

REMENHAM NEWSLETTER

Remenham Parish Council

Clean Up Day 2023

Meeting at Remenham Parish Hall on
Saturday 25 March 2023 at 9.30am

No 291 – March-April 2023



**ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM
EASTER SERVICES 2023**

Sunday 3 April - Palm Sunday

11.15am sung matins (BCP)

Friday 7 April - Good Friday

12 noon said Matins (BCP)

Sunday 9 April - Easter Day

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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The Remenham Parish Hall Committee is organising a wonderful event to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

PARISH PICNIC

1.00pm, SUNDAY 7 MAY

- Bring your own picnic
- Free bubbles and coronation cake
- Cash bar
- Raffle
- There are some parish gazebos, but not enough, so bring one if you can
- Coronation mugs for all the children until 16

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Offers of help please to Sue Laing - sue@homefarmemail.co.uk - for setting up on Saturday 6th/morning of Sunday 7th and for raffle prizes.

Please let Sue Laing - sue@homefarmemail.co.uk - know if you are planning to attend, with names, and the names and ages of children and grandchildren under 16.

THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

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St Nicholas, Remenham }

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Sidesmen

1st Sunday	Antony Duckett	Rosemary Duckett
2nd Sunday	Hugh Whitfield	Penny Whitfield
3rd Sunday	Charlotte Every	
4th Sunday	John Laing	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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FROM THE EDITOR

There are some very important Remenham events to draw your attention to in this issue.

In date order:

Friday/Saturday 17/18 March, The Letters Evenings - see page 13

Saturday 25 March, The Parish Clean-up - see page 14

Sunday 7 May, Coronation Parish Picnic - see page 3

As well as the usual reports and articles there are two delightful new contributions to enjoy this time - Hugh Whitfield's article on Mediation (page 14) and Paul Cook's transcripts of the late Rev Pettit's reminiscences about Parishioners of the Past (page 18).

Plus of course, last but by no means least ,HAPPY EASTER!!!

Felicity, newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

REMENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Rector	Revd Jeremy Tayler
Charlotte Every	Churchwarden
John Laing	Churchwarden
Mandy Sermon	Secretary
Nigel Gray	Treasurer
Sue Laing, Paul Sermon, Anthony West, Sarah West, Hugh Whitfield	

CHURCH CLEANING

March	Sue Laing	Sarah Tait
	Gillian Murdoch	
April	Lene de Wesselow	Anne Mcdermott

CHURCH FLOWERS

March	LENT (no flowers)	
April	Jayne Gray	Sally- Anne Plunket

PARISH DIARY *(See articles for more information)*

March

Sunday 5th or 12th	The Remenham-based edition of <i>Endeavour</i> (see page 6)
13th 2.30pm	WI meeting, Parish Hall
13th 6.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
Friday/Sat 17th/18th	Letters Evenings, Parish Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm
Friday 24th	Life Saving Courses, Parish Hall
Sat 25th 9.30am	9.30am Parish Litter-pick, Parish Hall

April

2nd 11.15am	Palm Sunday, Sung Mattins, St Nicholas
9th 11.15am	Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, St Nicholas
13th 2.30pm	WI meeting, Parish Hall
17th 6.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
19th 7.00pm	Parish Hall Committee Meeting, Home Farm

Further ahead

Wed 1 March 7.00pm	Parish Hall Committee meeting, Home Farm
Sunday 7 May 2023	Parish Picnic to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III
Monday 15 May 2023	Parish Council Meeting 5.30pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm, Parish Hall
June 27th - July 2nd	Henley Royal Regatta
July 5th-9th	Henley Festival
Sunday 3 September	Remenham Fayre, 2.00pm, Parish Hall and Garden
March 2024	Thespians (probably!)



NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



There is very little to report again from St Nicholas in this issue of the Newsletter. The excitement of Christmas is over, Lent began on Wednesday, and we therefore begin our lead up to the celebration of Easter. You can see details of our Easter services elsewhere in the newsletter. Meanwhile, we continue our usual pattern of services: sung Matins on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays. There is music and singing at all our services.

The summer will be busy at St Nicholas with a large number of weddings booked in – 13 so far, as we continue to catch up with the backlog of ceremonies that was caused by the pandemic.

You may remember that last August an episode of Endeavour, the TV series that is a prequel to Morse was shot in the church, upper graveyard and Parish Hall. This will be one of three episodes in the final series which will be broadcast on three Sundays beginning on 28 February at 8.00pm. We don't know which episode will be the Remenham one, so keep watching!

