

REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



Sunday 5 September
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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

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

Sunday 5 September

11.15am Matins (BCP) with hymns, followed by drinks

Sunday 12 September

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns

Sunday 19 September – Harvest Festival

11.15am Matins (BCP) with hymns

followed by Prayer Book Society lunch, in the Parish Hall. Tickets £10.00

Sunday 26 September

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns

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CHURCH CLEANING

September Charlotte Every
October

ALTAR FLOWERS

September Jenny Law Jennie Morrow
October Charlotte Every Suzanne Came

PARISH REGISTER

Weddings:

12 June Stephen Gunnell to Helaina Woolfenden
17 July John Ireland to Eleanor Martin
24 July Russell Cleaver to Kelly-Marie Dumper
31 July Felix Billson to Elizabeth (Libby) Wilding

Baptisms:

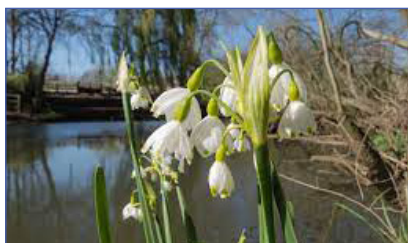
11 July Mya Isabella Binney
Frederick Maximillian Bryant

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child:

22 August Charlie Walley

Memorial Service:

28 July Dorothy Lumley



Loddon Lilies
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In July 2021 the Parish Council met for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started, face-to-face in the grounds of the Parish Hall.

It was decided that in future the RPC would normally meet inside the the Parish Hall on the second Monday in the month at the earlier time of 6.00pm, except on the evening of the Annual Parish Meeting (usually in May) when special arrangements will be in place. There is normally no meeting in August.

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PARISH DIARY *(At last there are dates for the diary! See articles for more information)*

September

- 4th 11.00am Thanksgiving for Diane and Peter Sutherland, Bird Place
5th 3.00pm Open Air Shakespeare, Henley Cricket Club
13th 2.30pm WI meeting, Parish Hall
13th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
15-19th Henley Festival, Regatta Meadows
18th 10-4.00pm Regatta for the Disabled, Phyllis Court
19th 11.15am Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church followed by Prayer Book Society lunch in the Parish Hall

October

- 2-10th Henley Literary Festival, various venues
11th 2.30pm WI meeting, Parish Hall
11th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
26-27th tbc Meeting with WBC Highways to discuss CIL projects

Further ahead

Weekend of 4-5 June 2022 - Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Months	Deadlines for Contributors	Approx. Dates for Distributors
Jan-Feb 2021	Friday 1 January 2021	Friday 8 January 2021
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May-June 2021	Friday 23 April 2021	Friday 30 April 2021
July-Aug 2021	Friday 25 June 2021	Friday 1 July 2021
Sept-Oct 2021	Friday 20 August 2021	Friday 27 August 2021
Nov-Dec 2021	Friday 29 October 2021	Friday 5 November 2021
Jan-Feb 2022	Friday 31 December 2021	Friday 7 January 2022
Mar-Apr 2022	Friday 25 February 2022	Friday 4 March 2022

WHATSAPP LOCAL GROUPS

To add your names to the Remenham group contact Janette Brown on 07768 166764 or janette1brown@yahoo.co.uk and for the Aston one contact Charlotte Every on churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk.

FROM THE EDITOR

When I started putting this issue together I didn't have anything particularly new or different to include, and I thought it was going to be short and rather dull. However, as the deadline approached all sorts of things cropped up. Best of all perhaps is the contribution from The Man from Mars!

I must however also draw your attention to Twelfth Night at the Cricket Club on Sunday 5 September (I love the synopsis on page 23!), to the Thanksgiving for Diane and Peter Sutherland on Saturday 4 September and to the article about local entrepreneur Simon Pilton. Add to that the anecdote about Henley being a time-warp mash-up, and the regular articles from the church, the Parish Council and the WI, and you realise what an absolutely wonderful community we live in.

As you will see, the mention of Loddon Lilies in the Parish Council report has inspired me to fill in a few blank spaces.

Whilst such things don't necessarily appeal to everyone it amuses me to sandwich this edition between Twelfth Night and the Henley Festival. (Opinions will vary as to which is the sublime and which is the ridiculous!)

Of one thing we can be sure, the Parish will celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next June in style! Put the provisional dates in your diary now.

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NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



The church remains open every day for private prayer and for services on Sunday and at last we are able to sing, although so far we are sticking to hymn singing only rather than the full sung services. Weddings and baptisms have resumed, and we have been very busy with both, so things, at least for the time being, are nearly back to normal.

