

REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



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3rd Sunday

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4th Sunday

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Sue 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
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CHURCH CLEANING

January

Rosemary Duckett

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Sally-Anne Plunket

February

Sarah West

Judy Bate

ALTAR FLOWERS

January

Sarah West

Sally-Anne Plunket

February

Penny Whitfield

Charlotte Every

PARISH DIARY *(See articles for more information)*

January

- 10th 2.30pm WI meeting, Parish Hall
10th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall (virtual)

February

- 14th 2.30 WI meeting, Parish Hall
14th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall

Further ahead

- 31 March - 2 April 2022 Remenham Thespians' Performances, Parish Hall
5 May 2022 Local Elections
9 May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Hall
Weekend of 4-5 June Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen (Village Tea Party in Parish Hall garden on Sunday 5 June)



REMENHAM THESPIANS



Rehearsals have begun in earnest, lines are being learnt (Oh yes they are!) and it looks as if there will be a production in March/April. For those of you who would like to take a leap of faith and put your names down for tickets please contact Pat Sly on 01491 577925, patsly@tinyworld.co.uk

Felicity Rutland / Angie Emerson

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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

This is the shortest newsletter I have yet produced! Maybe it's the aftermath of Christmas but I am very short of articles, and those that I have were slow to arrive, so I have been slow to put it together. Apologies for the lateness of this issue - and thanks to David Law for his thought-provoking contribution (page 11) which arrived just as I was finalising the document and wondering how to fill the last half page - mind-boggling indeed!

Despite the difficult circumstances we seem to have been determined to enjoy the festive season. St Nicholas always does Christmas in style and this year was no exception even without the mulled wine, and as the WI report shows they had a terrific amount of fun! Prior to that Pat Sly's stalwart efforts for Remembrance Sunday and the sale of poppies raised a magnificent amount, so many thanks to Pat.

There are not many dates for the diary but there is one hugely important one - the Village Tea Party to mark her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June.

Apart from that there is of course the Thespian's production in March/April!

Felicity, newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Months	Deadlines for Contributors	Approx. Dates for Distributors
Jan-Feb 2022	Friday 31 December 2021	Friday 7 January 2022
Mar-Apr 2022	Friday 25 February 2022	Friday 4 March 2022
May-June 2022	Friday 22 April 2022	Friday 29 April 2022
July-Aug 2022	Friday 24 June 2022	Friday 1 July 2022
Sept-Oct 2022	Friday 19 August 2022	Friday 26 August 2022
Nov-Dec 2022	Friday 28 October 2022	Friday 4 November 2022
Jan-Feb 2023	Friday 6 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND EDITORIAL POLICY

Now that the newsletter is being produced digitally, circulated by email and on the website, I am a little concerned that there are people who would like to receive it but are not doing so. Please let me know if you know of anyone, and do please keep sending any interesting/topical items for possible inclusion.

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

LOCKDOWN HUMOUR

Do not forget to get enough food for 27 days as the shops will be shut for 12 hours over Xmas.



DIET DAY 1:

I HAVE REMOVED ALL THE BAD FOOD FROM THE HOUSE. IT WAS DELICIOUS.



NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



Thanks to Angie Emerson for this photograph of St Nicholas in the moonlight

Since the last newsletter the omicron variant has arrived and thrown us all into further confusion.

Omicron was still thankfully not around at the beginning of December when we celebrated our patronal festival with sung matins followed by drinks and Covid safe nibbles in church: a very jolly time was had by all.

A few days later, we were yet again back to uncertainty about our Christmas services. We did manage to hold our Carol Service on 19 December and the church looked lovely with all the candles lit. Numbers were well down on previous years and we lost four readers in the preceding week but managed to find substitutes, but nevertheless it was well attended and, given the circumstances, most enjoyable. The choir was very good, and the congregation joined in with gusto despite having to sing through a mask. Sadly, we had to abandon mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall afterwards as that was just too much of a risk.

Our other Christmas services went well, and we had a very good turn out on Christmas day with a good number of small children in attendance too.

Our services return to their usual pattern: sung matins on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays. Due to the rise in infection rates, we have reverted to receiving Communion in one kind only.

Our grateful thanks to Father Jeremy, the Rev Romey and our organist Sebastian for all their hard work in 2021 and our best wishes to you all for 2022.