With best wishes

Handwritten signature of Charlotte Every in blue ink.

Charlotte Every

Handwritten signature of John Laing in black ink.

John Laing

Churchwardens, St Nicholas, Remenham

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

It seems to me that contemporary society has a complicated and uneasy relationship with the human body.

We live our lives increasingly through technology, engaging with the version of reality represented on a screen rather than the space our bodies actually occupy, and relating to people through telephone or computer rather than the people who are physically present to us. There seems to be ever-increasing angst about physical appearance. There appears to be a growing phenomenon of young people feeling at odds with their bodies in profound ways, believing themselves to be “born in the wrong body”, and sometimes seeking major medical interventions as a result. We often speak of our minds and our bodies as if our minds were like a computer operating the sometimes defective machinery of our bodies. We see mind and body, or perhaps soul and body, as being two rather different things, detached and disconnected from one another. Modern science increasingly suggests something very different, with increasing evidence of the profound links between body and mind, and the complex ways in which the health of one impacts on the health of the other.

Many people assume this mind/body dualism to have roots in Christian faith, but this isn't quite right. Mind/body dualism could be found in the ancient Greek philosophical tradition, which had a significant influence both on ancient Judaism and on early Christianity, and this strand of thinking remained strong in the western philosophical tradition: think for example of Descartes' *“I think therefore I am”*. But the bible presents a quite different model. St Paul writes of the body as being the *“temple of the Holy Spirit”*; it is more than a shell or a husk, or mere machinery operated by the computer of the mind. And most profoundly, in the Christmas story we celebrate *“the Word made flesh”*, God's revelation to humanity not in ideas or words but in a whole human being, both body and mind. Similarly at Easter we celebrate a Resurrection which is described in the gospels in physical, bodily terms.

During this season of Lent, Christians have traditionally sought to discipline their bodies through fasting. This may take the form of abstention from meat and other rich foods, and some reduction in the overall quantity of food consumed. This is often misunderstood as coming from a desire to punish the body, or even from a hatred of the body. But in fact the very opposite is true. We have an holistic understand of human life, in which the whole human being is a part of God's work of salvation. It is worth training and disciplining our bodies just as it is worth disciplining and training our minds, because both are loved by God, and both are redeemed through Jesus Christ, *“the Word made flesh”*.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy

REMENHAM W.I.

January

The January meeting for Remenham WI was a busy one! The meeting commenced with presentations from four members for the four proposed NFWI Resolutions; Save Our Water – every drop matters, Women to Women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers, Online Gambling Harm - time for action and Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife. The talks were detailed and informative and raised further points for discussion. Thanks went to Audrey Curtis, Frances Plowman, Anne Francis and Margaret Spratley for their background work.



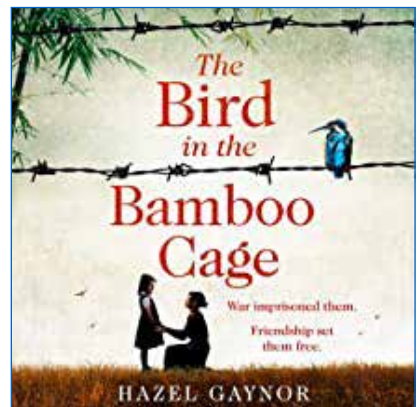
Anne Francis, Pat Sly and Susanna Beard

Afterwards, members enjoyed a delicious tea, during which a literary quiz was distributed and the raffle was drawn, which was won by Judy Palmer.

The Book Club met to discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. This is a fictional account of Anne Morrow Lindebergh, the wife of Charles Lindebergh. Her marriage, her life and her achievements are all covered in this fascinating read which was enjoyed by all members. The next book is *The Bird in the Bamboo Cage* by Hazel Gaynor.

The guest speaker this month was Susanna Beard, a writer of psychological thrillers. Susanna spoke with enthusiasm about her own bumpy journey to becoming an author. She spoke about the ideas for storylines, finding literary agents and the edits and rewrites, all finally leading to the publication of her first novel.

Susanna's fascinating talk led to many questions and discussions from the floor. Susanna also brought copies of her books and gave a brief synopsis of each, after which several copies were bought by members.



February

Remenham's WI February meeting started with a delicious and warming lunch of hot soup, bread, cheese and pate and fresh fruit, provided and served by members of the committee. This was followed by the monthly meeting, where members were given a brief resume of the four NFWI Resolutions after which members voted for their preference. Reminders were given about the subject for March's meeting, "Travels", the good ones the disasters and the memorable ones!

