REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



Remenham Autumn Fayre

ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM - SPECIAL SERVICES



Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday



10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by sung matins (BCP)

Sunday 4 December Patronal Festival

11.15am sung matins (BCP) followed by drinks in church





4.00pm candlelit service of nine lessons and carols Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall



Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

9.00pm candlelit Holy Communion and carols (BCP)

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

11.15am children's service with Holy Communion and carols (45 minutes)



Sunday 1 January

No service at St Nicholas 11.00am Eucharist at St Mary's Henley followed by brunch in the Chantry House and sing along Aladdin

Normal services: first, third and fifth Sundays of the month sung matins (BCP), second and fourth Sundays of the month Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns.

Jill Bland



It is very sad to hear of the death of Jill Bland. Remenham has lost one of its best known and loved residents, and she will be very much missed. A fuller tribute will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

The funeral service is to be held at St Nicholas Church, Remenham on Thursday 10th November at 2:30pm. It is not necessary to wear black. Family flowers only and if you would like to make a donation to St Nicholas Church PCC please send c/o Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 *1AG. Tel: 01491 573370.*

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5th Sunday Glen Palethorpe Ruth Palethorpe

NORMAL SERVICES

11.15am	Matins (BCP)	First Sunday
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Second Sunday
11.15am	Matins (BCP)	Third Sunday
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fourth Sunday
11.15am	Matins (BCP)	Fifth Sunday

The Rector is happy to visit parishioners and members of the congregation. Monday is normally the Rector's day off, except for emergencies.

Parish Office: Monday & Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-4.30pm

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OCCASIONAL CHURCH CLEANING, CAN YOU HELP?

Occasional help with church cleaning would be very much appreciated. There is no need to be a regular church-goer but simply to appreciate our beautiful church, and it really isn't onerous, just once or twice a year. If you could spare a little time, to work in a team, please contact Rosemary Duckett on *rkduckett@gmail.com*.

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The Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall, except on the evening of the Annual Parish Meeting (usually in May) when it is beforehand. There is no meeting in August.

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Nov-Dec	Friday 28 October	Friday 4 November			
Jan-Feb 2017	Friday 30 December 2017	Friday 6 January 2017			

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November volunteers needed please

December Penny Whitfield Jayne Gray

ALTAR FLOWERS

November Charlotte Every Suzanne Came

December ADVENT

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Weddings

3 September 2016 Simon Richard Wrigley and Joanna Ruth Halliday

17 September 2016 Jonathan Woodhart and Christina Stiller

Golden Wedding - Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows 10 September 2016 Anthony and Sarah West

Funerals

11 October Ella Dawn Norton
13 October Ian Goodwill

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11 September Sophie Eleanor Veronica Wood

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PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

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13th 10.55am Act of Remembrance, St Nicholas' Church. Please note earlier time

14th 2.30pm W.I. Festive Tea Party with stalls, in the Parish Hall

December

4th 11.15am Patronal Festival, St Nicholas' Church followed by drinks in church.

13th 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

18th 4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Hall

24th 9.00pm Christmas Eve candlelit Holy Communion25th 11.15am Christmas Day Family Service (45 minutes)

February

3rd 7.30pm Henley Cricket Club Quiz Night, Cricket Club Pavilion

EDITORIAL

What a lot has happened in Remenham over the last two months, as you will see from the articles about the Autumn Fayre, Harvest Supper and Quiz Night. All were wonderful occasions, and a reflection of the community in which we live. We shall no doubt be equally busy over the next few weeks, with Christmas and all the special services at St Nicholas.

Each time I put the newsletter together I wish I was better at remembering to ask people to take photographs. There are plenty of the Autumn Fayre thanks mainly to Pat Sly, but the Harvest Supper and Quiz NIght are sadly 'unrecorded'. If anyone has photos of Remenham events in future please let me know! Rosemary Duckett is a regular contributor and supplied the wonderful picture on the back cover of the congregation at St Nicholas during the Rewind!

I am hoping that in due course we shall be able to afford colour throughout, but for the time being there will continue to be just one double sided page with colour, which is why the corresponding photos are not always alongside the articles.

No time or space for any more!

Felicity (newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Would anyone like to join the choir for the annual candlelit carol service at St Nicholas church? For the last few years we have set a very high standard but as before we could do with a few more experienced Alto and male voices. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested as we are beginning to think about rehearsals.

