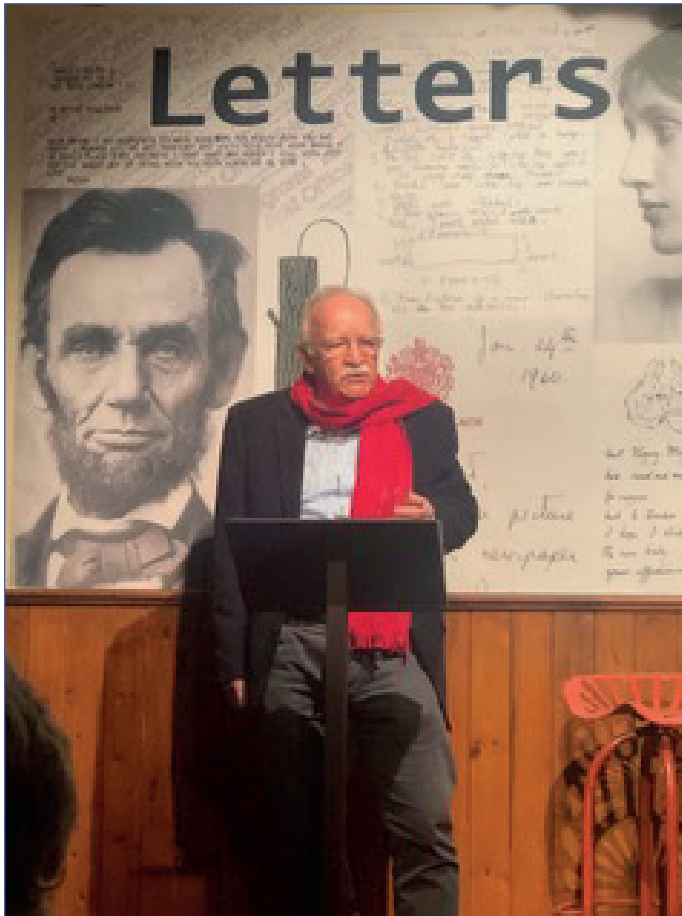


REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



David Morgan reading a letter from
Dylan Thomas to his wife at the
'Letters' evening

No 267 – March-April 2019



**ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM
EASTER SERVICES 2019**

Sunday 14 April

Palm Sunday

11.15am said Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
followed by the APCM

Friday 19 April

Good Friday

12 noon said Matins (BCP)

Sunday 21 April

Easter Day

11.15am sung Holy Communion (BCP)
with hymns

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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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CHURCH CLEANING

March	Gillian Murdoch	Sue Laing	Sarah Tait
April	Ann Shemilt		

ALTAR FLOWERS

March	LENT	
April	Jayne Gray	Sally-Anne Plunket

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism	10 February	Toula Skie Southwell
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Months	Deadlines for Contributors	Approx. Dates for Distributors
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Sept-Oct	Friday 16 August	Friday 23 August
Nov-Dec	Friday 25 October	Friday 1 November
Jan-Feb 2020	Friday 27 December 2018	Friday 3 January 2019

NB. PLEASE NOTE THE DATES FOR THE JULY-AUGUST ISSUE - THEY ARE A WEEK EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISTRIBUTION TAKING PLACE DURING HENLEY REGATTA

CALLING ALL REMENHAM ARTISTS - AGAIN!

Thank you to the *Remenham Artists* who have contributed some absolutely wonderful pictures and photographs for use in the newsletter, principally for the front cover. My request last time produced a small number but I need more, so please keep them coming!