The AGM followed with the adoption of the Minutes, the Financial Statement and the Annual Report. The President thanked all the members of the committee for all their very hard work and support over the past year and also the members for their continued support for Remenham WI. Members of the committee for the coming year are Judy Palmer, Irene Parker, Anne Francis, Pat Sly, Jen Terry and Rosemary Pratt, Daphne Austen is President.

Trophies were awarded to Enid Light for Craft, Daphne Austen for Best Bloom and Photography and Frances Plowman for Art.

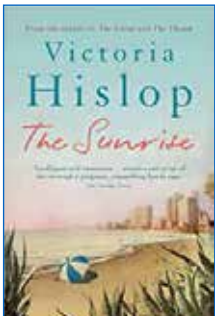
During the meeting several members gathered in the garden behind the Hall, where a tree, a Hoheria was planted in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II. A plaque will be placed beneath the tree in due course

The meeting ended with a light-hearted "Complete the Limerick" session, which produced some fascinating results!



Daphne Austen, Frances Plowman and Enid Light

The Book Club met a few days later to discuss *The Bird in the Bamboo Cage* by Hazel Gaynor. This is set in China in 1941 and is the story of life-changing bonds between a young girl and her teacher after the declaration of war by Japan on the Allies. Many of the members were able to identify with the children in the book, who were kept going under great difficulties by being members of the Guide Company! The next book is *The Sunrise* by Victoria Hislop.

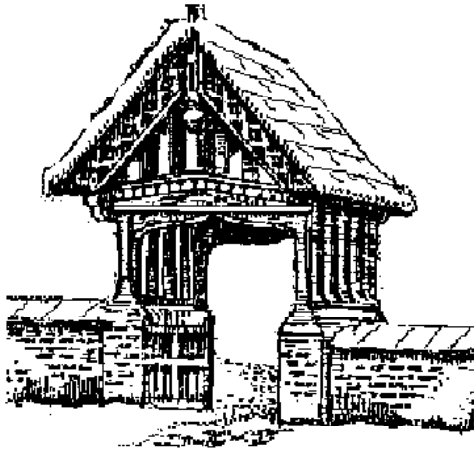


Please call Daphne on 07919 358979 if you would like any information on this WI Group.

Daphne Austen

NOTES FROM REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

February 2023



Well, we are off to a flying start to the year with a second 'notes from' already demanded by our charming and ferociously efficient editor!

So things are warming up a bit. I found myself behind my lawnmower this week for a ridiculously early first cut of the year. The wisteria will soon begin to produce its precious flowers....only to be whacked in a few weeks time by an unseemly and vicious frost. Nature can be cruel sometimes. The many more capable gardeners of Remenham Parish will persevere and triumph in the end....qualities echoed by your valiant team of Parish councillors.

No matter the challenges and frustrations we are presented with we will continue to press on for the benefit of you, our Parishioners.

Our February meeting was successfully chaired by Franky Cookson due to my absence courtesy of holiday commitments.



Gigaclear had been requested to update on their progress. Three work windows were scheduled to conclude by 24th March which they advise will allow connection to properties to begin by end of April. Please ensure you have registered your interest via the Gigaclear website to review the plans on offer. We will all have the choice of staying with our current provider or opting to switch to the full fibre alternative.



To our delight and partial disbelief we now have Wokingham planning approval for the long awaited improvement to the muddy puddles area at the entrance to the Parish Hall. The work is being scheduled for May and access to the hall will be maintained throughout the installation of the new block paviors.

We have agreed to refurbish the oak signs on the towpath and install similar signage on the nature trail along the Wargrave road. Finally, Ferry lane in Aston will also have oak signs to remind visitors to park responsibly.

We met with Wokingham Highways department to highlight a number of outstanding issues. Following the successful installation of double white lines along the Middle Culham stretch of the A4130 pressure has been increased to attend to the disintegrating mid section of Aston Lane. Hopefully some results will be forthcoming and included in future updates.

Other risk reducing works have been requested on overgrown pavements along the A4130.

Please remember our community clear up day scheduled for a 9.30am start at the Parish Hall on Saturday 25th March where safety kit and equipment for litter picking will be available, followed by coffee and cake when the good work is done later in the morning. Our councillor Darrel Poulos has begun planning for the task of cleaning up the many dirty and partially obscured roadsides in the Parish..... clearly targeting a large slice of cake!



