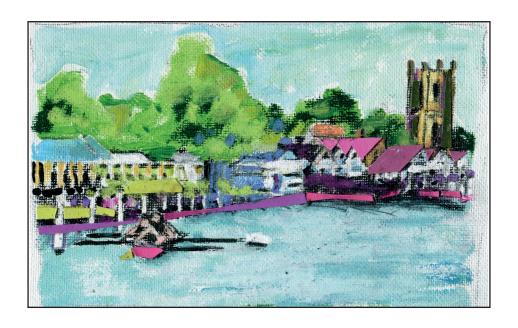
## **REMENHAM NEWSLETTER**



Remenham Artists - Suri Poulos





#### MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS OF REMENHAM

Henley Festival is delighted to be hosting the Henley Symphony Orchestra summer concert on Saturday 11 July from 11.30am. We'd love as many Remenham residents as possible to join us for what will be a truly wonderful concert, and as a thank you for being our neighbours, we'd like to offer each of you a complimentary ticket to attend.

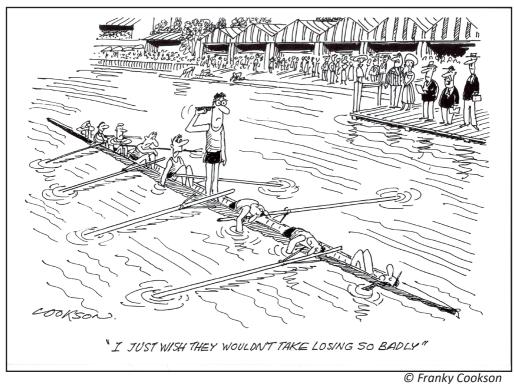
To get your tickets please call the Festival box office on 01491 840404 or alternatively visit our box office at the River & Rowing Museum. Our box office opening times are 10am – 5pm.

Charlotte Geeves CEO, Henley Festival



#### THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT!

This delightful cartoon by Bernard Cookson, Franky's late husband and a Fleet Street cartoonist, seems very appropriate for the time of year! It is one of a suite of cartoons he created for the Leander Club many years ago. We are grateful to Franky for allowing us to include it.



#### and the competitive spirit also evident at the Remenham Village Fayre last year!







#### THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

Rector interregnum

St Mary's, Henley
St Nicholas, Remenham

The Rectory, Hart Street
Henley-on-Thames, Oxon

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Sidesmen 1st Sunday Antony Duckett Rosemary Duckett

2nd SundayAnthony WestSarah West3rd SundayPeter ForresterCharlotte Every4th SundayJohn LaingSue Laing

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

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

Tel: 01491 577340, email: office.hwr@lineone.net

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(There are currently two vacancies.)

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Henley on Thames RG9 9DH

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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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#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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#### PARISH REGISTER

#### **Baptisms**

29 April Amelie Rose and Chloe Grace Bransdon

6 May Etta Florence Fox-Potter
20 May Harry Anthony Philip Male
3 June Freddy Donald Dawes

**Funeral** 

3 May Pamela Dickson

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Charlotte Every

#### PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

July

1st 4.00am Henley Classic Swim, HRR Course, start Temple Island Meadows

4th-8th Henley Royal Regatta

10th 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall

11th-15th Henley Festival

12th W.I. summer outing to Hughenden Manor and Hearing dogs for the deaf

13/14th 9.30am- Henley Masters' Regatta, Temple Island Meadows

14th 11.30am Henley Symphony Orchestra at Henley Festival (no charge for Remenham)

15th 9.30am Henley Mile Swim, start Temple Island Meadows 21st 7.00pm Club to Pub Swim, start Henley Rowing Club

21st 7.30pm Cricket Club Ball, Regatta Meadows

August

5th 7.00am Thames Marathon Swim, Henley to Marlow

13th 2.30pm W.I. Summer Tea Party at the home of the President, Daphne Austin

17th-19th Rewind Festival, Temple Island Meadows

Further Ahead

2nd September Remenham Village Fayre, 2.00-5.00pm, the Parish Hall and Gardens

19th October Harvest Supper, Parish Hall 10th November Beetle Drive, Parish Hall

16th December Candlelit Carol Service at 4.00pm, St Nicholas

#### FROM THE FDITOR

With three new colour advertisements in this issue there are more pages of colour and a different order of information. Please let me know what you think, and how we might attract more colour advertisements to pay for it!

