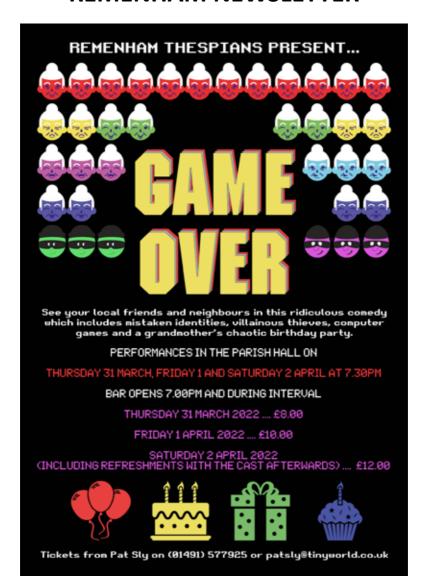
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ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM EASTER SERVICES 2022

Sunday 10 April - Palm Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion(BCP)

Friday 15 April - Good Friday 12 noon said Matins (BCP)

Sunday 17 April - Easter Day 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

March

14th 2.30pm WI meeting, Parish Hall

14th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall

31st Remenham Thespians' Performance, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

April

1st/2nd 7.30pm, Remenham Thespians' Performances, Parish Hall 10th PALM SUNDAY - Holy Communion at St Nicholas, 11.15am

11th 2.30pm WI meeting, Parish Hall

11th 6.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall

15th GOOD FRIDAY - Said Matins at St Nicholas, 12 noon 17th EASTER DAY - Holy Communion at St Nicholas, 11.15am

30th Henley Arts Trail, various locations and including Remenham Artists

Further ahead

1/2 May Henley Arts Trail continues

5 May Local Elections

9 May Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Hall, 8.00pm

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

Saturday 4 June, evening Concert in the Church

Sunday 5 June, 3.00pm Village Tea Party in Parish Hall garden

Sunday 4 September Remenham Fayre, Parish Hall and garden (tbc)

FROM THE EDITOR

Having put out a plea for more contributions after the last issue I was delighted to receive a number of articles and photos, including some photos of the aftermath of the dramatic storms. Please keep them coming! (The articles and photos, not the storms!)

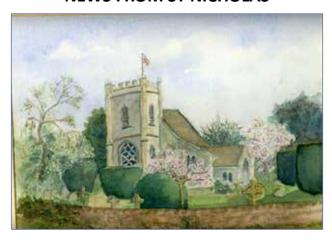
There is definitely a lot more going on at last, with some semblance of normality returning. The most important event for the parish is the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together. You will see more details in this newsletter - the main event being the Tea party on Sunday 5 June in the Parish Hall garden. Offers of help with this, and with the proposed concert the evening before, would be warmly welcomed.

Parishioners who were here for previous jubilees know just what fantastic occasions our village tea parties have been - and newcomers, you simply must come so that you can find out!

Before that you may feel brave enough to support your local friends and neighbours in the Thespians' production - see front cover for further information - and shortly after that a number of our hugely talented Remenham Artists will be taking part in the annual Henley Arts Trail.

Felicity, newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



There is little to report from St Nicholas in this quiet time between Christmas and Easter. Services have continued as usual, and you can see details of our Easter Services elsewhere in this newsletter.

Some repair work has been done to the brick wall opposite Remenham Farm and luckily we only lost one tree during the February storms. We are enormously grateful to Nick Austen who continues to do tremendous work in the Upper Churchyard which has never looked better. Any minute now the primroses will be out and if you are out walking it will be well worth a detour through the churchyard to have a look.

The church will take an active part in the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee with a flower festival over that weekend (please contact churchwarden@ remenhamparish.org.uk if you would like to join the flower rota or just take part in the Jubilee flower festival) and a free concert in church on the evening of Saturday 4 June. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Charlotte Every

Charlotte Every

John Laing

John Lang

WHATSAPP LOCAL GROUPS

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

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Remenham friends,

The season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday 2nd March. I suspect that, this year in particular, many of us do not relish the approach of this traditional season of fasting and penitence, with its echo of the forty days and nights Jesus spent in the wilderness. We've had rather too much of wilderness these last couple of years, barred as we have frequently been from many of the social activities and opportunities that make life enjoyable and at times even bearable. We long for a real springtime — lengthening days, declining Covid-19 numbers, and a joyful sense of everything coming back to life.

