

# REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



***Henley Regatta in the rain***  
Remenham Artists - *Suri Poulos*



*The Henley Swims banner, with the river and Leander in the background*



*The towpath in Remenham during The Henley Festival 2016*

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## 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

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### Baptisms

14 May Issak Albert Wiggins-Dawes

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## PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

### June

25th 4.30am Henley Classic Swim, HRR Course, start Temple Island  
29th/31st Henley Royal Regatta

### July

1st/2nd Henley Royal Regatta continues  
6/9th Henley Festival  
7/8th Henley Masters' Regatta, Temple Island Meadows  
9th 9.00am Henley Mile Swim, start Temple Island (to be confirmed)  
10th 2.30pm W.I. meeting, Parish Hall, talk on 'Ploice Winess' by Simon Williams  
11th 8.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall  
15th 7.30pm Cricket Club Summer Ball, Regatta Meadows  
20th Visit to the Henley Deanery by Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Oxford, including Service in Shiplake church at 7.45pm followed by reception at Shiplake College and then an open forum with an address and answers to questions.  
22nd Pub to Club Swim

### August

8th Henley Marathon Swim  
14th W.I. meeting (t.b.c.)  
18/20th August Rewind Festival, Temple Island Meadows

### Further ahead

3rd September Remenham Country Fayre, the Parish Hall and Gardens  
13th October Harvest Supper, the Parish Hall  
26/28th October Remenham Thespians, the Parish Hall  
3rd December Leaving lunch for Father Martyn  
17th December Remenham Carol Service, 4.00pm

## NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM

There is little to report from St Nicholas in this edition of the Newsletter but there are some dates for your diaries, some a long time in the future....

**Visit by the Bishop of Oxford:** On Thursday 20 July the new Bishop of Oxford will be visiting the Henley Deanery, with a service in Shiplake church at 7.45pm followed by a reception at Shiplake College. There will then be an open meeting at which he will give an address and answer questions. The meeting will finish by 9.30pm. Please let me or the parish office know by Friday 14 July if you wish to attend.

**Harvest Supper:** Our harvest supper will be on Friday 13 October.

**Leaving lunch for Father Martyn:** This will be on Sunday 3 December.

*Charlotte Every*  
*Churchwarden - [churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk)*

## FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

A friend of mine is just about to be ordained deacon in the Diocese of Lichfield. Sadly the ordination is on what we call Regatta Sunday—and it might come as a bit of a shock to everyone likely to read this that, as far as I know, ‘Regatta Sunday’ does not appear in the Church of England Calendar! How can this be, we ask ourselves. But it does just remind us that, no matter how large a part the Royal Regatta—and others—play in the life of Henley, outside this town life goes on as usual.

For my friend however, it is the Sunday after St Peter’s Day—Petertide—traditionally one of the days when bishops ordain those who have been duly chosen and prepared. Each one of them will have their own stories to tell of their ‘journey’ to ordination. Perhaps for some it was a slow realisation which has taken many years to crystallise, whilst for others there might have been a ‘Damascus moment’. However the first call to ordained ministry came, there will then have been a time of discernment for both the candidate and for the Church. There will also have been a certain amount of academic and pastoral studies to be completed. Some may have undergone full time study at one of the Theological Colleges supported by the Church; whilst others will have been on some diocesan or multi-diocesan study course, part-time study undertaken whilst continuing in normal employment.

Whatever the style of study, when most of it is over, then the Bishop will summon the candidate for their ordination as a deacon, followed, usually a year later, by their ordination as a priest. But it’s a bit like confirmation—this is really only the beginning of a lifetime of learning, both theological and pastoral, both formal and informal.

Priests are called to support their people, to celebrate the sacraments, to explain the scriptures and the teaching tradition of the Church. So as a new ‘batch’ joins the ‘order of Melchizedek’, pray for your priests, and for vocations to the priesthood—after all, it might be for you!

