

REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



The overnight flooding on 28 November beautifully captured by Enda Cahill

No 301– December 2024 - February 2025



**2024 CHRISTMAS SERVICES
ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM**

Sunday 22 December

11.15am said Matins (BCP)

4.00pm candlelit service of nine lessons and carols
followed by mulled wine and mince pies
in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

11.15am said Matins (BCP)

9.00pm candlelit Holy Communion with carols
(BCP)

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

11.15am children's service
with Holy Communion and carols

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FROM THE EDITOR *NB All the website and email links are live - just click for access*

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Remenham Newsletter. In particular you will find a wonderful write-up of the hugely successful Fayre, the activities of our hard-working Parish Council and information about the Christmas festivities at St Nicholas. Congratulations on the success of both the Quiz night and the Poppy Appeal. Do read the WI report - the range of activities of this lively group of people is impressive - what fun they seem to have! The story of the Aston Telephone box library is enchanting, an example of the power of a community project, and please note the advance notice of the third Letters Evening.

Please also note the need for financial support for our church, where the electrical system has been condemned. I am sure that even those who are not regular church-goers may well want to help protect this wonderful building that is so central to our community.

Felicity, newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

PARISH DIARY *(See articles for more information)*

December

- 8th 11.15am Patronal Service, St Nicholas, Holy Communion followed by drinks
9th 2.30pm WI Meeting, Parish Hall
9th 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall
22nd 4.00pm Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Nicholas, followed by mulled wine and mince pies
24th 9.00pm Candlelit Holy Communion with carols, St Nicholas
25th 11.15am Children's Service, Holy Communion with carols, St Nicholas

January

- 8th 7.00pm Remenham Parish Hall Committee, Parish Hall
13th 2.30pm WI Meeting, Parish Hall
13th 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall

February

- 10th 2.30pm WI Meeting, Parish Hall
10th 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall

Further ahead

28th/29th March Letters Evenings, Parish Hall

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Months

Mar-May 2025

June-August 2025

Sept-Nov 202

Dec 2025-Feb 2026

Deadlines for Contributors

Monday 24 February 2025

Monday 26 May 2025

Monday 25 August 2025

Monday 1 December 2025

Approx. Dates for Distribution

Friday 28 February 2025

Friday 30 May 2025

Friday 29 August 2025

Friday 5 December 2025



We were all winners - Remenham Fayre beat the odds and the sun shone again!

Thank you for your participation, your enthusiasm, your generosity in donating to the Tombola and the stalls and for your sense of fun and commitment to our community, which is after all, what the Fayre is all about.

And we were thrilled to have a few new faces working the stalls and helping in the weeks before the Fayre.

We loved Luna's dart for the BBQ, our adorable Fancy Dress Olympians, Zoe the gymnast and Mya the swimmer, and the new Cocktail/Mocktail class in the Produce and Arts Competition.

And we were not alone - even the Henley Standard reported warmly on our Paris(h) Olympics.



The Dog Show kicked off the day and we are grateful to Carol Crowdy and her team from WoOfits Walkies who had the enviable task of choosing winners from the most adorable group of dogs. Our overall show winner is shown here with his very talented young dog handler.

The children's stalls this year had a bit of a revamp and feedback was that this was a welcome change.

So also was having the Arts and Produce entries displayed in the garden with a good number of entries. Thank you to Mandy, Paul and Allan for your expert judging.



We always pack a lot into the day and whilst 2023 was too crammed, 2024 was too long though thankfully Bill managed not to lose his voice thanks to the tea and cake flowing from the WI stall! Next year, we will aim for somewhere in between.



Finishing the day with the Tug of War always seems to rejuvenate us and the winning team this year is shown here

The Fayre raised a total of £2,212.

The Parish Hall Committee looks forward to seeing you all again next year.....

In case you never quite heard or have forgotten, here are the results of the competitions:

		1ST	2ND	3RD	CUP
A Fruit and Vegetables					Kelly Cleaver
1	Mammoth Vegetable	Kelly Cleaver	Peter Lowe	David Morgan	
2	Bouquet garni from home grown herbs	Kelly Cleaver	Madeline Duffy	Krista Lowe	
3	3 home-grown fruits or vegetables either all the same or a mix. Please include a note with details of the gardener's experience eg novice grower or child's gardening or experienced gardener	David Morgan	Krista Lowe	Kelly Cleaver	
B Floral Displays					Kerry Cleaver
4	An arrangement from the hedgerow	Kelly Cleaver	Martha Lowe		
5	A single rose in a vase	Madeline Duffy	Bob Nancarrow	Sarah West	
6	Floral display in any container of any style (unconventional welcome)	Sarah West	Kelly Cleaver	Peter Lowe	
7	Tallest Sunflower (bring it with you or bring a photo with you beside it)	Kelly Cleaver			
C Baking and Cooking					Madeline Duffy
8	5 Jam Tarts (Children's class)	Martha Lowe	Dyllon Cleaver		
9	Multi-generational sweet-bake (any sweet cake or tray bake baked by 2 generations (not necessarily related))	Pru and Ada	Ava and Martha Lowe	Kelley Cleaver and Dyllon	
10	5 Olympic themed biscuits	Madeline Duffy	Kelly Cleaver	Enda Cahill	
11	A jar of homemade preserves eg. Pickles, Jam, Marmalade, Curd	Madeline Duffy	Zoe and Mya Binney	Pru	
D Arts and Crafts					Zoe Binney
12	Mr Potato Head	-			
13	Embroidered, knitted or fabric animal	Kerry Cleaver	-	-	
14	Peg doll	-			
15	Drawing or painting (Children's class)	Zoe Binney	Ada Stevens Sly	Mya Binney	
16	A Photo, painting or drawing of Remenham showing its natural beauty	Russell Cleaver	-	-	
E Drinks					
17	Cocktail with garnishing	Mark Stevens	Madeline Duffy		
18	Mocktail with garnishing	Madeline Duffy			

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM

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ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 11.15AM

First Sunday	Matins (BCP)		
Second Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP)		
Third Sunday	Matins (BCP)		
Fourth Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP)		
Fifth Sunday	Matins (BCP)		
Sidesmen	First Sunday	Antony & Rosemary Duckett	
	Second Sunday	Hugh & Penny Whitfield	Tim Came
	Third Sunday	Charlotte Every	Anne McDermott
	Fourth Sunday	John & Sue Laing	Frances Plowman
	Fifth Sunday	John & Sue LaingLaing	

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

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Charlotte Every, Sue Laing, Paul Sermon, Hugh Whitfield, Anne McDermott, Frances Plowman

CHURCH CLEANING

December	Penny Whitfield	Jayne Gray	
January	Rosemary Duckett	Minnie Wilson	Jenny Morrow
February			

CHURCH FLOWERS

December	Advent	
January	Penny Whitfield	Sally-Anne Plunket
February		

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS



St Nicholas Church in the winter

It has been all go at St Nicholas this autumn. We celebrated harvest with a service in church with magnificent flowers – many thanks to all our flower arrangers. The Harvest Supper, which was very well attended, was held in the Parish Hall on Friday 27 September. The Hall looked splendid with flowers and lights on all the tables and a good time was had by all. Again, many thanks to all those who provided cottage pies and apple crumbles.

On 16th November we had the Remenham Quiz. We squeezed 67 people into the Parish Hall, fed everyone with Fish and Chips and Mini-Magnums and our lovely Quiz Master, Phil Chappell, asked lots of very difficult questions. The highlight was the picture round in honour of our Rector...who knew there were so many famous Jeremy's? The winning team was 'The Length of the Lane', made up of Enda and Madeline Cahill, Janette and Neil Brown and Angie Emerson. Congratulations all. It was lovely to see so many locals - we raised £1926 on the night which was a great result. Thank you all for joining in and see you at the next event.

Our monthly work parties in the Upper Graveyard began again in September after a Regatta/summer break and, for the time being, the grass, nettles etc are under control and it's all looking very neat and tidy, so we have decided to have a winter break until the early spring when everything starts growing again. Nick Austen has continued his magnificent work mowing the part of the graveyard where there aren't yet any graves, for which we are extremely grateful – thank you Nick.

December is always a busy month in church: you can see details of our Christmas services elsewhere in the Newsletter, but we kick off our festivities with our Patronal Festival on Sunday 8 December which is the nearest Sunday to St Nicholas day (6 December). There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.15am followed by drinks in church so do come along and help us celebrate our patron.

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On a gloomier note, earlier in the autumn the lights in church began to flicker and the electrical system started to trip. On inspection by the electricians, it became obvious that the wiring in church is in a terrible state, most probably not touched for 60 or 70 years, and is too dangerous to ignore. Therefore, we have no choice but to rewire the church as a matter of urgency, the cost of which is £35,000 and cannot be put off. Please, if you can, donate to our lighting fund so we can do this essential work and carry on using St Nicholas. You can donate by bank transfer to account number 50745782, account name Remenham Parochial Church Council, sort code 20-39-53 using the reference surname/electrics or by cheque, made payable to Remenham Parochial Church Council, and sent to Nigel Gray, Treasurer, Remenham Farmhouse, Remenham Lane, Henley on Thames, RG9 3DB. Please add GA to your reference if you are eligible for gift aid. Any donation, however large Any donation, however large or small would be so much appreciated, so that we can preserve and enhance this very special community asset at the heart of Remenham.



John Laing - Churchwarden



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.