Despite our fabulous working party in May, the upper churchyard has become very overgrown again due to the wet summer and we have received a number of complaints about it. The contract gardeners have been up there, and it does look better but if anyone has a tractor that could cut the grass at the far end where there are no graves, please do get in touch.

The service on 5 September (Matins) will be followed by drinks outside. Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 19 September. The Prayer Book Society, of which we are a corporate member, will be presenting St Nicholas with new books of Common Prayer and will be organising a small choir for the service. This will be followed by a bread and cheese lunch in the Parish Hall – tickets £10 and there will be a cash bar. As there will be no harvest supper this year, even if you are not a church goer why not come along to the Harvest Lunch and catch up with your neighbours? Please let Charlotte Every (07973 798071) know if you would like to book a ticket.

Charlotte Every

John Laing

Churchwardens, St Nicholas Remenham



**Loddon
Lilies**

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Remenham friends,

This month's letter should perhaps really be called a postcard, since, almost to my surprise, I find myself on holiday in a rather autumnal Helsinki. August in Helsinki is I suppose roughly equivalent to September in England. Children are returning to school, temperatures are starting to fall, and the markets are full of delicious things from field and forest. The passage of the seasons is very stark here: summers can be really quite hot, winters bitterly cold, and in between the seasons run up and down the gears in a hurry.

Many of you will know that my wife is Finnish, and so I have very long association with this city. I was first here in 1999, and since then we have visited most years, sometimes more than once, and we also lived here for a year. As well as the rapid change of the seasons, visiting the same place at fairly regular intervals over a long stretch of time gives one a rather heightened sense of the passage of time. If you live in a place you experience the changes gradually, so gradually that you notice the changes rather less, or at least have a gentler process of getting used to them.

In the case of this particular trip, for one reason or another this is the first time in three years I have been in Helsinki, and the changes are marked. The metro is several miles longer, Helsinki is more lively and multicultural than ever, radically different from the city I first met in 1999, then still emerging from the shadow of the USSR and its collapse. The Anglican Chaplaincy here – also dedicated to St Nicholas – I found teaming with young children, which it certainly wasn't when I lived here. And the people I know here have all got a little older, some of them markedly so.

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”, begins the third chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes. The passage of time, and the changes that inevitably go with it, can sometimes be rewarding, and sometimes disconcerting. To watch something or someone grow and blossom and flourish can be a source of great joy. But the loss of the familiar – even relatively small things – can sometimes be surprisingly upsetting. And there are other more deeply distressing changes, such as the physical or mental decline of loved ones. But the writer of Ecclesiastes sees not arbitrary change, not the hand of cold fate or the games of capricious gods, but seasons and times and purposes, all “under heaven”. We believe in a God who stands outside of time, and in whom all times are held. In the words of the well-known hymn: “Change and decay in all around I see: O Thou who changest not, abide with me”.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy



DIANE AND PETER SUTHERLAND

Service of thanksgiving, Sat 4th September, 11am Bird Place

From Justin Sutherland

All,

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the lives of both Diane and Peter at 11am on Saturday 4th September in the garden at Bird Place - I do hope you can come!

Parking will be very limited so please try to park elsewhere - but if you need to organise a drop-off please let me know.

If you hear of any friends of my parents you think would like to attend please ask them as my email contacts are quite depleted.

The shortish service will incorporate video, music, speaking and just one hymn to be sung (no mumbling allowed) - all in a tent.

I might wear a suit but you don't have to - please wear shoes suitable for lawns, though.

Hope to see you on the 4th.

All the best,

Justin

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PS. If there's more than a 50% chance you will come I would be grateful if you would reply "YES" - I don't want to run out of coffee and pastries...



Loddon Lilies

(see page 15)

THE MAN FROM MARS



My phone rang last November when a researcher for a documentary company was looking to recruit contributors for a programme describing life in the Chocolate industry back in the 80's and 90's.

Having joined Mars as a graduate management trainee in 1978 and departed as Managing Director in 2001 I thought it may be fun to put the record straight.....so agreed to participate.

A crew of two came to my home in December and five hours later left with ample recordings.

Silence ensued until July when I was told the programme would be on air as part of 'The Secret World' series on chocolate. A nervous three or so weeks later the programme aired and to my great relief the editors had been generally kind to me in the edit suite. My first viewing was in the company of my critical family in a holiday rental in Devon.

As is the norm for me the editors decided that from five hours of recording about 4 minutes was worth airing. Great fun talking about smooth and seductive Galaxy plus slicing a chilled Mars bar. Both highly recommended by me.