Charlotte Every



John Laing

Churchwardens, St Nicholas Remenham

2021 BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for your support. The amount raised in Remenham was

£1,469

Pat Sly, Local Honorary Organiser





REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Remenham is a wonderful place to live. We are very privileged. Every day I wake up in what are very beautiful surroundings and I thank God for being so lucky. Remenham has interesting and warm residents, who by and large are considerate and caring.

Remenham Parish Council

The glue that holds the community together is its institutions, the church, the parish hall, the Flowerpot and of course the Parish Council. The powers of a parish council are very few, but it carries enormous influence.

Elections

In May 2022, we will have elections to the Parish Council (as well as Borough Council elections). We have a very good Parish Council, but it could do with some new faces for the next four years. I have

been on the Parish council for, I believe, twenty-four years, and Chairman for twenty. All Councillors will naturally retire at some time in the future, and we would all expect a process of gradual renewal.

Put Yourself Forward

There are no special skills required, other than caring about the village and its residents. The time required can be as little as two hours per month. Please get in touch with me and you can join us for a taster and see if you like it. If you would like to discuss what's involved, please contact me.

Please be in touch if we can be of help on any matter

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Chairman Remenham Parish Council, Councillor Wokingham Borough Council

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Meetings are currently virtual but as soon as possible will be inside 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 it is immediately beforehand. There is normally no meeting in August.

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NOTES FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RPC has been continuing to discuss with the Environment Agency and WBC Highways (i) increasing the number and better signing in the parking bays in Remenham Lane, where some cars are reported to be parking longer than allowed without being fined, (ii) traffic speeds on the A4130 and empty waste bins on pavements were being sucked by traffic, (iii) access of emergency vehicles down Ferry Lane Aston, changes to parking near the slipway and repairs to the eroding slipway (see Figure 1 on following page), (iv) repairs to Aston Lane, and (v) installing water-permeable paving and subdued non-reactive downlights in front of the Parish Hall wall (see Figure 2 on following page).

There have been concerns about the noise levels and lighting during a music festival at Leander Club in December. RPC has forwarded an outline brief on licensing and licences that was drawn up by Neil Brown and others to Kings Chambers with a request that they consider arguments could be brought to bear before developing a full case in a future licence/event review.

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Figure 1. Ferry Lane, Aston where remedial slipway work, work to widen the narrowest sections and new WBC-enacted parking is proposed

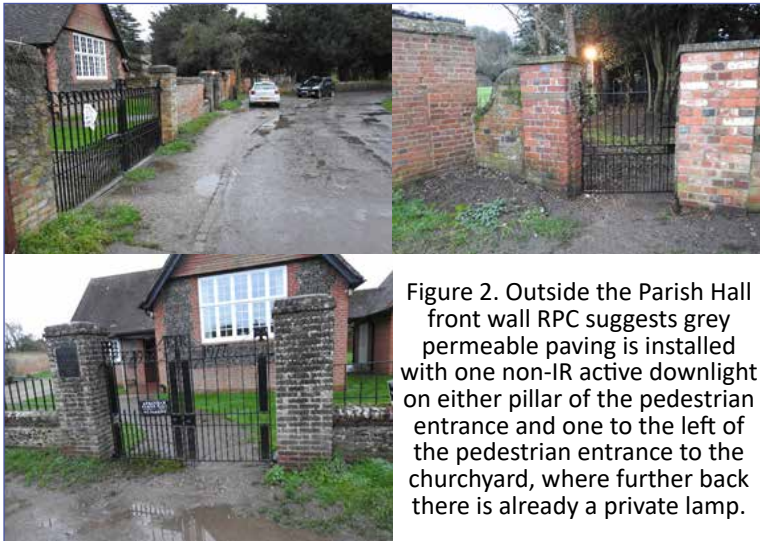


Figure 2. Outside the Parish Hall front wall RPC suggests grey permeable paving is installed with one non-IR active downlight on either pillar of the pedestrian entrance and one to the left of the pedestrian entrance to the churchyard, where further back there is already a private lamp.

RPC reserves (after CIL infrastructure expenditure) remain healthy. It will be considering its 2022-2023 budget and precept at a meeting of the Parish Hall on 24th January. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on the 9th May at 8pm (following an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC)/RPC meeting at 6pm – see separate notice on next page).

Currently SSE provides electricity for the small number of streetlights in Remenham, but RPC has asked WBC to oversee negotiations on future contracts for a number of Parishes to avoid these being asked by suppliers to sign a contract for each light individually – with the possibility of a considerable rise in prices.

There have been a number of planning applications on which RPC have commented.