So hopefully we will stride into Spring together looking spic and span.

Bill Ronald

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Meetings are currently held in the Parish Hall on the second Monday in the month at 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

Clean Up Day 2023

Meeting at Remenham Parish Hall on
Saturday 25 March 2023 at 9.30am

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing

Please bring along your own litter picker and Hi Vis if you have them otherwise they can be provided while stocks last

Refreshments will be provided

For further details please contact Paul Sermon on 01491 412908 or email clerk4rempc@gmail.com

L♥VE your neighbourhood
Help keep it green!



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



LETTERS EVENINGS

Friday 17 March and Saturday 18 March

Remenham Parish Hall - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

£20 per head

This is a reminder about the Letters evenings

We are following the same format as our original Letters evening in 2019, with tables for 4 people, refreshments and of course a cash bar. £20 per head, to raise funds for The King Charles III shed at our much loved Parish Hall. *(This is to be a shed to enable us to offer the Hall to groups such as Mothers and Toddlers, who need storage for their equipment.)*

We are delighted to say that we have been able to release a few more tickets, but YOU NEED TO BE QUICK! Please **contact Allan as soon as possible with your ticket requests** allanhenderson@me.com.

*Ann Burley, Allan Henderson, Felicity Rutland
and a team of other wonderful people*



MEDIATION

*Some of you will have seen the article about Mediation in the recent edition of 'Round and About' - written by our very own Hugh Whitfield. I was intrigued and invited Hugh to tell us more, by answering a number of my curious questions, which he has very kindly done. **Editor***

MEDIATION - HUGH WHITFIELD



For a number of years I have been receiving instructions from solicitors to act as a medical expert witness in cases of alleged medical negligence and for claims made by people injured after accidents. I had become increasingly concerned that the focus had shifted from the injured person. The aggressively confrontational approach between the legal teams for the claimant and for the defendant generated fees for lawyers (and for medical experts like me) but all too often led the claimant along a stressful and lengthy litigation process, the outcome of which was unpredictable. For example, in cases of alleged

medical negligence, one third of the claimants receive no compensation. After the Event (ATE) insurance ensured that the lawyers were not often out of pocket even when the claimant had been awarded nothing. When compensation was awarded, the claimant could find that they were responsible for some of the costs. In other types of civil litigation the same confrontational approach occurs.

Some five years ago I decided to take a course on mediation. For me, this was a 'Road to Damascus' experience'. Having qualified as a mediator I have been able to apply the skills that I learned in a wide variety of scenarios.

Mediation is one form of alternative dispute resolution that does not involve litigation. It is entirely voluntary. Although mediation is not legally binding, it can be if the participants so wish. The Ministry of Justice is consulting to see whether it should become mandatory in many areas of civil litigation.

Disputes between participants can be settled in very many different situations, financial, contractual, landlord/tenant, family, probate, workplace, neighbour and employment disputes, divorce settlements, disputes between residents and their families in care homes and nursing homes, as well as medical negligence and accident claims.

The participants need to agree to go to mediation and to choose a mediator. Mediators are trained to explore avenues for settlement. They are completely impartial. The success rate is more than 90%.

If there are any disadvantages it is that there is no 'winner'. By the same token there is no 'loser'. Neither party will come away with everything that they had wanted but they will have participated in and have ownership of the outcome, rather than have a decision imposed on them.

Other great advantages are that the costs will be known in advance and are limited to the mediator's fee and the hire of a venue for the meeting. Each participant may be accompanied by whoever they like, a family member, a friend, a lawyer or all three. Mediation meetings commonly last half a day or a full day.

If no agreement is reached participants can pursue litigation. Nothing that has been said at the time of a mediation meeting can be used during the litigation process.

For more information contact me. I am always happy to discuss your situation. There will be no fee for this.

Hugh Whitfield

07462 561409 or mediation@whitfield.uk.net

Supplementary message to the Editor from Hugh: *'I have answered most of your questions in what I have written. I can't say how much time it takes as it varies from week to week. To become a mediator you have to have been on a course and then paid a subscription to one of the four main organisations (actually they are businesses). CEDR, Civil Mediation Council, Society of Mediators and Clerksrooms all offer a 'stamp of approval' after you have shown that you have been on a course and had an annual update (preferably by them) and paid your money. CEDR do not recognise the training offered by anybody but themselves. So the rivalry between them all is intense. None of them will guarantee you work! The only mediation that I have done through the Society of Mediators, with whom I trained, was a free Mediation project in the Royal Courts of Justice for two months in the summer, as part of an initiative to reduce the backlog in the County Courts of small claims and some fast track ones. It was organisationally a shambles, so I thought better not to go there! I mediate with Resolve Mediation in Reading and they do not charge a fee for being on their books, but they do charge for update courses! The MoJ has used/abused the term of mediation by arranging for some court officials (exactly what level I do not know) to offer "mediation" over the phone to one party at a time without there being a joint meeting. As with pretty well everything the politics are convoluted!!*