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PARISH MAILING LIST

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.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Remenham friends,

From my point-of-view at least there is a certain irony to the season of Advent. In Christian tradition Advent has always been a time of waiting and expectation; a waiting and expectation associated as much with the idea of the second coming of Jesus as with the celebration of Christmas. Advent is an austere season: flowers are removed from church buildings, and in some traditions at least it is a time of fasting. And so at this time of year the contrast with the secular world, and the world of retail in particular, is marked. Christmas seems to begin earlier every year, and the sense of Advent as a time of waiting and expectation is lost. And yet, whether you are religious or not, I think we can all relate to the importance of waiting, the significance of looking forward to something good, and the value of hope.

I think it's safe to say that we could have happily waited very much longer for our church building to need completely rewiring! We're just hoping that everything will keep going through our Advent and Christmas services – there has been a certain amount of ominous flickering of lights – before the necessary works can be undertaken through the quieter weeks of January. Needless to say this is going to be an expensive business; we've been quoted £35,000. It's a lot of money for a small parish to find, and we are grateful for the support of the wider community.

At St Nicholas Church we are offering the same programme of Christmas services as in previous years; details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter (*pages 2 and 3*). I very much look forward to seeing many of you there.

In the meantime, I wish you all a blessed Advent, and a very happy Christmas... when it comes!

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy

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.

NOTES FROM REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



November 2024

Final report of the year! This must mean Christmas is round the corner.

Another year has flown past. I hope it has treated our readers well and everyone is able to find some joy arising from being a resident of this lovely little corner of England. With only a soupçon of guilt I have been in warmer climes for a couple of weeks and understand the weather has been against us yet again. I'm expecting a soggy garden with far fewer leaves on the trees. Hopefully this heralds some cool crisp days ahead and if our conscience allows it (mine does) the

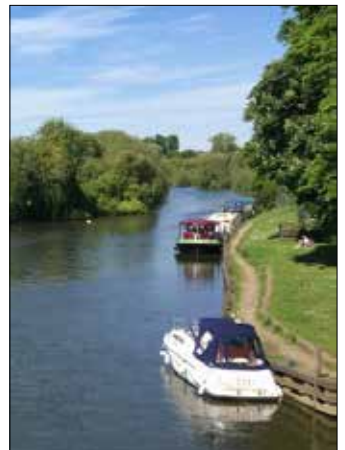
prospect of watching some logs burning in the grate.

No burning fires in RPC but your councillors have been busy attending to numerous local issues and opportunities over the last couple of months

On the planning front we have been engaging on two topics where we have asked WBC planning department for guidance and support. In November we welcomed Jason Varley, director of planning enforcement to our meeting for a 'teach in' on planning enforcement. We feel it is important that all local planning matters are able to take account of the protection of our green belt and riverside environment. With a series of applications from the Malmesbury estate we are asking WBC to ensure that planning guidelines have been applied consistently with other projects in the parish.

We have also been seeking advice on how best to ensure that boat owners do not begin to moor at Remenham on a permanent basis. Local residents and RPC want to ensure the amenity of this beautiful stretch of river is maintained for the benefit of all. Our objective is to ensure no boat owner overstays the agreed maximum 14 day window and we believe we can deliver on this supported by WBC planning officers.

We also reviewed quotes for repair and reinstatement of the Aston slipway at the bottom of Ferry lane. This slipway has been deteriorating over a number of years and we believe there are good safety grounds to improve the access to the river here. We also have community infrastructure grants which will cover the majority of the costs. These monies fall into the 'use it or loose it' category so RPC continues to push ahead with its plan.



We are expecting a consultation document from WBC licensing committee on the cumulative impact assessment of events in Remenham parish which should enable us to feedback suggestions on how to better manage the multiple events occurring in our Parish. Ensuring organisers have well managed traffic plans is a priority here.



Dog waste bin management has reared its ugly head again as the incumbent contractor responsible for emptying the bins has been sold. Our trusty clerk, Paul Sermon is implementing a contingency solution to prevent overfilled bins whilst a permanent contract is agreed with help from WBC.

Poor Paul has also been tasked with managing the three streetlights in the Parish which have been historically billed to us through SSE at significant cost. Perseverance pays and I am delighted to report success on this project as we have agreed to cancel our SSE contract

We are now investigating a more sustainable solution of solar powered lighting if required.

As we exit 2024 older and wiser than we entered it (well certainly the former) I would like to close by thanking anyone who manages to read as far as this and to wish all a very Happy Christmas as we prepare to bound into 2025.

Best Wishes,

Bill Ronald
Chair, Remenham Parish Council

Possible Nursery for 1-4 year olds at the Parish Hall?

The Parish Hall Committee has been approached by an established group of Nurseries about the possibility of running a Nursery for 20 or so 1-4 year olds at the Parish Hall from September 2025. The Committee is generally receptive to the proposal, which is to be discussed by the Parish Council at its meeting on Monday 9 December. There are many details and implications to consider. Any local residents who would like to hear more or who would like to contribute to the discussion would of course be very welcome to attend.