Three people told me I wasn't bad so that's probably it for me as a celebrity now.

Bill Ronald

Note from the Editor

Bill is too modest - he was the star of the show and the ideal person to front it! I would have mentioned the slicing of a chilled Mars bar if he hadn't - a procedure which he executed with panache.

As the preview said, it was 'A behind-the-scenes look at the battles between our favourite chocolate bars and reveals just what it takes to hit the nation's sweet spot'.

I was amazed by the extent of the subterfuge, the ruthless quest for market share, the millions of £'s at stake and the role our local celebrity played in it all!

For those who are able to access such things it can still be seen - THE SECRET WORLD OF CHOCOLATE, Channel 4, Sunday 8 August, 8.00pm.



ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND EDITORIAL POLICY

As a result of the Covid restrictions the newsletter is being produced digitally, circulated by email and on the website. Do please keep sending any interesting/topical items for possible inclusion to the Editor.

Please also send photos or pictures of anything to do with the parish or which might be suitable for the front covers - **the stock of such things is currently very low!**

The editorial team reserves the right to edit, amend, précis or reject articles. The opinions expressed are those of the authors of the articles and not necessarily those of the editorial team.

Editor - newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

ADVERTISING IN THE REMENHAM NEWSLETTER

As reported previously, we have reviewed advertising rates in the light of the newsletter being circulated digitally, and as the cost of production is the same for colour and mono the rates are now the same for both (see below). In the last few issues we have experimented with spreading the advertisements throughout the newsletter - they then have more impact than when they are put together in 4 pages at the end.

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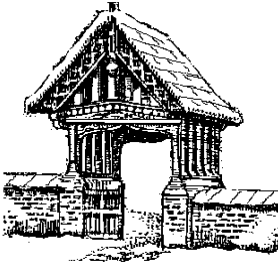
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REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL AND WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Covid and The Summer

Last time I wrote, summer events were being nervously planned with the expectation that there may well be cancellations. It now seems that HMG is determined to press ahead without further lockdowns and restrictions. Whilst I was more than a little nervous of this strategy it seems to have proved sound. The Covid figures initially increased dramatically and then have levelled off. Hopefully, we can return now to normal. Parliament convened without social distancing and virtual participation.

Nevertheless, I must stress that Covid is still with us. There are those dying with it. So please be vigilant and don't take risks that you do not need to. Observe the precautions that you have done for the last eighteen months – hand washing, distancing, and masking where asked. Please also take lateral flow tests and isolate if positive.

Most importantly encourage all to be vaccinated.

Meetings

On the 12th of July, the Parish Council met for the first time face-to-face in more than a year in the grounds of the Parish Hall under a clear blue sky. It was a real pleasure to meet with colleagues face to face again.

Residents and Andrew Lane/Malcom Burfitt (Henley Open Water Swimming Club (HOWSC)) attended.

Future Parish council meetings will be in the Parish Hall at 6.00pm on the second Monday of every month. There will be no virtual option.

The next is on Monday 13th Sept 2021 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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Afghanistan

We have watched a tragedy unfurl in Afghanistan. It has damaged the West and in particular the US and the UK immeasurably. Our reputation for trust and competence is in doubt. Our morality and belief in human rights is in question. However, these are not issues for either a Parish Council or a Borough Council.

WBC has though stepped up to the plate and offered to house a number of families from Afghanistan. We are keen to fulfil our duty under the military covenant to help those who helped us.

The Parish Council Accounts

The accounts have gone to the external auditor and in the meantime are available for anyone to view (see noticeboard for details).

Roads

The Parish Council had two virtual meetings with WBC Highways on 24th May and 26th July 2021 when the proposed CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy see below) projects were discussed and Wokingham Borough Council approvals sought:

- (i) paving outside the Parish Hall and associated lane drainage
- (ii) A4130 speed warning signs and moving the 30mph controls out to Middle Culham
- (iii) creation of a wild trail alongside the Wargrave Road (A321) after a biodiversity survey
and
- (iv) work to avoid flooding/subsidence on Aston Lane and parking control measures on Ferry Lane, Aston

Another meeting is planned for 26-27th October. Residents are welcome to attend with Councillors. If you have other suggestions of infrastructure work that would benefit residents, please suggest this as there is still CIL money available.

Ferry Lane

Residents of Ferry Lane requested that there was intervention by the Borough and Parish Councils to alleviate or eliminate the excessive parking down Ferry Lane. The Borough Council introduced emergency parking controls, which we understand are considered too draconian. We asked the Borough Council to remove the emergency parking restrictions and consider replacing these with less draconian measures.