Whilst on the subject of Hugh Whitfield - Hugh has initiated what is now a series of Life Saving Courses at the Parish Hall. (It was just going to be one, then two, but both were almost instantly oversubscribed, and plans are now place for a third.) See below. As Hugh says *'Most of us know of unexpected events that have been life threatening. They can affect people of all ages. When the event is closer to home we may be motivated to take a Life Saving Course. These courses are now available.'* **Editor**

LIFE SAVING COURSES

A Life Saving Course is available at Remenham Parish Hall on Friday 24th March, probably at 1.00pm. This is a three hour course that will cover CPR at different ages, drowning, hypothermia, shock, choking, anaphylaxis and aspects of trauma.

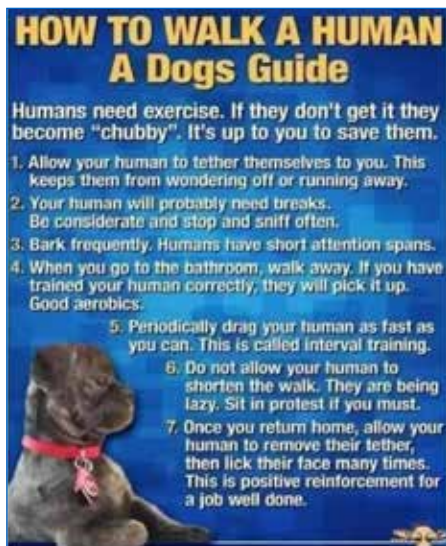
The numbers are limited to 14 to ensure that all participants can become involved.

The cost is £40.00 per person. All participants will receive a Certificate and a booklet.

To reserve a place please phone Hugh Whitfield on 0118 940 2119 or 07887 876 970 or email: hughwhitfield99@gmail.com

All places on the course on 3 March were taken up within 36 hours, and the next one on 24 March was also very quickly oversubscribed. Places are still available on a second course on 24 March. More courses can and will be arranged, depending on demand.

A TOUCH MORE HUMOUR (to fill the space)



A TOUCH OF HUMOUR

Did I read that sign right? - Where were the proof readers?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:(I certainly hope so): ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES

Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter: This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote it. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash: Expert Says Really? You reckon?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers: Now that's taking things a bit far!

to be continued in the next issue

PARISHIONERS OF THE PAST- PART I

Having finished turning out his father's desk, Paul Cook has transcribed and typed up some reminiscences from the late Rev. Pettit, and thought they might be of interest to readers of the newsletter. I'm sure he's right as they make fascinating reading, with some familiar names. This is the first part of these and the second part will be published in the next issue.

Editor

"The death of dear Christine (Heaven) Fitzgerald of Green Isle a few months back, was always a sadness to me. Though I could but not rejoice that she had gone to join her beloved Maurice. But the death too, brought back to me memories of my very first Parochial Church Council when I came to Remenham in 1949, for she was the last member of it to be still actively worshipping at Remenham Church.

What a splendid body of people they were, all so able and experienced. Their memories deserve to be perpetuated, and I will, if my recollection serves me right, try to recall them all. What they could have thought of the youngish Parson shot from a distant Welsh parish into their midst I do not know, for they were for the most part far older and wiser than myself. If they had doubts there were kind enough to keep them to themselves.

First and foremost was Mrs Jeakes of Marsh Mills, who was the epitome of wisdom and shrewd, sound good sense. I had, quite frankly an enormous admiration for her.

Everything she said was to the point and with wit and good humour. But with this too, she was so kind and thoughtful and generous to me and my young family with sudden unexpected surprises. I thought her, and still think of her as a wonderful woman and count it my good fortune to have met her.

Mr Jeakes, whose memorial tablet is in the church, was already failing when I came. He had been a splendid man and such a great servant of his church. I always wished I had had more time to know him. By Mrs Jeakes' generosity I inherited a great part of his library, the library of a well read and cultivated gentleman. But her gift was typical of a very gracious lady.