The busiest time of year in Remenham is about to begin, with both the fun and the frustrations. The organisers of local events seem to be making efforts to address our problems of traffic and disruption: The Henley Festival is hoping many of us will take advantage of the free-for-residents tickets to the Henley Symphony Orchestra concert at the Festival - and they are also instigating better traffic management; The Rewind Festival, under new ownership and management, is very keen to cause fewer problems for residents, so it's a particular shame that more people couldn't attend their recent Residents meeting - but they available to consider our concerns and suggestions (page 13).

A number of our residents and the Parish Council are trying hard to get Wokingham to implement an effective Cumulative License policy, to restrict the number and extent of the proliferation of events in our beautiful village, but is meeting with resistance and it has all been postponed - apparently because it's in the 'too difficult' category! Perhaps more of us need to get involved?

After all the 'commercial activities' we can all look forward to our wonderful annual Village Fayre on 2 September. This is a unique occasion on which to meet each other, have some delightful old fashioned fun - coconut shy, tombola, games, cake stall, W.I. teas, etc - and raise funds in support of our Parish Hall. It is also an occasion on which we can show our competitive spirit (see page 4) - so get your dogs ready, nurture your flowers and vegetables for the Produce Competition, flex your muscles for the tug-of-war - and your children's for the races - and SFF YOU THERE!

Before that, there are other Remenham events that we are encouraged to support. There's the Cricket Club Ball on 21 July (the last on Regatta Meadows) - please see Sue Laing's article on page 13. There is also Pat Sly's initiative to raise funds for the church by taking advantage of the Rewind passing traffic at Old Blades (page 14) - hugely successful last year.

Further ahead is the now annual Beetle Drive, the Harvest Supper and the Candlelit Carol Service - put the dates in your diaries now!

Felicity (newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk)

#### FROM THE RECTORY

"June is bustin' out all over", so goes the lyric of one of the songs in 'Carousel'.

After a dullish start to the month, it will brighten up later, so says the current weather forecast.

21st June sees mid-summer day and, the shops will start looking forward and start displaying Fireworks, Hallowe'en costumes, and of course not forgetting Christmas cards and presents.

We, as Christians begin the month by celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi. During the month we celebrate St. Barnabas, we remember with thanksgiving the Birth of John the Baptist and the month ends with the festivities of SS Peter and Paul, a time known as Petertide.

Petertide is a time when many people are ordained into the ministry of Deacon and Priest (the other time being Michaelmas).

During this month, we need to pray for all those approaching their ordination and for all those who have been ordained at this time of year.

Importantly, we need to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of a new Rector to the parishes of St Mary and St Nicholas.

May God bless those on whom the responsibility of selecting the new Rector falls. We pray for those who apply for the post, thinking of the joy of the one selected and the disappointment for others who are unsuccessful.

Importantly we pray for our parishes as we face a time of uncertainty and of change.

Fr John

#### **NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS**



The process of selecting a new Rector is progressing well. On 5 June, we met at Jesus College, Oxford with the Henley Churchwardens, the Rural Dean's representative, the Bishop of Dorchester and our patron, the Chaplain of Jesus College, to short list the applicants. Those selected have been invited to visit the Benefice on Monday 9 July and the selection board will take place the following day, starting with a Eucharist at St Mary's at 0830 to which all parishioners are most welcome.

It was very good to see four generations of the Dawes family in church for the christening of Freddy Donald Dawes, Don and Una's great grandson on 3 June.

At last, we have settled all the paperwork with the Diocese and can do some repairs to the church including work to the damp on the north wall of the interior and repairs to the tower flintwork. Don't be surprised to see scaffolding up at the end of June.

Some dates for your diaries: **the Harvest Supper** will take place **on Friday 19 October**; **the Beetle Drive** will be on **Saturday 10 November** and **the Candlelit Carol Service** will be at 4.00pm on **Sunday 16 December**.