With my love and prayers,

*Fr Martyn*

## FROM THE EDITOR

No space! However you will all be well aware of what is happening in Remenham!

Don’t forget the Cricket Club Ball (15 July) - in a Regatta Lawn marquee by kind permission of Henley Royal Regatta (small number of tickets left - contact Sue Laing), and there are lots of dates for your diary for further ahead.

To fit onto the right number of pages I have left out Police Information - see previous issues.

*Felicity - [newsletter@remenhamparsih.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@remenhamparsih.org.uk)*

## **REMENHAM W.I.**

### **May**

The afternoon started with the usual business; two prospective new members were welcomed, having shown an interest at our recruitment drive in Falaise Square. The cups were then awarded; the cup for the most helpful member was awarded to June Shelton, the Art cup to Rosemary Pratt, and the craft cup to Anne Francis. Birthday posies were given to Dorothy Lumley and Judy Palmer.

The President, Daphne Austen then introduced Sue Milton who was to give us her talk on "Swan Upping". This started in the 14th century when Swans were imported to this Country probably from Cyprus, as a gift for the Royal table. But swans were stolen, so swans were rounded up and marked with nicks on their beaks, this was changed later and rings are now put round their legs. Swan Upping is a five day trip up the Thames from Sunbury Lock to Abingdon, and is carried out by the Queens Watermen, dressed in red, the Dyers livery company in dark blue, and the Vinters Livery Company in white. They row in skiffs, with Professor Perry, from Oxford University, and a Vet, leading the procession in a small boat called "Royal Swan", with several support boats following. Those partaking have lunches, and are put up in clubs or pubs along the river. The Queen and the Livery men contribute towards their expenses. They stand and toast the Queen in many of the locks and at the finish they toast "Her Majesty" standing in their boats at Abingdon. Sue was heartily thanked for a fascinating talk, illuminated by her excellent photographs.

Between the talk and a lovely tea provided by Irene Parker and Caroline Leeming, the Resolutions were gone through by Enid Light. She explained that "Plastic Soup" is caused by micro plastic fibres which come off synthetic clothes when washed. These are washed into the sea, so are consumed by fish and get into the food chain. The resolution proposes that the Government should urge that manufacturers of washing machine fit finer filters. The vote was passed. Unanimously. "Loneliness" was also gone through; this is a fact of our era, as so many suffer from chronic loneliness. It was proposed that the members of all W.I.s could do much to look out for and help alleviate this. This was also passed unanimously. These two resolutions were to be voted on at the W.I. A.G.M. In June. Tea and lots of chat then followed.

### **June**

16 of us met as usual at the Remenham village hall for our June meeting. Our President Daphne Austen in the chair welcomed all, with the usual business and details of our Summer Outing to the Sandham Chapel and the Textile Museum in Newbury. Birthday Posies were given to June Shelton and Shirley Behan who, also, appropriately won the Raffle. The President then welcomed Marie Brugner, a Community Champion from Henley Tesco's. Every Tesco's Internationally has a Community Champion who deals with the stores waste handling programme. This has been developing over the past 4 years. Everyday the Community food collection will come to collect the waste food and will hand it out locally, for instance:- Checkendon Primary school, Christ Church, Nomad and D2. Dave Edmonton will take the rest and distribute it to any needy person he knows in the community, including food banks. There are also 2 extra slots each day for the desperate. The food is mainly fruit, vegetables



and bread; the meat goes to dog meat. Tesco's also have their own food bank, in which customers can put items when shopping. Marie told us she has a £200 monthly expenses card which she can use for charities, and she also has a store of surplus goodies, ie Alcohol and chocolates at best which she can donate to charities for Raffles etc. Marie was profoundly thanked for her super talk by Anne Francis, and we all decided she is a great advertisement for Tesco's, especially when she treated us all to a sparkling glass of fruit juice and platters of various cheeses, biscuits and grapes, which were much appreciated. Daphne gave us a quiz while an excellent tea was prepared by Pat Sly and June Shelton. Two more meetings to look forward to - a craft day at Daphne's, and our next meeting, on the 10th of July, titled "Police Witness" when Simon Williams will test us on "what did we really see".