Remenham is co-operating with Henley on traffic and appreciates efforts by the Borough on Covid-19.

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of meetings

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC) will be at 6pm on 9th May 2022
in the Parish Hall**

**The Annual Parish Meeting (APM)
will be at 8pm on the 9th May 2022
in the Parish Hall (subject to covid-19 restriction)**

Notes from the most recent AMPC/APM meetings will be available in advance.

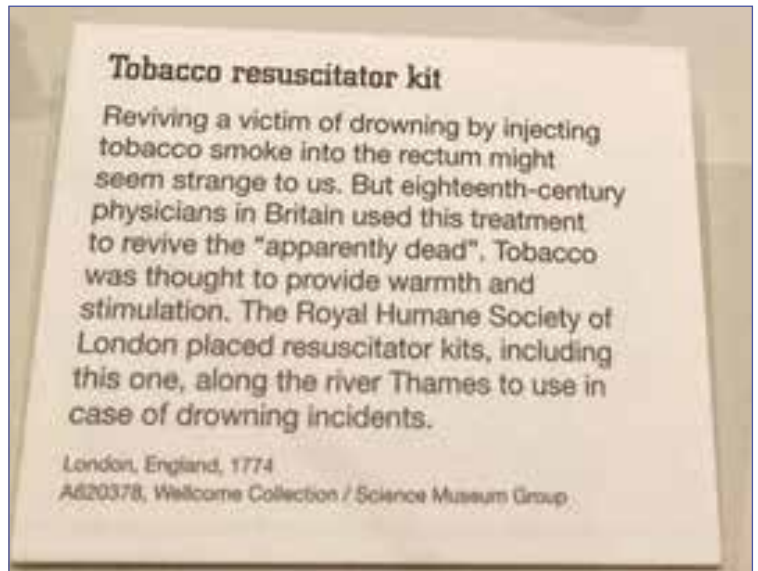
Paul Sermon (Clerk to RPC)

and from the sublime to the mind-bogglingly ridiculous.....

David and Jenny Law recently visited the amazing Wellcome Collection of medical equipment and related matters in the Euston Road, London. (Entrance is free but you have to book a time slot for entry.) Amongst the fascinating exhibits they spotted the device below, a resuscitator for drowning victims and apparently they were placed along the river Thames by the Royal Humane Society of London in 1774. (Explanation enlarged as much as possible to make it readable).



David suggested (??) that perhaps we should reinstate them along the Remenham reach as we now have so many swimmers?



REMENHAM W.I.

November

Remenham WI members enjoyed a meeting which was all about cakes from beginning to end!

The afternoon started with a food quiz; Why do we put "Royal" icing on our cakes? What was Mrs Beeton's Christian name and many other brain teasers.



The committee members had been busy making cakes from various parts of the United Kingdom and the world, including Angel Cake, Saffron Cake, Guinness Cake, Dutch Apple Cake and Derbyshire Tea Cake. A brief history of each cake was given and recipes were available before members were invited to try as many of the cakes as they would like. This was all washed down with cups of welcome English tea!



The November book club meeting discussed their book, "The Orphan Thief", which was very much based on a theme of community and was thought to be particularly relevant in these times. The next read is Liar by Lesley Pearse.

December

Remenham members were pleased to welcome many other members from local WI branches to their Christmas meeting in December. The hall looked very festive with tables covered with Christmas items ready to buy. Members had been busy with sewing and knitting needles, making many beautiful gifts. Chutney and preserves had been made and bottled and individual Christmas cakes cooked and iced. There were handmade table decorations and other gifts as well as several Christmas plants. A Christmas bring and buy stall was kept busy as was the book stall and pen stand, the latter provided by Tony Parker. Everyone was a winner at the bottle stall, resulting in many smiling faces!

Toni Kent then entertained everyone with her amusing talk entitled "I Need a Wife". All those present were able to empathise with her views and enjoyed the many poems which she read from her collection.

This was followed by a delicious Christmas tea, creating a delightful camaraderie and much friendly chatter. The afternoon ended with a visit from Father Christmas, who having asked everyone if they had been good, then rewarded them with some chocolates!



The year ended for Remenham members and guests with a marvellous Christmas Lunch at Hennerton Golf Club. This was much enjoyed by all those present. The first prize of a Christmas Gammon in the raffle, was won by Rosemary Pratt with other members also winning many other seasonal prizes. At the end of the lunch, the WI Programmes for 2022 were distributed.

Daphne Austen
President

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