Felicity Rutland (felicity.rutland@dsl.pipex.com)

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends

I suppose November could be called the month of the two Martins, because within the space of eight days we keep the feast days of two such-named Saints—Saint Martin de Porres and Saint Martin of Tours.

The second is probably the best known of the two, and his story follows a pattern which is familiar in later centuries. He was born about the year 335, into a pagan family. He became a soldier in the Roman Army until his conversion and baptism; but it the story of his sharing his cloak with a poor beggar which has endeared him to the devotion of the faithful through the ages. This must have happened before he had left the army but at the time of his conversion, for he later joined St Hilary at Poitiers and then founded the first monastery in Gaul in 360. He was made Bishop of Tours in 372 and he spent the rest of his life as a pastor to his people and an enthusiastic advocate of the religious life.

The lesser known St Martin of Porres was born in Lima, the capital of Peru in 1579. His father was a Spaniard, though his mother was a native Peruvian. He entered the Dominican order in Lima whilst, at the same time, continuing his profession as a medical assistant, helping the local doctors and tending the sick. He remained in Lima until his death in 1639.

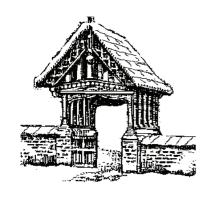
Over 1200 years separate these 'two Martins'; they were both advocates of the religious life and yet they fulfilled their respective vocations in very different ways and in very different surroundings.

We sometimes think that the saints are people set apart. We need reminding that the saints are people just like us, and that there are as many saints living today as there were 500 or 1600 years ago. Recent acknowledgements of sanctity amongst the people of God have included Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul and Pope John 23rd—some of us may well have seen these saints in the flesh in our own lifetimes.

Like them we are called to fulfil our vocations—and like them we are called by God to be saints. We too all live very different lives from each other. But we too should try to have our eyes fixed on heaven!

With my love and prayers.

Fr Martyn





REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Jill Bland

We were very sorry to hear of the passing away of Jill Bland, who has been a staunch supporter and friend. She will be very sadly missed.

Police

Inspector Alastair Lloyd, our new neighbourhood policeman, addressed the Parish council last month. He reiterated the Police's commitment to neighbourhood policing. He explained that the Wokingham and Bracknell police forces had merged under one commander, Robert France, but so far there had been no reduction in the estate. The benefits are that there exists a greater pool of officers to call on. His background was in event management prior to joining the police. He is very ambitious to work with Parish Councils to achieve better outcomes for residents.

Neighbourhood Plan

Due to the Local Plan Update and the change in the profiles of neighbourhood plans, the parish council has decided to review the neighbourhood plan process that we initiated some time ago and use the results of the questionnaire to perhaps take a different path.

Highways Initiative

Under the Chairmanship of David Nimmo-Smith, the leader of Henley Conservatives, SODC Councillor and Oxfordshire County Councillor, a group was formed in the summer entitled the Transport Strategy Group. This group has many Henley town Councillors, SODC Councillors, members of Harpsden Parish Council, members of Henley in Transition and members of Remenham Parish Council, Darrel Poulos and I. The Group was charged with examining the issues with traffic in Henley, Remenham and Harpsden. Under the very able direction of Darrel, it has met frequently as a whole and in subgroups. The Group has come up with

numerous suggestions and proposals for improving the current situation, focussing in the main on congestion and air quality but also parking, public transport etc etc. A draft report has been produced which is being finalised and up for adoption by Henley Town Council. This month the draft will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting for adoption by Remenham Parish Council. It is envisaged that it will be put for consultation to Henley, Remenham and Harpsden in the first quarter of 2017 and detailed work undertaken during 2017.

This was the first objective of the Remenham Highways Initiative. Your Parish Council will be working on the detailed proposals for the roads in Remenham.

Malmesbury - Park Place Polo

There has been considerable activity to further condition the Polo Facility to make the proposal as palatable as possible to the residents. The agent, Spinks, and the Parish Council has met frequently and good progress has been made. We are very grateful for the positive approach that both Mr Bateman and Mr Borodin have shown. The final proposal has yet to be put to the Borough Council.