**Charlotte Every** 

Charlotte Every

John Laing

John Lang

Churchwardens, St Nicholas Remenham

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#### REMENHAM FAYRE

#### Sunday, 2nd September 2018 from 2.00 – 5.00 pm Remenham Parish Hall and Garden

We very much look forward to welcoming you on Sunday, 2nd September to Remenham Fayre as there will be a very good variety of games for children and adults, flower and produce competitions, bric-a-brac, produce and cake stall, teas and cakes, an excellent raffle, a bar and BBQ and the dog show which starts at 2.15pm!! As you can see we have events for all your family, friends and your family dog!!

We would really welcome any bric-a-brac you have available, excess fruit and vegetables you can donate, apart from those you enter in the produce competition, and any homemade jams and cakes you would be kind enough to prepare for our cake stall. Any of these items can be brought to the hall from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm latest on Sunday 2nd September please.

All the proceeds of the Fayre will all be donated to Remenham Parish Hall to help us maintain, repair and restore for the future – our sincere thanks for any help you can give no matter how small.

So please put Sunday, 2nd September in your diary now – we really look forward to seeing you there!! We also look forward to your entries to the Produce Competition - the classes are listed below and an entry form will be included with the next issue of the newsletter, which will be published just before the Fayre, and on the website.

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.

The Parish Hall Committee

#### **Produce Competition Classes**

#### Classes 1 – 6 Fruit and Vegetables - A cup for the overall winner

Class 1 - Misshapen Vegetable Class 4 - 3 Eating Apples
Class 2 - Longest Runner Bean Class 5 - 3 Onions
Class 3 - 5 Tomatoes Class 6 - 5 Raspberries

#### Classes 7 – 9 Floral Displays - A cup for the overall winner

Class 7 - A hat decorated with flowers, max 18" x 18" x 18" including stand

Class 8 - Best single cut rose

Class 9 - Floral arrangement in china cup and saucer 10" x 10" x 10"

#### Classes 10 – 13 Adult Cookery and Craft

Class 10 - 4 Slices of lemon drizzle cake Class 12 - Home-made jar of jam

Class 11 - 4 Cheese scones Class 13 - Any craft with description of item,

hours taken to produce and materials used

#### Class 14 - Children's craft

Class 14 - Any craft with description of item, hours taken to produce and materials used.

#### FOOTPATHS - A REMINDER ABOUT THIS COMPLEX SITUATION

The following letter was originally printed in The Henley Standard last year. It is being reprinted here in the run-up to Henley Royal Regatta 2018:

"Sirs

The public footpath that runs along the river from Henley Bridge and joining Remenham Lane at 'Old Blades' is known as Remenham 4 and after the introduction of The Definitive Maps in 1949 the following Definitive Statement was incorporated into Remenham 4.

"The right of way shall be exercised only on days other than days upon which Regattas sponsored by the Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta are held upon the River Thames."

This has allowed the Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta to implement this statement on the land which is in their ownership and they have for many years set up a diversion of the public footpath away from the river during Henley Royal Regatta and, as I am led to believe, only permit riverside access for the Members of the Stewards Enclosure and their badge holding guests.

However whilst this stretch of the footpath is not much over half a mile in length there are six other landowners to whom this condition would seem to apply and last year Upper Thames Rowing Club chose to introduce a similar scheme.

Not surprisingly this upset many people, including rather ironically some Members of the Stewards Enclosure, and although it was lawful it could possibly have been handled with greater sensitivity. Regrettably UTRC will now have to contend with the well known parable which says "that which is regularly given as a favour is so often assumed to be a right" but perhaps with further consultation a compromise alternative can be put in place for this year.

Whilst still on the subject of the towpath I should also point out that the public footpath which continues along the riverside from 'Old Blades' to Hambleden Lock and on to Ferry Lane and known as Remenham 15 has no restrictions.

Furthermore the temporary diversion of Remenham 4 during Henley Festival, to which many people object, is a totally separate matter and is subject to the annual renewal permission which is invariably granted by Wokingham Borough Council.

Finally I would like to stress that this entire section of the 'Thames Path' from Henley Bridge through to Ferry Lane is a designated public footpath where the rights of the pedestrian have precedence and, unlike a bridleway, anyone cycling without the landowner's permission is committing a civil trespass - the local rowing coaches are very observant of this fact but unfortunately some visiting rowing coaches and many recreational cyclists have little regard or knowledge of the walkers rights and when informed often become abusive.