Felicity, Editor
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PARISH DIARY *(See articles for more information)*

March

11th	2.30pm	W.I. meeting, Parish Hall, talk on The National Gardens Scheme
12th	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
16th	10-12	Churchyard clean-up/maintenance, St Nicholas
16th	10-6pm	Geolab Geology Day, Wargrave Church Hall
23rd	9.00am	Remenham Litter Pick, start at Parish Hall
26th		Berkshire W.I. Quiz night

April

8th	2.30pm	W.I. meeting, Parish Hall
9th	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
12th	7.30pm	Creating a Garden, Parish Hall
14th	11.15am	Palm Sunday Service at St Nicholas Church, followed by APCM
19th	12.00noon	Good Friday Service at St Nicholas Church
21st	11.15am	Easter Day Service at St Nicholas Church
26th	6-8pm	Grand Opening of Henley Arts Trail, The Old Fire Station Gallery

Further ahead

4th-6th May	Henley Arts Trail, 33 various venues including Remenham
9th May	Cricket Club Golf Day, Henley Golf Club
14th May 6.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall, <i>followed by</i>
8.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting
21st-23rd June	Henley Women's Regatta
3rd-7th July	Henley Royal Regatta
10th-14th July	Henley Festival
16th-18th August	Rewind Festival
1st Sept. (tbc)	Remenham Summer Fete
4th October (tbc)	Harvest Supper
26th October	Quiz Night , Parish Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

As I have mentioned before, I often have dilemmas over how to fit everything into the newsletter in a multiple of 4 pages, and this issue has been particularly problematic! I have had to solve the problem by deferring Jim Bland's 'Park Place in the Eighteenth Century Part II' until next time, for which many apologies.

*I make no apology however for allowing the recent '**Letters**' evening from taking pride of place. It was indeed a **triumph**, the word used in both the reviews. What a pity it was 'One Night Only' and that there couldn't be a wider audience. All who took part in any way are hoping that Allan Henderson will be planning the next one soon! There are also rumours that there might be a Remenham Thespians production before long.*

continued

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Remenham friends

Wednesday 6th March is Ash Wednesday, and the start of Lent, the church's great season of penitence.

Repentance is at the heart of the Christian faith – “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” was the beginning of Jesus’ preaching. We might tend to think of repentance as a feeling or state of mind; it is certainly an important starting point to look honestly at things we have done and things we have failed to do, to wish that we had done differently, and to resolve to do differently in the future.

Many Christians choose to make a confession to a priest particularly during Lent (in the Church of England this is not compulsory, but the discipline and comfort of this sacrament is available to those who need it), which is among other things a visible sign of this inward state of repentance. But Lent as a season of penitence is also associated with practical actions – charitable giving, fasting, giving something up. It is important not to misunderstand the purpose of these disciplines. They are not, as many imagine, about self-loathing and self-punishment. Fasting is a sort of training of the will in self-discipline, a strengthening of the mind in the proper direction of the appetites of the body. Charitable giving is both an act of love for our neighbour and an act of restitution, of doing what we can to make good the consequences of our selfish acts. Both are a practical outworking of the inward state of repentance, rather than an expression of self-hatred. Both, offered to God with prayer, are acts of sacrifice and praise.

There was a time when I rather dreaded Lent, but lately I have come in an odd way to enjoy it. I don’t know about you, but I find eating only one biscuit much more difficult than eating no biscuits at all, and likewise drinking only one glass of wine much more difficult than drinking no wine at all. Adopting simple, clear and realistic disciplines for Lent can bring a welcome simplicity to life, and a clearer focus on the things that really matter.

Fr Jeremy

FROM THE EDITOR *continued*

There is a lot in the Parish Diary this time, with the reminder that our busy summer months of regattas, festivals - and TRAFFIC! - will soon be upon us. First the churchyard cleanup and maintenance (16 March) and Litter Pick (23 March) and the church Easter services. Let’s hope for a return of the recent summer-like weather over Easter. In the meantime, I’m sure I’m not alone in agreeing wholeheartedly with our rector’s comment in the last paragraph of his letter!

Felicity
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NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. This takes place once every six years and all those who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms are available in church or from the Rectory Office (telephone 577340). Please complete and return in hard copy to the parish office (The Rectory Office, Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2 AU) or bring to church by the 21 March.

We will be having a churchyard clean up on Saturday 16 March from 10.00am to noon. Do come along with your gardening tools and give us a hand. We need people who can go up ladders and clean the church gutters in particular!

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) after the service – said Holy Communion with hymns.