Whitehill Farm

An application has been made, considered and commented upon for a Certificate of Lawful Use for Whitehill Farm.

Stonebridge

A retrospective planning application was made for a new dwelling in the curtilage of Bird Place Cottage, which the Parish Council was unable to support; it is in the green belt, a conservation area, retrospective and was built without approval before any discussion as whether it is appropriate development.

John Halsall Chairman Remenham Parish Council Councillor Wokingham Borough Council

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do please keep sending any interesting/topical items for possible inclusion to the Editor, Felicity Rutland, preferably by email to *newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk*. The editorial team reserves the right to edit, amend, précis or reject articles, and those included in the Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor.

REMENHAM COUNTRY FAYRE

This year we broke with tradition and moved the Fayre from its usual Saturday slot to Sunday 4th September. Although this meant a few of our regulars were unable to come, on the whole the change seemed to be a good one and the afternoon was very well attended.

As usual the Dog Show was one of the highlights of the afternoon under the leadership of our resident dog trainer Melanie Healey who had encouraged many of her pupils to come along. The winner of the Best Trick was Barney (with Caitlin) for his Roll over. The best Young Dog (under 6) was Bertie (and Michelle). There were joint winners of the Older Dog (over 6) category, Crumble (with Tony Seaman) and Truffle (with Ann Shemilt) and the winner of The Best Village Pooch was Luna (with Paul). The extra fun class was the ever popular Best Sausage Catcher and this year Rye snatched the sausage and the prize with handler Frances.



As last year, Barry Rosier brought his unique style to the children's races. As well as the usual sack race - won by Francesca and the 3-legged race won by Caitlin and Connor Brown, the Browns also proved unbeatable with

the hysterically funny 4-legged race which turned out to be much harder than it sounds - something to do with co-ordinating 3 pairs of legs!!

The biggest money spinner was again the Bottle Tombola run (allegedly for the last time) by the Plunkets and the Grays. The raffle under the control of Pru Sly was also a great success so a big thank you needs to go the generous donators of the prizes.



The Produce show was as popular as ever and the



cups were awarded to Jayne Gray for the Fruit and Veg, (classes 1-6), Sally-Anne Plunket for the Flowers (classes 7-9), Pru Sly for the Cookery (class 10) and Ada Stevens-

Sly for the children's cookery (class 11) like mother, like daughter!!







There were the usual games and stalls for visitors; bric-a-brac, coconut shy, skittles, guess the name of the teddy, hoopla, aunt sally and many more as well as the wonderful WI ladies with tea and cake, plus the BBQ and Bar. Thanks to the generosity of all the people who gave their time to run stalls as well all those who came and spent their money, we raised around £1378.

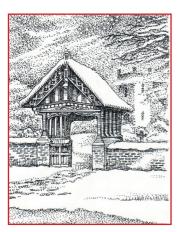
We will be sticking with Sunday afternoon in 2017 so put Sunday 3rd September in your diaries NOW!!

Ann Burley

Please see front and back covers for some photos of the day, and the website for many more.

These capture the atmosphere and fun of the day beautifully. Many thanks to Pat Sly.

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM



There is little to report from the PCC in this edition of the Newsletter – the summer is always a quiet time for us. Harvest Festival went well with a good attendance and the church was beautifully decorated. We are of course, heading for our busiest time of year starting with Remembrance Sunday on 13 November (NB the service begins at 10.55am), our patronal festival on 4 December followed by drinks in church and our Christmas services. Details are included in this newsletter (inside front cover) and I do hope we see you in church at some stage over the festive period.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Eileen Dowsett, a long serving member of the PCC and sidesman. Eileen had spent a great deal of time as child living with her grandmother in Aston and had attended the village school and was our longest standing worshipper at St Nicholas. She and Mike were married at St Nicholas in 1956 and we send Mike and their children Andrew and Mandy our condolences.

HARVEST SUPPER



The Harvest Supper was held on Friday 7 October in the Parish Hall and a very good time was had by all. This year's attendance of 45 was well up on previous years and it was lovely to see a good number of newcomers to the village at the event. The usual menu of cottage pie followed by apple crumble went down a treat and we made the magnificent sum of £709.71. Many thanks to all who came, who cooked and who helped with the washing up.