The Parish Council placed logs to restrict parking in Ferry Lane, Aston and staked them so that they should not roll forward. Additional oak stakes were to be installed but WBC Highways advised against this. The logs are to be relocated.

Two large litter bins have however been installed in the slipway area of Ferry Lane, Aston and as a result one old bin could be removed or converted to taking dog waste.

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Most developments require the developer to pay CIL to the Borough Council a proportion of which goes to the Parish Council. These funds must be used for projects which benefit the Community where the development took place and must be expended in a certain time period or returned to the developer.

Loddon Lilies

Oak notices went up on the towpath near UTRC to highlight conservation areas. You may or may not know that the Upper Thames land is one of the few repositories of these very rare and beautiful flowers.

Events

I am sure that you have been well aware of the pressures on the community caused yet again by events this year. As a result, the Parish Council has sought legal advice on all licensed events in Remenham Parish from Sarah Clover, a barrister specialising in these matters. Please let me or Paul know of your concerns. If there is demand I will organise a special parish council meeting in October to discuss these issues.

Giga Clear

GigaClear said that their contractor (Trench Cut) had hoped to begin work on laying the optical fibre alongside the A4130 between Hurley and Henley on the 26th of July with two-way traffic lights needing to be installed.

Boundary Changes

As reported last month, there are two expected boundary changes.

Up until 1997, when the Maidenhead Parliamentary Constituency was created and Theresa May became our MP, we used to be part of the Wokingham Parliamentary Constituency with John Redwood as our MP. It seems that the boundary commission is recommending that we return to Wokingham and that there is a new constituency created of Woodley and Earley. There has been very little push back at this proposal.

We are also expecting a boundary review within the Borough as many of the Wards have a disproportionate number of residents. This work has yet to start but is also expected to be for elections after 2023. The implications are yet not clear.

If you have been left out in any way and/or need help, please contact me or Paul Sermon (the Parish Clerk) or any other Parish councillor - we shall be able to help. Please be in touch if we can be of help on any other matter.

John Halsall

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Chairman Remenham Parish Council
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REMENHAM W.I.

July

In July, members of Remenham WI thoroughly enjoyed a zoom meeting with Dorothy Cook, who related some humorous tales of events that she had experienced over 36 years of being a midwife. It brought back many memories for everyone present!

July also saw members meeting in person for the first time for many months, when they joined together for a picnic luncheon in Pat Sly's garden. With gazebos providing welcome shade, everyone enjoyed their lunch and the opportunity to catch up on news and



events. The river traffic and passers-by provided plenty of people watching too. After the raffle, celebratory cakes were cut and Prosecco poured. There were many customers at the Produce Bring and Buy Stall, with savouries, fresh spinach and plants among the many items for sale.

The book club met again and discussed their latest read, "All the Light We Cannot See", addressing many in-depth questions.

August

At their August meeting, members were delighted to welcome Jane Stubbs. Following her much acclaimed book, Thornfield Hall, Jane gave us a light-hearted and entertaining look at the clothes of the nineteenth century ladies, with particular reference to Mrs. Fairfax, the housekeeper of Thornfield Hall. Overcoming her modesty, Mrs Fairfax (a model) was undressed and we learnt the importance of each item of clothing, from corset to apron. Relief was felt by all that we did not live in that century!

Even the rain pouring down on the gazebos did nothing to spoil the afternoon and a very English and delicious tea was served after the talk and some entertaining games were played. The proceeds of the games and donations received, resulted in a cheque for over £60 being sent to Breast Cancer Now.

There were some beautiful entries in the craft competition, which was won by Anne Francis with her delightful Christmas Tree Hanger.



A small group met for a Craft and Chatter morning, where knitting and sewing needles could just be heard working over the chatter!

The book club was able to meet on a glorious sunny afternoon to discuss their latest book, American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. This told the gripping story of a Mexican lady who had to leave behind her life and all she knew to escape with her son as an undocumented immigrant to the US. Everyone agreed that it was a fascinating read.

Our next meeting is on 13th. September for a talk to be given by the Cliveden National Trust Talks Service Team about what motivated William Waldorf Astor to purchase Cliveden in 1893.

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LOCAL MUSICIAN TURNED ENTREPRENEUR

This is an extract from an extensive interview with Remenham resident Simon Pilton in the Henley Standard in July - still available at <https://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/business/163730/.html>. Editor.

'A FORMER musician, songwriter and record producer has found his new calling as an entrepreneur.

