become clearer.

David Young

TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF REMENHAM

You are entitled to attend your Parish Meeting which will be held at the Parish Hall on 19th April at 7.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Col. H. S. Tollit, Chairman of the Parish Council. The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. The following matters have so far been placed on the agenda :-

1. Report by the Chairman of the Council.
2. Report by the Trustees of the Parish Charities.
3. Future of the Parish Hall.

Signed. Paul Clayden. Clerk.

CULHAM FARMS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

On Easter Monday we held a pram race from Culham Mill to the Flower Pot car park. Members of the club took part and arrived in fancy dress with decorated prams and wheelbarrows. They all carried 'babies' in various shapes and sizes suitably dressed for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed themselves, although all were in need of refreshment by the time they reached the Flower Pot. The race was won by Chris Long and his 'baby' and they received the prize of a bottle of whiskey and an Easter egg.

As soon as the weather improves we are going to arrange a few sports evenings on our Sports Field at Woodside. We hope to put on games of rounders etc., and if possible a cricket match or two. All will be welcome, so come and bring the children as all the family will be able to take part.

Watch out for our posters giving the date and time of our first sports evening.

Nancy Thornhill. Secretary

REMENHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

During the past six months the Remenham Residents Association has been active but not complaisant.

There has been a widespread plague of rats in the Parish, and individual appeals to the Public Health Officer did not produce much in the way of results, however when a request was sent in the name of the Association, immediate and greatly increased efforts were made, and the rats appear to have been controlled.

The matter of the disgusting litter on the approach to the Bridge was raised with the Henley Town Clerk, who referred us to the S.O.D.C. at Wheatley. We received a letter from them saying the refuse container with the miniscule holes for rubbish belongs to them, but the clearance is the responsibility of the Wokingham D.C. Both bodies have met but are unable to reach a solution to the problem,

however we feel that as the Americans have put men on the moon, it is not outside the capabilities of the two Councils to devise a container with a hole large enough to take rubbish, and to come to an amicable agreement about clearance. We will continue to press for a solution.

The Parish has suffered from very heavy tankers carrying sludge for agricultural use, which have broken down much of the surface of Remenham Lane. We had repeated telephone calls to the Transport Manager of William Press who agreed the damage must be made good, and new curbstones and surface were put on the lay by.

The matter of the Parish Hall has been left in abeyance, as we are still waiting to hear from Mr. West as to its future.

The problem of flooding in the gardens at Remenham Terrace has been greatly improved owing to work done by the Highways Committee at our request.

Two applications by Mr. Martin to build a restaurant at the Carpenters were successfully opposed; a third application to demolish the existing building and build a large complex consisting of restaurants, bars and offices is again being opposed.

The next members meeting will be on 28th April, at 7 o'clock in the Parish Hall. It was decided to postpone this until after the Annual Open meeting of the Parish Council on 19th April at 7.30 at the Parish Hall, which again is later than usual owing to an early Easter.

We would like to emphasize again our close co-operation with the Parish Council and we feel that our solidarity is helping to produce results; a duet is louder than a solo.

It is very much hoped that as many members as possible attend on 28th April and bring their suggestions to help the Parish.

RUBBISH

May 11th is the next time the rubbish skip will be on the verge opposite Thamesfield. If you have any outsize junk to get rid of, this is the opportunity.

REMENHAM RECOLLECTIONS

It is a great pleasure and honour to contribute to your Remenham Newsletter. Remenham has always been very dear to us as a family, and perhaps to me particularly as in 1915 I spent quite a time with my maternal grandmother at Remenham Lodge (now Remenham Court); her name was Broome.

My grandmother Ames went to Wedmore Lodge (now Craigmere) soon after she was married. She was about 19, and her husband about 30 years older; I think 4 of their 5 children were born there including my father.

My earliest personal remembrances of Remenham really are of Remenham Place, which when I was very small was empty. It was built by my grandfather between 1868 and 1870. Early in this century it was empty, because the boys' prep school to which my grandmother let the property after she moved to Underwood, (now White Hill House) had gone, and until Mr. and Mrs. Blakiston came there, we used to go and play around the house, and my aunts used to tell us wonderful stories of their childhood.

Remenham at Christmas brings back my first memories of any church. Vividly in my mind is seeing Mrs. Noble and her various family, arriving. The coachman took the horses to stable in Mr. Holloway's farm, hurried into the choir a little late with a surplice over his livery, and hurried out in the hymn after the sermon, so as to have the carriage and horses all harnessed up waiting at the gate for the return journey.

Granny when young always walked to church, first from Wedmore, then from Remenham Place, and I can remember her walking from Underwood, often twice on a Sunday. Not till she got old and very blind did she drive. And how I hated the carriage compared to walking through the woods and down the lane with aunts!

I have many of Grannie's letters of the 1860's!

October 1866 "Park Place I now hear, is going to be sold to a Greco-Russian merchant, who has offered £110,000 for it. He makes his living by making steel plates to cover the ironclads, and his name is Mr. POPPINGOFF - he is going to build 30 villas - not on our side but overlooking Henley, and as he is a strict Lutheran, says he 'will let them to none but the decidedly pious!' Imagine my having 30 new neighbours!