*Sheila Constantinidi*

## **NEWS FROM THE PARISH HALL - AUTUMN FAYRE 3 SEPTEMBER**

Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to help man stalls, set up in the morning, provide cakes for the cake stall, Bric-a-brac, bottles for tombola etc . Anyone interested should contact Liz Cope.

*Ann Burley  
The Parish Hall Committee*

## **THE HENLEY SWIMS!**

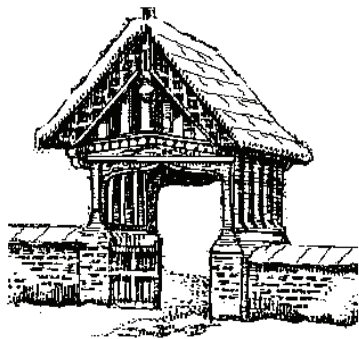
There are now four major swimming events in Remenham - see photo of the banner on the inside front cover and the website - [www.henleyswim.com](http://www.henleyswim.com).

## **BEAVERS - A WARNING!**

Apparently beavers have been causing havoc at Remenham Court. Their gardener has told the Leemings that all their plantings/small trees for this year have been plagued by beavers, who have apparently made their way through the water system from Blenheim. Remenham residents are therefore warned that these cute creatures can be a menace. Any further information to the Editor please.



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## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

There have been so many tragedies since last I wrote. Manchester, Borough Market, Finsbury Park and Grenfell Tower have been devastating. There have been so many wonderful people, who died or been injured for no good reason. The enormity of these events make my writings trivial. May God protect them and those they have left behind.

### DOG BIN

Meanwhile, many in Remenham have been preoccupied by the Dog Bin. As I reported last month, the Parish Council on an experimental basis has agreed to put a dog bin near the Parish Notice Board and we will be emptying it during the experiment. If the experiment proves successful, the Parish Council will consider contracting and expanding the service.

### CONTACT DETAILS

There are a number of parishioners who correspond on [remenhampc@btinternet.com](mailto:remenhampc@btinternet.com), please use [clerk@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@remenhamparish.org.uk) which goes to Paul Sermon and I or please use [cherwell@btinternet.com](mailto:cherwell@btinternet.com) if you want me or [psermon@btinternet.com](mailto:psermon@btinternet.com) if you want Paul.

### TRAFFIC AND SUMMER EVENTS

This is the time of the year that several events including Henley Royal occur. Coupled with the events are traffic and traffic chaos. The very worst traffic jam usually occurs on the Friday evening of the Henley Women's Regatta, when a perfect storm of rat runners, trailers and regatta leavers occurs. This year was less bad than most years but still bad. There are things that can be done to improve the situation but it is hard to see how it can be eliminated unless we can persuade Oxfordshire County Council to manage the traffic lights on the bridge. Nevertheless, I shall try to do so. The parking bays at the end of Remenham Lane are closed for the duration, but sadly the bollards and notices were disregarded and removed; next year the Council will be able to employ traffic wardens (which it is not empowered to do now).

We are meeting with Rewind and their traffic contractors to better the traffic.

### HENLEY TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

There has been a change in control at Henley Town Council. We have offered to support two environmental monitoring stations, one on our side of the bridge and one on the other side.

## **TOWNLANDS STEERING COMMITTEE**

I have joined this committee, which is responsible for advising the relevant authorities on all matters relating to the redevelopment of Townlands Hospital and the health services provided thereon in particular Planning, Highways, Transport, Health and Safety.

## **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH**

Early in May a new leader to Wokingham Borough Council, Charlotte Haitham-Taylor was elected as the leader of Council having served as Children's Services Executive Member for several years. David Lee has been appointed the deputy Leader and Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Highways. All the other portfolios have changed except for one. The chief executive of Wokingham Borough, Andy Couldrick has resigned.