Information about our Easter services is elsewhere in the newsletter – we hope to see you and to have a good turnout for Father Jeremy's first Easter in the Benefice. There will be a service of said Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes at 12 noon on Ash Wednesday, 6 March, said Matins at noon on Good Friday and sung Holy Communion with hymns at 11.15am on Easter Day. Do remember that information about our services is on the front page of the Remenham website.

A good quality folding wheelchair was left in church after a wedding in December (!) and remains unclaimed. If anyone would ever like to borrow it in return for small donation to the church, please let the churchwarden know.

Charlotte Every

John Laing

Churchwardens, St Nicholas Remenham



REMENHAM CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP SATURDAY 16 MARCH 10.00am – 12 noon

Are you free to join a working party to do some basic maintenance to the exterior of Remenham Church and the churchyard? We are planning to clear the gutters and drainage channels and generally tidy up round the church and graveyard and would really appreciate your help.

If you would like to help, please come along to the church from 10.00am bringing suitable tools.

If you are able to take part, please let Charlotte Every know on 01491 574285 or churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk.

aston PRODUCTIONS

Jo Southwell

"1 of 4 director finalists in a competition to win a film invest of up to £1m, marketing and distribution !"

The final challenge of this year long process, was to shoot a new short film that the panel have written. Having achieved this, Jo was off to Berlin for the awards night.

If you follow Jo on social media, please look out for any posts on :

@thatfilmfestival or @carnabyinternational - LIKE AND SHARE



MUCH LOVED AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED

We have lost two of our much loved Remenham characters recently. It is both sad and fascinating that details of people's lives are often not known until they die. I am pleased to include tributes to them both in this issue. *Editor*

JOAN KUIPERS - 1924-2018

Dearest Joan – we shall all miss you very much....

A great party giver, we remember several happy evenings at Marsh Lock in your lovely riverside home and these fun times were to be continued in your beautiful town house in Bell Lane – you were the life and soul of entertaining!

Always fun, always upbeat, always a bit wicked. A brilliant fundraiser for village affairs giving that extra push to give a bit more money!



You loved France and spoke good French with the best of English accents. I remember meeting you in France with Dave and Jen and playing some hilarious and very dodgy card game in a restaurant near Nice.

You created some lovely art – notably a copy of the famous photograph of the Afghanistan girl with the stunning green eyes – it is really good.

You enjoyed travelling and always managed to fund longhaul trips by taking a suitcase full of silver antique contraband to sell at your destination at vast profit!

You were the best neighbour – so kind and caring and mindful of others and if they needed some company always at hand to have a glass together.

You were stoic, just like all your incredible war time generation, opinionated but always positive. We loved your company and you always had lots to say about everything!

Darling Joan – rest in peace next to your beloved John – and enjoy a little gossip with Mum, just across the way, from time to time...

Louise Binney

JOHN HUTCHINSON - 1929-2019

Born in Heston, John was the youngest of 5 siblings. He always spoke of his happy childhood. His father was the Head Botanist at Kew Gardens and he was lucky enough to live next to the Herbarium. What a heavenly back garden to play and adventure in as a young boy!

When the second world war broke out, John was sent to Ardingly College Prep School and then to Harrow School where his adventures continued. He was a great gymnast and 'Hutch' became his nickname. His National Service was spent in Egypt.

John started his first business venture, an insurance business, above a shoe shop in Richmond, living for a few years in the spare room of Sheila and Richard Attenborough, the place where he would eventually meet his future wife, Kate. They married in 1955 by the River Thames in Hampton. Their first home was on Richmond Green and they subsequently moved to Hampton where they brought up their young family; Melanie, Louise and Joanne.

The family moved to a house in Teddington with a creek at the end of the garden, which was where John's passion for boats and the river began, a great hobby and love that he shared with Kate for the rest of their lives together.

Soon after catching the Boating 'bug' John bought his first boat. Multiple boats followed and they always spent the winter at the end of the garden on the River Thames. He not only had a passion for boats, he had a thing about cars, in particular Jaguars and Daimlers, which were changed almost as often as his beloved boats.



John bought the insurance company Thomas P Stackhouse, in 1992. Stackhouse insured Charities one of which was Oxfam and John was immensely proud to have them as a client. John had a great sense of duty to those around him; he was a Magistrate in Richmond and a volunteer for a number of charities.