Simon Pilton designed and launched Gobobos, a padded mat with barriers to stop young children falling out of bed, after losing his job at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. The 57-year-old, who lives in Remenham with his wife Katie and their four-year-old daughter Alice, had spent a decade working for Mike Chapman, a fellow producer and songwriter from Australia. Chapman, who is best known for his work with Suzi Quatro, Blondie and Mud in the Seventies, decided not to renew his contract when it expired because of the economic uncertainty.



Mr Pilton became worried because he had no other income and nor did his wife as she had given up work to look after Alice. His business idea struck him a few months later, when his daughter rolled on to the floor during an afternoon nap and he struggled to find a way to stop it happening again. He found that guard rails were too big for toddler beds while stand-alone barriers were too hard or padded using synthetic materials, which he didn't like because disposing of them was harmful to the environment. He drew up an alternative and secured the design rights, meaning no one else can legally copy it for at least a decade, then sought suppliers for the raw materials and a manufacturer, which took some time.

Gobobos, which draws its name from the childish expression for going to bed, is now assembled in the UK while the cotton covers are hand-stitched by Felicia Grecu, of Henley Tailoring in Reading Road, Henley. Mr Pilton has sold about 1,000 units this year and believes this number will increase significantly once the coronavirus restrictions are fully lifted.

He said: "It's funny how my mindset has changed from thinking I couldn't survive outside the music industry to running my own company. The past 12 months have been taxing but the business is making money and should become much more profitable soon."

Mr Pilton was born in Wales and moved to Redhouse Drive, Sonning Common, with his parents, Patrick and Melanie, and younger sister Trudi when he was six. His mother now lives in St Andrew's Road, Henley, while Trudi, now Groom, runs the Top to Toe beauty salon in Reading Road. He attended Sonning Common Primary School and Chiltern Edge secondary, also in the village, then King James College in Henley.'

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'Mr Pilton took up bass guitar when he was 17, formed his own group, Cry Havoc, and then studied the guitar in Los Angeles. He subsequently launched another band called The Wasp Factory, which was funded and managed by stand-up comedian Eddie Izzard and which performed at the Reading Festival. This was followed by a number of years working alongside some of the biggest names in music, including Oasis, Amy Winehouse and Suzi Quattro, and then 10 years working with Chapman.

"It was a shock when the contract ended because I'd never considered anything other than music and I'd never had a 'normal' job in my life. It has taken a while to get Gobobos off the ground but I've enjoyed the process because there's a lot of creativity involved, and I realised I was tired of the music industry anyway. If Gobobos continues to be a success, I hope to produce more children's products."

In conclusion Simon said he has no regrets at all but it has been a huge eye-opener to realise that he's good at other things and can get just as much satisfaction from them.'

See the full article for some fascinating anecdotes about life in the music industry. Editor

Graham Blake

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LOCKDOWN HUMOUR

The supply of cartoons and articles to amuse during the Covid restrictions has almost entirely dried up - this one, including American spelling and phrases, is all I can offer for this issue. Editor

HOW CHILDREN PERCEIVE THEIR GRANDPARENTS

1. I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye.
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.
"What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.
 "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.
 "No," said another. "He's just for good luck."
 A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

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HENLEY - A TIME-WARP MASH-UP?

Some of you may have seen the article in last Sunday's Telegraph about eating out in Henley during the Regatta. Some of the comments were fun, referring to men in blazers and red trousers everywhere, the omnipresence of salmon-pink sweaters, Henley being a time-warp mash-up of tribal shires tradition and tourists..... plus of course hurrah for feminism with women allowed to wear trousers in the Stewards' Enclosure for the first time.



A friend of mine attending her first Regatta commented that she really had no idea that the men were the Peacocks at Henley! *Editor*

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TWELFTH NIGHT - SYNOPSIS

This is one the best and funniest summaries ever of the plot of this crazy Shakespeare play! I hope some of you can come to see it at the Cricket Club on Sunday 5 September. Editor

In the fantastical kingdom of Illyria, a lovesick Duke Orsino pines for the Lady Olivia. After a terrible shipwreck, the enterprising Viola disguises herself as a boy (as you do... well in Shakespeare anyway) and, calling herself Cesario, gets embroiled in a classic love triangle with some spicy mistaken identity thrown in for good measure.

Viola loves Orsino who loves Olivia who loves Viola who she thinks is Cesario who Orsino thinks he might also love and is now terribly confused...

Bear in the Air Productions, an Off West End award nominated theatre company, are bringing Shakespeare's most loved comedy to North London and the Home Counties this summer. A beautiful location, a rug-perhaps even a glass of something bubbly... and a classic comic masterpiece—what could be more enticing?

This joyous production of a perennial favourite is brought to glorious, vivid life for the whole family to enjoy.

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