## **MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES**

I have been elected as Chairman of the Conservative Group, sit on the Audit Committee, Borough Parish Liaison Forum, Joint Public Protection Committee, Licensing and Appeals Committee (Vice-Chairman), Piggott Trust and the Secure Accommodation Panel.

## **BOB PITTS**

Bob has just handed over as Mayor, which was extremely enjoyable and onerous for the last year. He has moved his main residence to the Isle of Wight but will commute until next year when his term is up.

## **SCHOOLS FUNDING**

I am very pleased to say that we have extensively lobbied Government and that there is a commitment in the manifesto "We will support pharmacies and village schools in rural areas" and "we will make sure that no school has its budget cut because of the new formula."

## **21st CENTURY**

On accepting the multi-year settlement, WBC still faces a shortfall of £18.9million (between April 2016 and March 2020). A radical and different approach is needed to secure the council's medium to long term future. This will be initiatives under the title of the 21st Century Council. It will generate £4million staff savings every year for an £6.2million. Along with the savings already agreed for 2016/17, a further £9.7million deficit needs to be addressed over the coming three years (2017/18 to 2019/20). It will be met through various initiatives including closer integration between health and social care; continuing to ensure best value for money from the council's largest contracts; looking for further opportunities to share services with other councils and to raise and generate income such as through the council's own companies.

Please be in touch if we can be of help.

*John Halsall*

*Chairman Remenham Parish Council*

*Councillor Wokingham Borough Council*

**Notes of the 2017 Remenham Annual Parish Meeting - Held in the Parish Hall on 9 May at 8pm**  
(see RPC minute 61/17). These are to be found on the website and noticeboard.

# HENLEY FESTIVAL --2017--

5TH - 9TH JULY

Remenham Residents will be well aware of The Henley Festival which has now taken place in your beautiful parish for over 30 years, and we are delighted to see many of you return year after year.

We thought you would be particularly interested to hear that we have some wonderful, new additions to our programme of events this year. From 7.30pm, short classical concerts will be available for you to enjoy from Wednesday through to Sunday.

The Festival's Jazz Garden Gallery will be the venue for these five concerts, performed by young musicians, in front of one of the amazing light installations.

The artists performing are:

Wednesday: Haydn Bateman/Jack Hancher (guitars)  
Thursday: Tom Pritchard (percussion)  
Friday: Kaleidoscope Saxophone Quartet  
Saturday: Tir Eolas ('traditional' ensemble)  
Sunday: Billy Watman (guitar)

Wednesday and Thursday evening will host incredibly talented young musicians from AYM (Awards for Young Musicians) who will be performing in the Jazz Garden Gallery from 7.30-8.15pm. AYM is an organisation which supports emerging young musicians ([www.a-y-m.org.uk](http://www.a-y-m.org.uk)) and it has been introduced to the Festival by Remenham resident Anthony West. We are most grateful, very glad to give them this opportunity and we are looking forward to hearing them play.

We look forward to seeing you there in less than two weeks time!

*Charlotte Geeves  
CEO Henley Festival*

***For tickets (some types of which are sold out and the rest are selling fast!) see  
[www.henleyfestival.co.uk](http://www.henleyfestival.co.uk)***



## REMENHAM THEN AND NOW

*Note from the Editor: The following email was sent to Sue Laing via the parish website*

Dear Sue

I mentioned to you some time ago on Facebook that as a boy I used to be in the Remenham Church choir. The organist and choir master was Fred Rogers, an excellent musician who went on to found the Henley Singers. He worked with my mother in Barclays Bank, Hart Street, which was how I came to be in the choir. Apparently he heard me singing in the street.

It must have been either Mr Rogers or the Rector, the Rev. Petit, who commissioned the attached photograph of the choir (*see opposite page*) which formed the front of a Christmas card. I would guess the year at 1959, when I was 11, but I'm not sure. The photographer was David Poole. The legend inside was "In Excelsis Gloria": Choir boys at Remenham. There were the usual Christmas Greetings etc.