John and Kate moved from Teddington to Henley in 1993, living for 10 years at 'Green Isle', the house on an Island by Marsh Lock. For the past 16 years they have been living by Henley Bridge enjoying the sights of the town, the River and the annual Regatta and all its festivities! John was delighted when he became a member of Leander Club, enjoying his Wednesday 'Lens lunches' until just a few weeks ago.

John adored his family. He was happily married to Kate for 64 years and they loved to travel far and wide. His three daughters now have children of their own, making him a proud grandfather of 6 girls and a great grandfather to 4!

John's other love was his dogs and as you will know, he made many friends walking along the river banks of Remenham.

An edited version of the tribute at his funeral by his family, reproduced with Kate's permission

CREATING A GARDEN FOR THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

An illustrated talk on

FRIDAY, 12 APRIL, 2019

In Remenham Parish Hall

7.30 FOR 8.00pm A complimentary glass of wine/soft drink, cup of tea or coffee on arrival

8.00-9.00pm Illustrated talk

9.00pm Questions from the audience

Passionate plants women Patricia Thirion and Janet Honour have given each other a unique insight into the garden traditions of their respective countries; but their first experiences of gardening could not have been more different - Patricia grew up in a fifth floor apartment in Paris with a balcony garden consisting of a few geraniums, while Janet discovered the delights of gardening at a very early age 'helping' her father in the family garden in Staines, Middlesex, at every opportunity.

The co-designers met at Capel Manor College whilst studying garden design and went on to create 6 gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show, which is the subject of their illustrated talk. They will describe the joys and challenges of exhibiting at Chelsea using mainly their 'Christian before Dior' garden as a typical example to explain what is involved.

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REMENHAM THESPIANS!!



Discussions have begun about a possible production in late 2019/early 2020! If you would like to join in this discussion, about **when, what, who and how** please let Felicity know by 16 March on felicitymrutland@gmail.com. A meeting will then be arranged.

LETTERS

The recent 'Letters' evening elicited two enthusiastic reviews, both of them printed here - many thanks to Ron and David! *Editor*

MEN AND WOMEN OF LETTERS

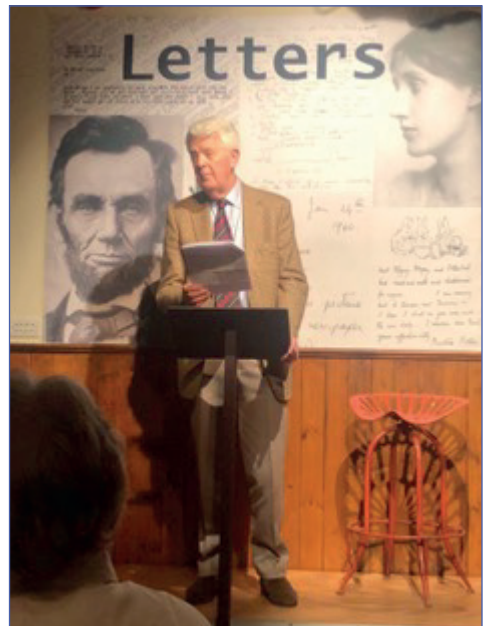
It was a triumph! Once again a great example of the people of Remenham – and its honorary citizens – coming together to create a wonderful evening that was fun, entertaining, and occasionally very moving.



Its architect, Allan Henderson, deserves all our thanks for coming up with such an original idea, that was not without its risks. He selected an enormous range of topics in this portfolio of letters, and found a similarly wide range of willing players to deliver them. The instant response from parishioners said a lot about how this project caught the imagination – as well as drawing in and welcoming back those 'retirees' who were no longer in the business of remembering lines – the script was in front of

them! And we had some new players not previously seen amongst the Thesps – little do they know that they have now been, unwittingly, listed as future cast members.