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Hire charges start at £16.00 per hour. For further details look at the website http://www.remenhamparish.org.uk/parish-hall/ or contact Pat Sly on parishhall@remenham.org.uk or 01491 577925.

Charlotte Every
Churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk

REMENHAM QUIZ NIGHT

By popular demand, the Remenham Quiz Night returned to the Parish Hall on Saturday October 29. A total of 48 contestants took part, in teams of four, and were kept fully engaged with six rounds of ten questions each on topics ranging from History to Classical Derivatives.

The questions and answer sheets were prepared by the now county renowned Quiz Master, Mr. Anthony West, who handled some challenging competitors, as always, firmly but fairly and with characteristic good humour. Only once was he seen to be flustered when one team managed to score 9 points out of 10 in the very first (History) Round! He need not have worried! Subsequent Rounds cut them down to size!!

After three rounds, supper was served - a Chicken Curry, with Vegetarian option supplied (and served) at a discounted rate for this charity fund raising event, by the Haweli Restaurant in Wargrave. Judging by the number of people returning for "seconds", the meal was extremely well received. This gesture by Haweli was, naturally, very much appreciated. Mini Magnum Ice Creams of varying flavours were offered after the meal – and again appeared to be very popular!

The Quiz Master, not content to allow participants to relax during the meal, set a series of brain teasers to keep them occupied The Home Farmers (Laing Family) carried away the prize for this "supper round".

The main Quiz was closely contested and won with 46 points by "The Damson Trees" (Leeming Party) who appeared to be, as one might say, "long on intelligence"!! The team prize was 2 bottles of Armagnac. Runners up, with 43 points, were Les Quizerables (Every Party), who took away 2 bottles of wine. It was gratifying to note that every team reached a double figure score!!

The Raffle of 9 prizes was exceptionally well supported – and these funds, together with Bar takings which exceeded all expectations, contributed to a handsome profit at this event of just over £1,000.

Much preparation goes into these events "behind the scenes" and we should acknowledge, with huge thanks, in addition to Anthony West, the efforts of Nick and Sally Anne Plunket, Jayne Gray, Sarah West and Pat Sly.

Above all, these events would not be successful without the support of all those that took part in the Quiz. You are what makes this Remenham Community so very special! Long may it continue!

Nigel Gray



Note from the Editor: I must add a thank you to the unsung hero of the evening, Nigel Gray, who MC'd the proceedings with aplomb, efficiency, brilliant time-keeping and generous appreciation of everyone else's efforts - all with his characteristic good-humour! This is an uncharacteristically serious photo of him deep in a high level discussion at the Village Fayre.

REMENHAM W.I.

October

Our October meeting was taken by Daphne Austen, our Vice President. It started with the usual news and details of future plans, the arrangements for our November Sale and the Christmas lunch. Also members were reminded to get Knitting to make "Twiddlemuffs" for Royal Berkshire a Hospital - these are to help dementia patients. As it was an open meeting there were some husbands, partners and friends. Daphne introduced Roger Shaw, who gave us an enlightening talk and slide show, including some original photographs about the "Oregon Trail".

Roger had lived in Oregon for 7 years, and has travelled two thirds of the route - he hastened to add by car! In 1835 President Jefferson encouraged and financially helped, people to go west. Lewis and Clarke had mapped the trail, it was 3,000 miles and they had to start in the Spring as the Rockies had to be reached by September to be able to make the crossing of 8,000 feet before the snow. It was mostly Farmers who made the journey as the land was, and still is, wonderfully fertile, and the tracks were well marked by the Buffalo. Everything they needed had to be transported in the Wagons and the people walked mainly in bare feet. The best wagons were made by Studebaker as they floated across the many rivers. There were Trading posts set up along the route run by the Army, and the Indian tribes supplied them with Buffalo meat. But in spite of this so many died mainly from Cholera, from dirty water and poor sanitation. Many did make the trek, but it all came to an end in 1869 with the arrival of the Union Pacific Railway.

Roger was warmly thanked by Rosemary Pratt and the meeting closed with a superb tea served by June Shelton, Pat Sly and Enid Light, which was much appreciated by all.

Christmas Sale and Tea

This is on November 14th in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Sheila Constantinidi

REMENHAM WI CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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Remenham Autumn Fayre





and one of the congregation during the Rewind Festival in August!