And yet the connection between Lent and the approach of spring is no coincidence. The gardeners amongst you will know the importance of pruning for generating the right sort of growth through spring and summer. And so it may be that a period of reflection and simplicity at this point is actually very appropriate, giving us a chance to take stock of the experiences of the last couple of years and the impact they have had on us and those around us.

Traditional practices for Lent include fasting, often taking the form of giving up one or more luxuries; prayer and bible reading; and charitable giving (especially when laying off the Foie Gras and Bordeaux has freed up some funds). Charitable giving may be particularly important this year — Covid we may hope to be largely behind us, but the rising cost of living is beginning to bite for many both locally and across the country. So during this season of Lent, let's be sure to remember NOMAD and other charities that work to relieve those in need.

I look forward to seeing many of you especially on Mothering Sunday and for Holy Week and Easter services.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND EDITORIAL POLICY

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





REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

I am sure we are all holding our breath (literally) as thankfully covid-19 numbers are subsiding. In the most recent two months, RPC has

- (i) noted WBC's approval of a planning application for the Thames Bridge House site and a tree protection order placed by WBC on a nearby horse chestnut
- (ii) noted a licence application from The Henley Classic & The Henley Swim Festival and forwarded a summary generated by Neil Brown and others of event activity in Remenham in the last year to Kings Chambers for legal advice on cumulative impact etc and The Chairman will be providing them with guidelines on the task
- (iii) decided the precept should be +1.99%
- (iv) contacted Copas about the possibility of a defibrillator on the towpath, widening the towpath gate as this was a pinch point and the possibility of memorial plaques on an existing bench on the towpath
- (v) had a 5th virtual meeting with WBC Highways in as many months on topics that included (a) an additional Remenham Lane parking bay, (b) WestcoTec traffic signs on White Hill, (c) Ferry Lane (EA approval on slipway repair, parking controls below the Flowerpot and RPC help with repairs to verge potholes and hedge cutting, (d) repairs and drainage of Aston Lane, (e) pre-planning submission for PIR downlights and paving outside the Parish Hall wall, (f) a WBC Highways survey on double white lines on the A4130 near Middle Culham cottages and (g) feedback to WBC Highways on whether the collection of rubbish by a WBC contractor was effective along the A4130.

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

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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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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)

THE HENLEY ARTS TRAIL - 30 APRIL, 1 & 2 MAY 2022

www.henleyartstrail.com

Currently, this website is under construction in preparation for this year's Trail.



REMENHAM ARTISTS

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



The Remenham Parish Hall Committee is organising a wonderful weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The main event for Remenham will be a tea party on Sunday 5 June at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall garden. This will be free for all parishioners but with a cash bar. We hope to include something special for all children under 16. Those who were resident for the golden jubilee 10 years ago will remember how absolutely fantastic it was – and it will be this time as well!

We are also hoping to have a concert in the church early in the evening on Saturday 4 June, and one or two other things. Details will be sent when known.

Please could you let Sue Laing know how many of you would like to attend the tea party, with names? Please email her on sue@homefarmemail.co.uk. Please also let her know the names and ages of any children under 16.

If you are interested in taking part in the concert on Saturday 4 June (which will be a collection of varied performances by groups or individuals and instruments of all shapes and sizes) please email Felicity Rutland on felicitymrutland@gmail.com.

Please put the dates and times in your diaries now!



If you would like to be added to the parish mailing list to receive the Parish Newsletter and other Remenham news, please email charlotteevery@gmail.com.



REMENHAM W.I.

January

January was only a few days old before members of Remenham WI Book Club were meeting to discuss the novel Liar by Leslie Pearse. A wouldbe reporter, murders and a host of lies! It was decided that this was an intriguing and on the whole, a well written book. The next read is The Bletchley Girls by Tessa Dunlop.



The January meeting was well attended and some time was spent discussing the new Resolutions,

each one being presented by a member of the committee. Individual votes of choice were then collected.

After the remaining business of the day, members were transported from a rather grey and overcast Remenham to a tropical island, "somewhere in the Pacific" for an hour of Desert Island Discs. A wide range of music was played, from Sailing By, the Overture to die Fledermaus to The Moon and I and Fields of Gold. Luxury items included a lot of cold cream, perfume, a fluffy pillow, gardening gloves and a dog.

By the end of the meeting, everyone was wearing a brightly coloured lei and happily tucking into Turtle egg and seaweed sandwiches and pineapple cake. Raffle prizes of a hand of bananas, a packet of dates and a pineapple were won by three happy castaways!



February

Remenham's entry for the Elizabeth Bell Challenge was delivered to Mortimer House - a scrapbook put together by members showing events and activities over the past and rather difficult year.