I came across the card this evening while going through some of my mother's papers. The photo was spotted by Nestlé (I think it was them, not Cadbury), who added colour and made it the front of their Christmas chocolate box that year. I was rather cross at the time because they gave me ginger hair and us red cassocks; in fact they were black. The Henley Standard must have run the story because the photo followed me around for years, sometimes being randomly produced by schoolgirls, much to my embarrassment.

I am the boy in the forefront. I have been struggling to remember the names of the others. I think the fair-haired boy in the front was called Terry and the boy at the far right at the back was Ken, but I can't be sure. Maybe someone else remembers.

This was by no means the whole choir. There were female altos and some good tenors and basses. We practised on a Friday evening and again just before the service, so our sight-reading was pretty good. It was wonderful training which still stands me in good stead at the age of 68. I remember the film cameras at the lychgate when we sang for the wedding of John Hunt's daughter Sally, then a film actress. For a wedding we boys got half a crown.

Anyway, if this very personal story helps your history at all I am delighted. I have very fond memories of my time at Remenham.

Yours

*Peter Daines*

*(my name was later changed to Brown by deed poll, but that's another story).*

## REMENHAM CAROL SERVICE 2017 - SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 4.00pm

This seems an appropriate moment to invite anyone interested in singing in the Carol Service at Christmas to contact me! We can't aspire to the size of the choir in the 1950s but we have a lot of fun and the quality improves every year! Just two or three rehearsal in the few weeks beforehand. Nothing onerous, just fun and much appreciated by the congregation!

*Felicity Rutland - [newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk)*



## THE ASTON HAMBLEMEN FERRY

I must apologise to whoever put this wonderful picture of the Ferry through my door. I'm afraid that, although I have the picture, I have mislaid the explanation. Please re-supply so that I can complete the story.

In trying to track down the contributor I contacted David Law (*inter alia*) and he gave me a delightful anecdote; Clare Cridland of Remenham Farm had told him that in the '30s she used to ride her horse down to Aston, cross the river and take tea with Lady Hamblemen.



ASTON HAMBLEMEN

*Felicity Rutland - newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk*



## PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

*Note from the Editor: All parishes have been asked by the Reading based charity Parents And Children Together ('PACT' - registered charity 285214) for their support by including the article below in their parish magazines. PACT has been building and strengthening families since 1911, supporting hundreds of families every year through 'outstanding' adoption services (Ofsted 2017), and award winning therapeutic support.*

### **PACT calls for caring professionals to consider adoption**

FAMILY support charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) is appealing for people from caring professions to consider adoption.

PACT offers outstanding adoption services to families across the South East. Last year it placed 87 children with 62 families through its adoption services. There are currently more than 2,000 children waiting to be adopted in England.

PACT is particularly looking for couples or single people, including those from the LGBT community, who can consider adopting children over four years old, those with BME heritage or who have additional needs, and sibling groups of two or more children.

The agency would really like to hear from anyone from the caring professions such as nurses, teachers, police officers, childminders and those in the care sector, as given their professional experience and skills they typically make strong adopters, and they are particularly valued by local authorities looking to place a child.

PACT Chief Executive Jan Fishwick said: "While there is no such thing as a typical adopter we know from our many years' experience of matching children with forever families that people who work in a caring profession very often have the experience, skills and qualities to make excellent adopters.

"Having said that we are always very happy to hear from anyone, whatever their profession, who can offer love, stability and security to a child who needs this – this is always what matters most. At PACT we work with adopters who are single and married, people who have birth or step-children, or don't have children, as well as those of different sexualities and religions."

PACT holds regular information events where anyone considering adoption can find out more about what's involved. To find out about events coming up see:

<http://pactcharity.org/adoption/about-adoption/information-events>

You can also find out more about PACT and its adoption services at [www.pactcharity.org](http://www.pactcharity.org) or by calling 0300 456 4800.

## REMENHAM PARISH HALL



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(minimum two hour booking).

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