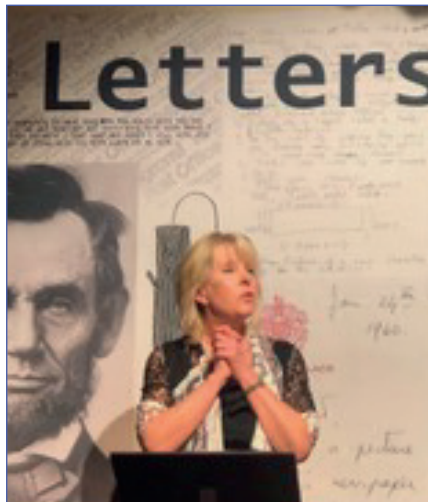
A welcoming glass of Prosecco, kindly provided by Nigel Gray, got the evening off to a nicely lubricated start, and it was a game of two halves. There is not space here to cover all participants in detail as there were so many, but all were very happy to see Barry Rosier transforming himself in a number of parts from nose picking schoolboy to a somewhat addled Mick Jagger, and Louise Binney doing a passionate Katherine Hepburn's homage to her dead lover Spencer Tracy. And what would an evening be without Eileen Collin's perfect comic timing, matched by an hilarious account, given by Nigel Gray, of Evelyn Waugh's witnessing the blowing up of a tree stump that destroyed most of the neighbourhood.



Food and drink in the interval brought the audience back together with a general air of ‘this is what Remenham does well’— and I’m sure the new rector, Jeremy, was suitably impressed with his satellite community.

The second half saw new player David Morgan launching into an impassioned love letter from Dylan Thomas to his wife, delivered in an impeccable Welsh accent (*see front cover*). Then Angie Emerson brought the whole audience to the verge of tears with a searing letter following the tragic Lockerbie disaster, written by a local family to the parents of one of those killed.

But there was a multitude of letters and players. Darrell and Suri gave their usual high energy performances, and Gillian Nahum returned after a long absence to remind us that she knew how to act. Pru Sly amazed everyone in an hilarious three foot high blue wig as an impressive Marge Simpson writing to Barbara Bush who, surprisingly, in the shape of Sally-Anne Plunket as Barbara Bush, actually replied. Felicity Rutland arriving front of house rather than her usual role behind the scenes, gave a somewhat harrowing letter written by Mary Queen of Scots shortly before her death. Jo Southwell, our resident ‘professional actress’ showed how to deliver a line, Anthony West in his letter to Hitler from Gandhi did not take the risk of delivering this in an Indian accent (we know he can do it having played an Indian in an earlier Thesps production) and Bill Ronald gave a wonderful evocation of the World War One Christmas truce in the form of a letter from one of the



participants. And all was rounded off in the stentorian tones of Ian Fraser in his magician’s coat. If we ever need a town crier we will know where to look.

As always, these things never happen without a great deal of backroom support. Coaching for the players was provided by Jo Southwell, Sophie Dix and Darrell, food was provided by Jayne Gray, Jenny Law and Pat Sly, and many hands set up and took down the stage, chairs, tables etc.



Thanks again to Allan and Vanessa for pulling this off. This called for a great deal of work over many weeks and it brought people together again to demonstrate that, though a small community, it is one with a very wide range of talents – and it was great fun! Thank you from all of us.

Ron Emerson

Message from Allan: Special thanks to our Director Jo Southwell and to Sophie Dix who gave the performers invaluable professional guidance where needed. Thanks too to Darrel Poulos who did much to bring the evening together in such a **fun way**.



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

REMENHAM'S NEW TRIUMPH

Once again, the extended Remenham Thespians - past and present (and future?) - have provided us with a splendid evening's entertainment, reading and in some cases, acting out the letters, written or received by various people, some famous, others obscure, covering both world wars, modern terrorism, ancient royalty and ancient rockers and even more ancient Chinese apologies together with trivial events and hilarious complaints with children's amusing observations. In all 26 letters read by 17 readers/narrators.

I have attended nearly every Thespian offering and can honestly say this is the only one that has moved me and amused me in equal measure.

Many thanks to Allan Henderson whose brain child this was, to the cast also, too numerous to mention but equally brilliant (don't tell her, but Eileen Collins stole the show as usual).

Thanks also to the ladies of Remenham who supplied a delicious platter of food for each table.