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The new clergyman came last week and took the duty on Sunday for the first time. I tried to make Fanny (her sister) promise to look at him through her glasses so as to be able to report what he was like. Each time she came back saying she had only glimpsed him, but he seemed about her height, thin, she thought about 40, and a moustache. I don't much fancy the Revd. Charles Mills SKOTTOWE. Should you?"
Mr. Skottowe obviously came into favour, as "you cannot think how the singing has improved since Mr. Skottowe came". I imagine this is the Mr. Skottowe whose widow I can just remember as a terrifying old lady, mother of Dr. Smith's wife Emily at Longlands.

More from the letters "Drove over to Hennerton to call on the bride and bridegroom". (John William Rhodes who had married Maria Ada Mackenzie from Fawley, my grandparents! Editor.)

1868.... She drove down to Henley with her first lot of butter from their small farm. She was very pleased she got 15 pence a pound for it, but thought she might have been offered more "as it was very good butter. I must look in The Field and see what it is a pound in the London markets." The same week she and my grandfather and young Mr. Brakspear went for a long row on the river, and on getting back met someone who had come from London with the news that the Fenians had tried to blow up Buckingham Palace.

I could go on for ages, as once I start reading the letters my own memories come flooding in.

I never drive up White Hill without remembering standing at the gateway of Underwood and watching cars trying to get up the hill, not making it, running backwards down the hill, turning round at the bottom, and going up in reverse.

Another vivid remembrance is the proclamation of King George Vth from the steps of Henley Town Hall. A rather reluctant small child was walked down to Henley as it was "good for you to hear this piece of history and you will never forget it!" Which indeed I have not!

I think what has ingrained Remenham in my heart is not only one's early childish memories and possibly 'rose-coloured spectacles', but always one has had the feeling in the church of such spiritual continuity of worship. This was said to me when my great-niece was christened there in February 1958, and also by a young non-believer on returning from a wedding a few years ago. I have only to turn down Church Lane, and I step back 70 odd years - the place has hardly altered.

Phoebe Ames.

REMENHAM WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Remenham Club on Monday, 13th March. All members were greatly saddened by the news of the deaths of Mrs. Mary Oldridge and Mrs. Louise Simmons. Mrs. Oldridge was Honorary Treasurer, and Mrs. Simmons had been a member for many years.

Mrs. Clayton, from Old Windsor, a Voluntary County Organiser, gave a most interesting talk on the foundation of the Womens' Institute, and several members learnt that it all began in Canada. The annual prize for the flower-of-the-month was won by Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Wissett won the monthly competition.

A charming pen and ink picture by Mrs. Judy Fraser was given by members to Mrs. Grace Wale on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Robert Hatfield. Although moving to Beaconsfield, Mrs. Hatfield hopes to attend future meetings.

A new Henley member, Mrs. Margaret Mannering, was welcomed. Miss Kathleen Hayes and Mrs. Helen Cullen resigned from the Committee; Miss Hayes as Honorary

ecretary and Mrs. Cullen, as Chairwoman of the Entertainment Committee, both contributed so much to the work of the last Committee.

Mr. Daniells was thanked for auditing the accounts for the year.

Members voted for the following for the 1978/79 Committee :

President :	Mrs. Audrey Sanderson
Vice-Presidents :	Mrs. Sheila Bucknall
	Mrs. Margaret Ridsdale
Hon-Secretary :	Mrs. Ivy Properjohn
Hon-Treasurer :	Mrs. Doreen Benson
Members :	Mrs. Margaret Boulton, Mrs. Judy Fraser, Mrs. Doris Higham, Mrs. Mary Simpson.
Co-opted Members :	Mrs. Margaret Tansy, Mrs. Florence Wilkinson.
Press Officer :	Miss Jae Sutherland

ates to Remember

Monday, 10th April : Talk by Mrs. Bright on Flower Arrangement.

ompetition : Flower arrangement in an egg cup.

ANY NON-MEMBER LIVING IN THE PARISH IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN THE INSTITUTE.

Audrey Sanderson.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS - 1p per word

FOR SALE Ercol refractory table with four chairs. £80 Henley 2096.

WANTED Small fridge in working order. Tel. 3941.

WANTED Help in the house one morning a week.

Mrs. Ewart, The Old School House. Henley 3941.

URGENTLY NEEDED. Someone to help me with my garden - mowing etc. Rhodes, Tel. 3565.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Symondson! All our very best wishes to you for attaining your 100th birthday! There is a report elsewhere of this special occasion at Remenham Place on March 31st, but it was a proud day for the whole parish as well.

Her many friends in Remenham will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Pettit is home again after having had an operation to both feet. The Rev. A. Pettit writes : "Now she is getting on nicely - not walking much of course but full of hope. I keep turning out fancy meals for her and am making great advances as a cook - even my Simnel Cake was a success!" (Try our "Receipes for the month!"')