Then there was Major and Mrs Rhodes of Common Barn. The Major was a soldier to his fingertips but he and Mrs Rhodes were Remenham to their fingertips too. The Major had taken a very active part in local politics and was, I believe, a leading force, if not the leading force in the old Remenham agricultural shows. He did not live long enough for me to get to know him as well as I should have.

Mrs Rhodes was a delight and such fun to be with. When I first came she was compelled to use walking sticks to get about. Afterwards there had to be a wheelchair. Yet with all her pain, I never remember a single word of complaint from her. What Major and Mrs Rhodes' achievements were when young I do not know. They seemed to me to have been everywhere and seen everything. I fancy Mrs Rhodes had run a hospital at one time in the war years (1st world war). She was certainly a visitor to Broadmoor for many years. But to visit her when she was greatly confined to home was one of my main pleasures in Remenham and she gave me many entertaining hours.

Colonel and Mrs Rivers Moore lived on Remenham Hill. Mrs Rivers Moore was a sister of Dr Staines Read, our local doctor, and a semi invalid for most of the time I knew her. Colonel Rivers Moore was a character. As an ex sapper he could turn his hand to anything. He cut the church lawns, swept and unblocked an unyielding chimney for us, rolled our own rectory lawn into proper order. Any practical difficulty, call Colonel Rivers Moore was the motto of the rectory and he was there. At the same time he had other arts. The tapestry he had done was if I remember rightly, remarkably fine. I think he had tackled it whilst in a hospital bed. His construction model of Hurley Priory was really something. He had been resident in Ladye Place Hurley, before coming to Remenham and had conducted extensive explorations of its ancient site and finally I believe became Chairman or President of the Berkshire Archaeological Society. He sang in the choir somewhat robustly, and could get a surprisingly moving and plaintive tune from the saw. A smart and upright man with absolutely no side. He was never absent from church – as regular as clockwork – and I missed him greatly when he left the parish.

Miss Marjorie Ansell of Remenham Terrace was our secretary and one of the nicest and kindest of people; always charitable, always seeing the best in everyone. I have to confess that sometimes I played a little game with an unsuspecting Marjorie. When, in the early days she drove me to practice with the Remenham Singers, I would find fault deliberately with someone just for the joy of waiting for the moment, which I knew would come when Marjorie would speak up in defence and find some excuse for whoever it was. That is if she could not come up with something nice. It never failed – not once. As I said, she was the kindest of people. Latterly, she came I thought, to dislike heartily the world she lived in as it was portrayed by the radio and newspapers and indeed it was alien to her gentle spirit.

(to be continued in the next issue)

You may think that I have looked at all these my friends with rose coloured spectacles. I can only reply that I wrote as I saw."

Rev Pettit

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!**

Suitable jokes and cartoons are also more than welcome!

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.

Please also send feedback about the newsletter - is it what you want? I get very few comments and would really like to know what you enjoy/don't enjoy/would like to see.

Editor - newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Months	Deadlines for Contributors	Approx. Dates for Distribution
Jan-Feb 2023	Friday 6 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023
Mar-Apr 2023	Friday 24 February 2023	Friday 3 March 2023
May-Jun 2023	Friday 21 April 2023	Friday 28 April 2023
July-Aug 2023	Friday 23 June 2023	Friday 30 June 2023
Sept-Oct 2023	Friday 18 August 2023	Friday 25 August 2023
Nov-Dec 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Friday 3 November 2023
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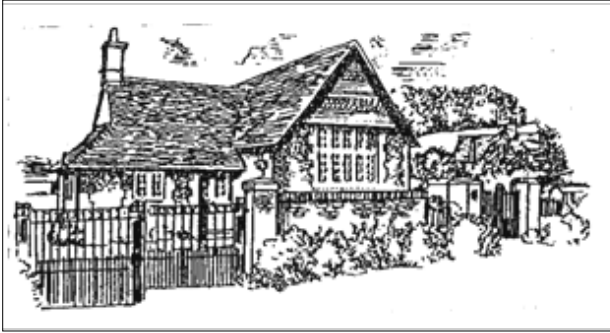
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WHATSAPP LOCAL GROUPS

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For further information and bookings contact
Pat Sly, 01491 577925
patsly@tinyworld.co.uk or
remenhamhall@remenhamparish.org.uk

REMENHAM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

email address: remenhamhall@remenhamparish.org.uk

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plus, currently co-opted, Claire Fletcher, Melissa Davies, Tina Jacobs and Jan Watson

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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.

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