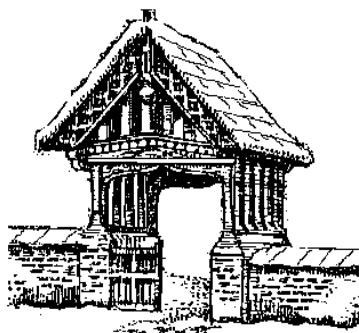
Well done the worthy barmen and maids who kept us well supplied with liquid refreshments and complimentary fizz, thank you Nigel.

The only losers that evening were Liz Cope and Jenny Law. Liz our intrepid prompt was made redundant as luckily all our performers could read. Jenny could put her pots of paint away as Allan had designed a splendid backdrop for the performance.

Whatever happens we need the Queen's recipe for Dropped Scones, which she enclosed in her letter to President Eisenhower, to be published in the next parish magazine.

David Law

(No room for the recipe, sorry - next time! Editor)



REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH COUNCIL

First and foremost, we welcome Nigel Williams of Horseshoe Cottages to the Parish Council.

REWIND

A license application has been received from Rewind to increase the event from 20,000 per day to 30,000 and from two days to three coupled with closing at 3.00am as opposed to 11.00pm. This is obviously a major departure and is being resisted.

Remenham Litter Pick
9 am Saturday
23rd March 2019
Parish Hall
All welcome

THAMESBRIDGE HOUSE

There have been a huge number of complaints regarding the state of this site. We have made representations and the owners have improved the site.

POO BINS

Four extra dog waste bins have been purchased and are to be installed at the eastern and western ends of the parish at sites agreed with landowners. These will be emptied each week from the spring and should help minimise bags being left in hedgerows.

KISSING GATES

Two landowners are discussing stile replacement by kissing gates at five sites.

PRECEPT

The precept has been set at 3.5% in line with the Borough to help ensure services and residents can be protected.

PORTABLE MONITOR FOR TRAFFIC

We are looking at the purchase of a portable temporary monitor of traffic numbers to help respond to applications for event expansion.

REMENHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Parish Hall
Tuesday 14th May 2019
8.00pm**

(following the May RPC meeting at 6pm)

All residents are welcome to attend, to speak on any matter and join us in refreshments.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Neighbourhood Plan
6. Financial Report – presentation of unaudited accounts
7. Matters raised from the floor

*John Halsall
Chairman Remenham Parish Council
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REMENHAM W.I.

January

We started our meeting with a welcome and Happy New Year from our President Daphne Austen. She introduced our speaker James Birdseye, a Paramedic. He started his talk by explaining the area he covers, the Southeast from Milton Keynes to Portsmouth. Then he went through very comprehensively all the problems Paramedics deal with, from mental health, cardiac arrest, and even chemical biological, e.g. Salisbury. Stabbing, arterial fibrillation, strokes, stress and panic attacks, apart from all the usual accident and emergency matters. Paramedics are trained up to the level of junior Doctors. All this takes its toll and it is not unusual for Paramedics to suffer from PMT, after several years on the job. The cost of a fully fitted out Ambulance now totals at least £300,000. His talk was made even more interesting as he is a local chap and had been at school with several of our members' children. Anne Francis gave him a heartfelt vote of thanks on behalf of us all for an enlightening and very interesting talk.

We then went on into the business part of the meeting, a report on the Christmas lunch at the Bull pub in Henley - this had been very much enjoyed, even if the helpings were rather large. The forthcoming events were then gone through, an outing to "the Calendar Girls" in March was on offer. A Berkshire quiz night - a team of 4 from our WI have entered. There is a competition for a photo book, which has now been compiled and entered. The Berkshire book has now been printed and is on offer to members at £9.90 per copy. The Berkshire Spring Council meeting is in April at the University Hall, 9 members have signed up to attend. Our February meeting is our AGM, which is now preceded by lunch. Judy Palmer has now been elected as our "Green member" - there is a WI challenge to improve WI members' recycling habits. So we must all do our best.