In conclusion I would like to say that I'm not a Member of the Stewards Enclosure and have no connection with Upper Thames Rowing Club but having lived In Remenham for over twenty years I would like to think that presenting these facts will help everyone to better appreciate this rather complex situation.

Yours faithfully

Michael Dudley (Remenham Lane)

#### **REWIND FESTIVAL LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING ON 26 JUNE 2018**

I understand that the meeting was attended by only a small number of Remenham residents, and a similar number of people from Rewind, which is a great shame given that Rewind are making strenuous efforts to meet the concerns of local residents. The topics discussed (which is a summary of the notes taken by the organisers, with input from a resident who attended the meeting) were as follows:

- Noise a property visit can be made to measure noise levels and ensure they are within the license
- Litter residents are encouraged to let the organisers know if litter has been missed and a response team will be sent out
- Toilets the facilities are being extended and with additional stewards and lighting in key areas to discourage use of bushes
- Traffic a new traffic plan is being created and will be shared with any resident who would like it, and input and ideas would be welcomed
- Residents' car passes residents who use the roads surrounding the festival are encouraged to email for a pass for their car
- The church the festival will support this as a community/charity partner

For further information see the Local Residents letter from Rewind on page 14.

The Local Resident Liaison officer, James Green, would welcome emails at *localresidents@rewindfestival.com*.

Editor

#### **CRICKET CLUB – THE FINAL FUNDRAISING BALL!**

Henley Cricket Club's Ball is nearly here...tickets are selling fast so please get in contact with me on sue@isobel.com or on my mobile (07885 851362) or by mail (Home Farm, Remenham Lane, RG9 2LS) if you wish to attend (by 9th July please). It will be a special evening...champagne



reception, excellent sit down-meal by Emily Rait, dancing, photobooth and lots more! Special because of the location and the packed programme but special as this is the last Fundraising Ball to support the Club in their purchase of the Ground. We have just £15,000 left to repay the loan to Henley Town Council. If you are unable to attend we would be SO grateful for any donations or sponsorship...we can also sell you raffle tickets! It's not just rowing in Remenham (!) - the Club is one of the best in the country and has thrived because of the huge generosity of local people who helped the Club buy the ground. We just need one final push!

Sue Laing

#### REWIND FESTIVAL REFRESHMENTS

SERVED FROM OLD BLADES' GARDEN 9.00am-5.00pm
On Saturday 18 August 2018
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ST NICHOLAS CHURCH AND THE PARISH HALL

#### PLEASE HELP

Last year we served burgers, bacon, etc plus cakes and drinks from Old Blades' garden (right by the towpath to catch the passing crowds) and raised £1066 in the day. We had a wonderful team of helpers who volunteered to make up teams of 3 in shifts. Some could offer one hour, some two hours, whatever time they could spare.

We intend to repeat this effort on Saturday 18 August but can only do so if people are willing to put their names forward NOW so that we know we can get together sufficient numbers to draw up a schedule for the whole day. Each team will consist of someone who is able to cook on the barbecue, someone to serve and a cashier.

In addition, we shall need donations of as many home-made cakes as possible. Last year we were grateful to receive a wide variety of really delicious cakes to offer to our customers

Do please check your diary and see if you can help with this wonderful opportunity to raise a large amount of money in a big effort on just one day.

Contact Pat Sly on 01491 577925 or email patsly7@gmail.com to add your name to the list.



12th June 2018

Dear Local Resident,

You are receiving this letter, as a local resident or business, in the area close to our summer event, Rewind Festival. This letter contains some further information you may find useful about our activity in your local area and how to contact us if you should need any further information or assistance.

As you may be aware, Rewind festival has gone through a change of ownership over the past year or two; as such this year it will be delivered by Broadwick Live and our in-house event production company Ground Control. Broadwick Live and Ground Control are both leaders in the festival industry, responsible for some of the UK's most renowned music, sports and cultural events including Blue Dot, Festival No.6 and Snowbombing.

We are very excited to be part of Rewind Festival going forward, and to play our part within the local area.

#### 1. KEY CONTACTS

#### James Green - Local Resident Liaison

James's role is to act as a direct point of contact for anyone who lives in or works in the area surrounding the festival, that would benefit from information and advance communication before the event – but he is also the main point of contact during the event for and queries that arise. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with him.