The Bletchley Girls was discussed by the Book Club and it was not surprising to note that all those present saw themselves volunteering for Bletchley! It was a book enjoyed by all as they now move on to their next read, Three Women and a Boat by Anne Youngson.

The meeting this month was the Remenham AGM, which began with a delightful lunch prepared by members of the Committee. Minutes of meetings, the Financial Statement and the Annual Report were all read and approved and the President remarked on the busy and eventful year that had been enjoyed, despite all the difficulties.

The positions within the Committee remain the same as previously and the President thanked all those present for their hard work and support for the group. A vote of thanks to Wendy Robinson was given by Jen Terry, who also presented her with a Spring posy. Posies were also given to other "birthday" members.

Trophies were awarded as follows:-

Craft Competition Anne Francis,

Best Bloom Pat Sly,

Art Competition Sheila Constantinidi and Daphne Austen

Most Helpful Member Caroline Leeming.

The afternoon ended with a short competition to add three lines to "And then the clock struck twelve". There were many imaginative pieces.

"I'm awake," said my grandson.
"I'm not," said Grannie Annie
"It's the middle of the night," said Grannie Annie
AND THEN THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE

The thunder roared,
The lightning cracked
AND THEN THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE
At last the seance was over!

Our next meeting is on 14th March and if you would like to come along, please call Daphne on 07919 358979.

Daphne Austen President

REMENHAM PHOTOS

OUR BEAUTIFUL PARISH



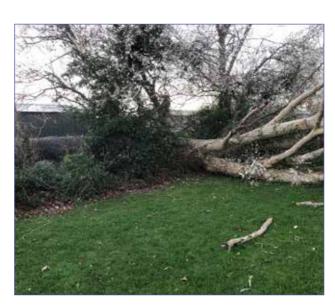
From Butler's Field towards the allotments

Angie Emerson

STORM DAMAGE



Just above Upper Thames



Butler's Field



Rivertrees, Wargrave Road

BROTHERLEY LOVE

Whilst including some photos I couldn't resist this one - a happy ending to a lost cat story. Marty, owned by Fay from Aston Lane, had been missing for 8 days. He is shown here reunited with his brother.

Editor



and our not so beautiful parish....





Fly-tipping in the upper churchyard and on White Hill

OUT-OF-LOCKDOWN HUMOUR

A fleeing Taliban terrorist, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance.

Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage, only to find a very frail little old Jewish man standing at a small makeshift display rack - selling COVID protection masks.

The Taliban terrorist asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a mask? They are only \$5."

The Taliban shouted hysterically, "Idiot Infidel! I do not need such an over-priced western adornment. I spit on your masks. I need water!"

"Sorry, I have none, just masks - and only \$5."

"Pahh! A curse on your masks! I should wrap one around your scrawny little neck and choke the life out of you but . . . I must conserve my energy and find water!"

"Okay," said the little old Jewish man. "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a mask from me, or that you hate me, threaten my life, and call me infidel. I will show you that I am bigger than any of that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a restaurant. It has the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need. Go In Peace."

Cursing him again, the desperate Taliban staggered away, over the hill.

Several hours later, he crawled back, almost dead, and gasped, "They won't let me in without a mask".



MORE JOKES PLEASE!!

The supply of jokes and cartoons that became a feature of the lockdown has almost dried up, but even though we are now out of lockdown it would be fun to include some occasionally.

Please keep sending them - to

newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

The 1950's - Were they really "The Good Old Days?"

Pasta had not been invented



Curry was a surname
A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower
All crisps were plain. The only real choice was
whether to put the salt on or not
A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter
A Big Mac was something you put on when it was

MacDonald had a farm

Milk came in bottles

Rice was a milk pudding – never ever part of our dinner
Oil was for lubricating, lard was for cooking
Tea was made in a teapot with leaves, and never green
Coffee was camp and came in a bottle
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh
Only Heinz made beans

Fish did not have fingers Lipstick and nail varnish were red, or red

raining

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt

Healthy food was anything edible

If you didn't peel your potatoes, you were regarded as lazy

Indian restaurants were only found in India Cooking outside was called camping

Sugar enjoyed good press, and was regarded as white gold

Prunes were medicinal

Micro-waves were little ripples on the sand

Muesli was readily available, but was called cattle feed

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin, we'd only ever seen pictures of a real one!

Water came from a tap – never in bottles that cost more than petrol But there was one thing we never had on the table in the 50's ... Our elbows!

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