The Resolutions put forward by members: 1) proving plant bio security - this requires that all plants, soil and containers are checked, to prevent diseases as many suffer in silence resulting in operations; 4) another suffer in silence is the Taboo on menstrual health - so many have massive problems and also cannot afford protection; 5) The decline in local bus services, so many are now completely cut off, causing the children to have problems getting to school, and causing more loneliness among the elderly;v6) "Don't fear the smear" - so many lives could be saved by regular screening. So much to discuss, all important to all. All members were given a slip on which to register their vote. These will be sent to Berkshire with others, when all will be collated and voted on at the NFWI Meeting In June. Belinda Fitzwilliam won the raffle. A delicious tea was served by Rosemary Pratt and Jean Terry. It had been hoped to have time to fill the toiletry bags for Royal Berks. But this is to be held over until our February meeting.

February

Our President, Daphne Austen was in the Chair for our AGM. She welcomed Wendy Robinson, WI adviser, and also Audrey Curtis, a new member. We always precede our AGM with a very jolly lunch beforehand, and the Committee were heartily thanked for providing this.

After lunch the business was gone through. The Berkshire Quiz night, after being snowed off, is now on March 26th; Remenham is sending a team. Our "Green" representative, Judy

Palmer, urged members to fill in the chart on our notice board where appropriate. Categories include replacing our light bulbs with the more economical LED ones; never using or accepting plastic bags; Car sharing etc. 130 premature baby hats knitted by members were presented to, Royal Berkshire Hospital, and gratefully received. The results of our WI votes on the 6 resolutions put forward by National, were announced - we voted almost unanimously for local bus services to be reinstated. This will go forward to Berkshire and collated votes from around the Country and will be discussed at the National AGM in June. Mr Austen has made large plaques of 100, members are asked to collect their coins and stick them on , the proceeds will go to ACWW.

Ann Francis presented the Financial Report, which had been duly approved by Richard Fletcher. The President and Secretary then gave their annual reports. Cups were then presented: best Bloom was won by Belinda Fitzwilliams, the Photographic prize went to Judy Palmer, the craft to Sheila Constantinidi, and the cup for the most helpful member throughout the year to Jen Terry. Wendy Robinson then organised the voting for President and Committee. Daphne Austen was voted our President for the forthcoming year, and 8 committee members will stand again. Sheila Constantinidi is retiring as a committee member, and was presented with a beautiful planter full of plants. This finished the Business part of the meeting.

We then began to fill 100 bags of toiletries , which can be given to patients who have to stay in hospital after accidents: each bag has a toothbrush, flannel, toothpaste, comb and soap, and the bags for men have a razor and shaving soap. These will be given to A and E at RBH. These together with the baby hats , and the plaques of 100 coins will be part of our contribution to celebrate 100 years of the W.I.

The next meeting is as usual at the Remenham Village Hall at 2.30pm on March 11th, and the speaker will be Angela O'Connell on The National Gardens Scheme . All are welcome.

Sheila Constantinidi

A WI YEAR

Programmes to sort, letters to write, coffee and biscuits are just out of sight.

Speakers and guests all took their turn, quizzes and crafts, there's so much to learn.

Sewing and craft and 100 hats to knit, for fun or charity we always do our bit.

Houses, gardens, museums or show, find it, book it, we're ready to go.

Tea Party in a garden nearby, sandwiches, cakes, it's true WI.

Old friends and new, there's really no doubt, for interest and fun it's what we're about.

Come All Ye Faithfull Remenham members come, Christmas lunch over, another year done.

Daphne Austen

The Henley Arts Trail returns for its 14th year over the May Bank Holiday weekend for the largest trail to date. Since its inception in 2006 the Trail has grown into a regular feature of the cultural and social calendar of Henley on Thames.

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A superb opportunity to explore the Spring countryside

All venues are free with no obligation to buy and artists will welcome guests to talk about their work

Many venues offer refreshments; some have demonstrations or workshops for visitors who want to have a go themselves

Check the venue pages on www.henleyartstrail.com for opening hours of each venue

Look out for the pink 'Arts Trail' signs on roadsides and coloured bunting outside each venue

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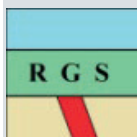
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Geology day in Wargrave - Saturday 16th March



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