Email: localresidents@rewindfestival.com, Mobile: 07523 141 094

#### Katt Alexander – Event Manager

Katt is the overall manager, in charge of the delivery of a safe and successful festival. This includes designing adequate provision to ensure that impact is minimised where possible to local communities. She will be present during all local resident meetings ahead of the event and shall be present on site from the beginning of the build, through to the end of the break period. Email: katt.alexander@broadwicklive.com

#### **KEY UPDATES FOR 2018**

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Following on from the first Local Residents forum held on 8th March, a review has taken place of the traffic management contract and a new provider has been appointed.

We shall be working closely with SEP and the local council to ensure that improvements are made to the delivery of the traffic management system employed for the event and look forward to presenting these plans at the next local residents meeting for discussion.

#### Key areas for improvement;

- Review of advance signage deployment
- Effective local resident vehicle identification to be in place
- Improved coordination of the one-way system
- Review of staff supervision and management on site to ensure diligence
- Improved pedestrian management
- Deploying experienced supervisors in key positions

#### NOISE MANAGEMENT

This year, we have chosen to work with a new Noise Consultant, known already to the Remenham area, Sam Laws, from MLM Consultancy. The dedicated Noise Management Team has a clear plan and monitoring process for this year's event and shall be working closely with Environmental Health, landowners and other users of the festival site to ensure commitments are upheld in respect of noise regualtions. Currently, Rewind Festival will operate 2 of the 3 licensed days at the higher noise limit of 65dBA MNL.

#### WASTE

This year we have extended the scope of our waste management contractors across the entire event.

Key areas for improvement;

- External litter management will be increased to cover more areas that have been identified as hot spots for litter
- We are committing to reducing, reusing and recycling as far as possible. This
  includes an introduction of policies on site regarding single use plastics,
  drinks straws and shatterproof plastics as much as is practicable.
- A post event litter pick will take place in the weeks following the event to capture event litter that presents itself in the regrowth process

#### **LOCAL SUPPORT**

We have introduced a new Local Resident Liaison role to the festival, to act as additional local support. This role is there for you to contact about any questions or concerns; before, during or after the event including, but not limited to;

0	Ticketing	0	Traffic
0	Noise	0	Signage

o Waste o Public Disturbance

#### **ACCESSIBLITY**

We are committed to ensuring the festivals within our portfolio strive to be as inclusive as possible and as such we have made a number of improvements to our access facilities, from signing performances for those with hearing impairments and free carer tickets, to providing a number of specialist facilities. We are proud to be striving towards 'Silver Status' with industry advisors, Attitude is Everything.

#### **FESTIVAL CONTENT**

As a celebration of our 10th Birthday, we hope to provide the best experience of Rewind festival yet for our audience, and local residents.

There will be a number of added value activities, as well as more music variety and entertainment than ever before. We aim to celebrate our site as much as possible, working with local River Taxi providers, hotels and restaurants to ensure the benefit of Rewind is shared with local businesses.

#### **CHARITY PARTNERSHIPS**

We shall be working closely with our local charity partner, Sue Ryder, as well as a number of donations and acts of support to local fundraisers, schools and community groups.

#### LOCAL RESIDENT TICKET POLICY

Each household and business will be entitled to two guest passes per household, plus youth and child tickets as required. These tickets will entitle you access to the festival across the whole weekend free of charge.

Those who use the roads surrounding the festival to access their properties will receive vehicle passes to clearly identify their need to do so. This will assist our traffic management team in supporting local residents and their guests during the event.

In order to request your tickets and resident vehicle passes, please contact James at the email address provided above at your earliest convenience.

#### **KEY DATES**

Next Local Resident Meeting: 26th June 7pm Remenham Parish Hall

Resident Ticket Drop Off: 13th August Rewind Event Days: 17th – 19th August

We hope this letter has been helpful to you. Should you have any further questions, or anything you would like us to raise in the local resident's meeting, please contact James who can discuss this further with you.

We look forward to inviting you to join us this year and hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting in June.

Many thanks,

The Rewind Festival Team





#### REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual parish meeting was well attended, with Indian piccy bits and wine. Thank you all for coming.