It was grand to see Norman Daniells back in the choir again after a very nasty eye operation. With Mr. Reg. Daniells, Norman and Sally, Ian and Alison (now in full 'uniform'!) we must surely qualify for the Guinness Book of Records, with five members of the same family in the choir, over three generations - and perhaps the youngest choristers ?

Tim and Margaret Edwards with Kate stayed a night here the other day and managed to meet many of their friends; they are enjoying life at Hatch Beauchamp, with three lovely old churches. Geoffrey is still teaching music at Canford, and Brian and Theresa are working in Malaysia. It was super to see them and hope they will call in again to pay a longer visit.

It was very sad to hear that Mrs. Deverell had died; she and her late husband, Jimmy, had been part of the Culham Estate for many years, and she will be much missed.

RECIPES FOR THE MONTH

With Summer now on the way it seems a pity to spend too much time in the kitchen preparing meals, so here are two good recipes that take no time at all but are both popular and impressive.

Mrs. Patten has offered the following favourite recipis, which she says in an absolute winner with her children; she calls it "Sinking Pudding" because that's what it does!

SINKING PUDDING

3 oz sugar	3 large tbsp. golden syrup
3 oz margarine	1 egg
3 oz S/R flour	

Melt the margarine, sugar and syrup; remove saucepan from heat and add flour - beat vigorously. Next add egg, and beat again. Pour mixture into a greased loaf tin, and bake for 40-45 minutes at 350°; (it will rise and then sink). Serve hot with cream or custard; it is equally delicious eaten cold. Chopped walnuts may be added to the mixture.
Elizabeth Patten.

Suddenly the sun shines and you get the urge to go off on a picnic. Make it a continental one with this delicious pâté; add a long crisp french loaf, some butter, salad and fresh fruit for a real feast, even if it rains! It's a super snack, too, as a change from cheese and biscuits.

CHICKEN LIVER PATE

8 oz chicken livers	Small carton single cream
6 oz unsalted butter	1 clove crushed garlic
6 rashers streaky bacon	Good pinch mixed herbs
1 tspn sherry or brandy	Salt and pepper.

Heat butter in frying pan, add livers and chopped bacon. Cook for a few minutes and add flavourings. When cool, liquidise and add cream. Pot, and keep in fridge.

Thelma Hedges.

GARDENING HINTS by GREEN FINGERS

During the past few weeks I have overheard some useful advice for the amateur gardener. When your house plants are looking tired and limp at the end of the winter don't throw your tea leaves away use them as a mulch on the plants, this will soon cheer them up! Don't grumble at all the stinging nettles in the garden they make an invaluable contribution to the compost bed. When you come to dig the trench for the runner beans remember to line it with old newspapers, this will help retain the moisture later on in the summer. Last of all a local saw says never start digging your new potatoes until Henley Regatta Saturday.

STOP PRESS NEWS

REMENHAM PLACE

March 31st 1978 was a milestone in our history when we celebrated our first One Hundredth Birthday: that of Mrs. Edith Symondson who has been with us since 1959.

Mrs. Symondson has always been a very happy and cherished resident; she has a great sense of humour, adores the countryside and her surroundings and is an example to us all.

How she enjoyed her superb Birthday party, prepared and arranged by Matron and her staff! She had 64 guests, including 15 members of her family, Mr. Rout, Chairman of Wokingham District Council; the Mayor of Wokingham; Col. Tollit, Chairman of Remenham Parish Council; the Rev. M. Payne, Rector of St. Nicholas, Remenham, and Dr. Terriss, Medical Officer.

She received 7 telegrams including one from Her Majesty the Queen; also from Mr. David Ennals, Minister of Social Security, and from Mr. W. Van Straubenzee, our local Member of Parliament. There were 20 bouquets including those from Lloyds of London with whom her family have been connected for six generations, from Interflora, and from the Grape Growers Association of South Africa. She was also greeted and congratulated on Radio by Trevor Baker.

It was a most happy occasion; she enjoyed it enormously, and did not seem a bit tired by the end of the festivities!

Margaret Boulton.
Sale of Household Goods at Remenham Place.

<p><u>The Two Brewers Inn</u> Wargrave Rd, Henley 4375.</p> <p>Bed & Breakfast - Hot & Cold Bar, Snacks at all times. Table d'Hote lunch. A 'la Carte dinner.</p>	<p><u>The Flower Pot, Aston</u> Nr. Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. Tel : Henley 4721.</p> <p>A Fishermans Inn. Magnificent specimens of locally caught fish. Bar snacks.</p>
<p><u>Chez Skinners Club.</u> Remenham Hill, Henley Tel:5430 Parties catered for. Enquiries welcome.</p>	<p>Henley Brewery <u>The Horns Inn</u>, Crazies Hill. Tel: Wargrave 3226 Home cooked food at the Bar. Outside Catering available. Brakspear's fine ales. Your hosts : Mary and Andy Wheeler.</p>
<p><u>Mary Earle Tea Room</u> Thames Side, Henley. Established 1927.</p>	
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