The New Parish Council of John Merkel (Deputy Chairman), Franky, Chris, Darrel and our new Borough Councillor, Graham Howe, were introduced. (There are two Borough Councillors for Remenham Wargrave and Ruscombe – I am one; Graham now the other). The outgoing Parish Council was thanked especially Richard Fletcher who has served as wonderful deputy chairman, Alison Barraclough and Peter Grace who have stood down after many years of faithful service, the Parish Clerk, Paul Sermon, for all his hard work, Felicity Rutland for the Newsletter and Pat Sly for welcoming us in the Parish Hall.

#### **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The landscape at Wokingham Borough Council was reviewed. Graham and I have not sought onerous offices as we believe it is our primary duty to represent our residents. Graham been appointed to Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny, Borough Parish Liasion Committee, Schools Admissions Panel, Piggott Trust and to the Board of Bracknell and Wokingham College; these posts are consistent with his interest in Education, OSOS. I continue to play a leading role in the Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham in addition to the Secure Accommodation Panel and the Licensing and Appeals Committee. We are both Wargrave Parish Councillors.

#### **CHARLOTTE GEEVES**

Charlotte Geeves (the chief executive of the Henley Festival) at the annual parish meeting spoke of ways in which the Festival was trying to improve parking facilities and traffic flow in Remenham during the event. She outlined a scheme by which local Remenham residents could get complimentary tickets from the Henley Festival Office to hear the Henley Symphony Orchestra on the Saturday morning of the Festival. (See page 2)

#### CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL WOKINGHAM

The election and subsequent reorganisation has put the development of the local plan on hold. The master planning for Ruscombe continued up to the election but the Executive has decided to reassess what has been done so far and there is a new executive member responsible for the plan's preparation. (the old one having been voted out by the good

people of Norreys). Due to its local importance, your Parish Council has agreed collectively with Ruscombe, Wargrave, Twyford, Charvil, Waltham St Lawrence and Hurst to pay a subscription of £10 per household to CPRW to fund the campaign with a number of major and minor private donors.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

The general turmoil in Wokingham has not helped resolve our highways issues where it is very hard to find anyone responsible. Highways and Flooding issues are at the forefront of residents' concerns. The priority list is:

- Extending 30mph zone to Culham Cottages
- 30 mph on Wargrave Road from the A4130 London Road junction down to Conways Bridge instead of the present 40 mph.
- Aston Lane resurfacing
- Remenham Lane/Aston Lane/Remenham Church Lane. The issues are around the traffic signals on the bridge, event traffic, the rat run and the parking bays. Oxfordshire County Council control decisions on traffic light adjacent to Henley Bridge causing
- Flooding on Kentons Lane. A works order has been raised. Flooding on Aston Lane needs a solution
- NOX levels measurement are being undertaken by the Parish Clerk, while a more permanent solution is being investigated

#### LICENSING

We have engaged the services of a barrister, an expert in licensing and planning, to advise us on our response to the review and subsequently. The meeting will take place this week where it is hoped that we can have an input into crafting the new policy and the inclusion of a cumulative impact policy.

#### **REWIND – CLASSIC FM CONCERT**

For this year this will not go ahead, though Globus the parent company seems to have every intention of pursuing it in the future. They have changed the notorious traffic management company of the past to one who seems much more professional and by the time you are reading this, there will have been a meeting, on 26th June, for the village to try to resolve the main issues.

#### **THAMES BRIDGE HOUSE**

Thames Bridge House is busily being demolished, though the developer wishes to squeeze in another flat which would overlook HRR and Bird Place.

#### **POO BIN**

This has evidently been a success and the bin is being emptied by Steve every Thursday and by OCS every Monday. Despite this, there are still a huge number of Poo bags in the hedges and on the ground. The Parish council is considering extending this service to other locations. Your views would be appreciated.

John Halsall Chairman Remenham Parish Council



#### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE?

We are a group of ladies who meet at Remenham Parish Hall on the second Monday of each month starting at 2.30pm and you would be assured of a very warm welcome.

Our programme for the following year includes:

The history of Camp Mohawk

Tai Chi Exercises

Outing to Hughenden Manor and Hearing Dogs Centre

A Day in the life of a Paramedic

Life of a Royal Footman

History of the National Garden Scheme.

We also meet on a regular basis for lunch, hold a garden tea party in the summer and support fund raising events, as well as joining other W.I. groups for collective activities.

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#### **REMENHAM W.I.**

May: Our President Daphne Austen was in the Chair and went through the business. There were 15 present, and a new member was welcomed. Daphne told us our contribution for the Berkshire book is now completed and has been handed in. Irene reported on the meeting entitled "Tea with Mrs Beeton's Sister". It was a fascinating story of Mrs Beeton's life, more so than her book on "Household management and Recipes", and then they were treated to a cream tea.

As Berkshire has its centenary next year, members have been asked to do 100 things, Remenham have decided to make 100 bonnets for special care babies at R.B.H. and 100 Courtesy packs for patients arriving in Hospital from A and E with nothing. Also it was proposed we should design 100 greeting cards.

We then discussed the proposed Resolution to be put forward at the National A.G.M in June - "Mental Matters are as important as Physical" . There is very little care on offer, though it does depend on one's area, some only give 1% of their Health Budget to Mental Health. We are all urged to lobby the Government for more help. After much discussion, a vote was taken, all in favour.

Daphne then introduced our speaker Annabel Hill, a local lady who fund raises for children's charities. Her talk entitled "Amazing times at Camp Mowhawk". This camp is situated in 5 acres of Ancient woodland at Crazies Hill. It started in 1978 by some Boy Scouts from London who camped there. After that people arrived from everywhere to start it, some with children

with Downs, Aspergers or Autism, and some very disabled in wheelchairs. The camp now has a secure manned entrance and is safely fenced., so it is a completely safe environment. It has a heated outdoor pool, an adventure playground and many picnic areas, there is no catering so all bring their picnics. Most of their HQ buildings are in old shipping containers. There is a sensory garden, and indoor rooms and a soft room. It is open all year round, fully booked in the school holidays, and an after school club is also run there. There are 500 registered families. These are the ones that particularly benefit, as there is no judgement, and all members often find friends for life, for them it is so good to talk over their problems together, and relax with a cup of tea. There was a lively discussion after her talk, and we were all so pleased that our charitable giving has gone to the camp.

Irene gave Annabel a profound vote of thanks. The meeting closed after an excellent tea given by June Shelton and Irene, and a clever Quiz.

**June:** As our President Daphne Austen and our Vice were away, Enid Light took the chair. There were further apologies from Belinda Fitzwilliams, Caroline Leeming, Rosemary Pratt, Irene Parker, Sue Sharp, Jackie Stevens, Yvonne Stevens, Joyce Tivey, and Carol Wissett. 12members were present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read. Future plans were gone through, our July Outing is to Hughenden Manor, and in the afternoon a visit to Hearing dogs for the deaf. In August our President is hosting a Summer Tea party at her home. Sunday 2nd September is the Remenham Village Fayre - our W.I. will do the teas as usual. As so many of our members were away, the previous booking of an afternoon on Tai Chi has been postponed.

Enid Light then gave us a fascinating and amusing talk about her life as an Air Stewardess in the late 50s - it was the Golden Age of Stewardesses. Enid started with Lufthansa as she had a degree in German. In those days the requirements to be a Stewardess was to be 5' 5" and NOT beautiful! Just presentable, and not married. After some time with Lufthansa on the next desk to the BOAC one, the girls said come and join us. They were trained at Heston in an old convent in cubicles on a long corridor with women on one side and men on the other with bathrooms between. They were taught: silver service - absolutely NO trolleys - first aid, midwifery and rescue survival both at sea and in the desert. They also had a treat of 2 days at Elizabeth Arden. At first she was on the route to Johannesburg; they refuelled at Khartoum, when the local high chief blew his horn to rid the locals of the evil spirits, he also blew it as they left. Then she was on Britannia's to the Far East. This was a three week journey, with many stops along the way. There were 60 first class seats, with 10 crew, only one stewardess. There were a lot of romances, as young chaps applied to be BOAC pilots from the RAF and Fleet Air Arm. Enid's male friends were determined to find her a husband. Jim Light was the one, but of course now married Enid could no longer be a stewardess. A friend wrote a book about the beginning of stewarding called "Dream Flight". All profits from this and many other monies including those from Enid's talks go towards the "Dream Flight" charity, which takes disabled and dying children to Disneyland. This still goes on to this day.

Enid was given a sincere vote of thanks, and members enjoyed a lovely tea, thanks to Pat Sly, June Shelton and Jen Terry.

Sheila Constantinidi

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