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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.

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - REMENHAM, WARGRAVE AND RUSCOMBE
Wayne Smith

MP for Wokingham, following the boundary changes, elected at the General Election:
Clive Jones (Liberal Democrat).

Richard Fletcher - Tributes from Remenham Parish Council

Richard was the Deputy Chairman of Remenham Parish Council for about fifteen years. He was hugely valued for his sound judgement and good sense. On many occasions in private he encouraged a change of direction and policy, which resulted in the right course of action. He was greatly missed by me as Chairman, in a personal and professional sense, when he felt it was time to retire. ***John Halsall, former Chairman***

At the start of its November meeting Remenham Parish Council reflected on the many contributions made by the late Richard Fletcher. He was a long-standing and valued Deputy Chair of the Parish Council and was active in the life of the Parish and Henley-on-Thames more widely. ***Paul Sermon, Clerk to RPC***

Richard was always kind and willing to talk to me on Arts Appreciation coach trips with Phyllis Court, and we would talk about the Parish Council. ***John Merkel, fellow Councillor***

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD FLETCHER



As a valued member of the local Parish, it is with great sadness to say Richard Fletcher passed away on 21st April 2024 aged 87, peacefully but most unexpectedly.

Richard grew up in Heston, Middlesex and as a young boy enjoyed the hustle and bustle of his journey to school in London. He attended Trinity College Oxford, studying Classics on an open Scholarship and then chose to pursue a career as a Solicitor. He spent his entire career with a City of London Firm called Richards Butler, whom he became a Partner at in 1969. The firm happened to specialise in a niche legal area which included film and television financing, production and distribution, copyright, book publishing and similar matters, all on an international basis. This enabled Richard to work alongside some entities such as the Rank Organisation, MGM, Columbia Pictures and the BBC.

A few household names he dealt with include Richard Burton (in his last years), Stanley Kubrick (film director), Norman

Jewison (film director) and Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais (TV writers - "PORRIDGE" hence the surname of the character in the show, "AUF WIEDERSEHEN PET", "THE LIKELY LADS".)

Richard and his late wife May moved to Henley on Thames in 1979 and had 2 daughters: Juliet and Veronica. He enjoyed getting involved with things locally with charities and as church warden. He loved living by the river and watching the boats go by.

In 2022, due to ill health, he moved to be nearer his daughter Veronica and his only grandson Cooper. He enjoyed life at Ridley Manor Care Home and spent time revisiting his love of watercolour painting, socializing with staff and residents, reading and jazz music.

Richard is now at rest with May in the upper cemetery at Remenham Church, overlooking the peaceful views of the Thames.

Richard Michael Francis Fletcher

3rd April 1937 – 21st April 2024

Greatly missed by all that knew him.

Contributed by Richard's daughter Veronica, and also published in the Henley Standard

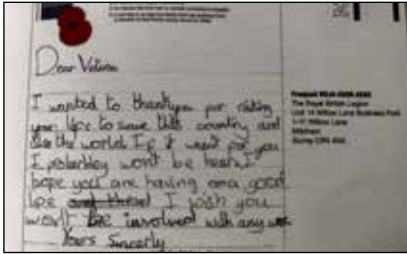
REMENHAM W.I.

September

Remenham WI were pleased to welcome Colin Edwards from the Royal British Legion, to their meeting in September. Colin reminded us about the origin of the poppies and how the Royal British Legion supports serving and ex-serving personnel of the British Forces. This support helps veterans with mobility aids, 24-hour care 'phones, as well as home and hospital visits. The Legion also, amongst many other avenues, helps families through moving home and schools due to family postings.



Colin showed our members all the different poppies which are available and which are now recyclable, including the wooden Star of David, the Buddhist tribute and Crescent tribute, all of which now have printed poppies in the wood. He then spoke about all the work that goes into raising the much-needed funds for the British Legion.



It was a fascinating afternoon and members are now creating a “Poppy Collage”, which will be on display in November. (See opposite page.)

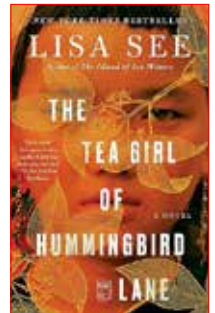
Members later met up at Toad Hall Garden Centre for a very chatty coffee and cake morning. This proved to be another delightful occasion to catch up on all the news!

The Book Club met to discuss *The Girl in His Shadow*, which was enjoyed by everyone and the group will be meeting again shortly to discuss their current book, which is *The Tea Girl of Humming Bird Lane*, by Lisa See. This is the story of women’s struggles in minority-ethnic and rural Chinese cultures, combined with the fascinating history of the tea trade.



October

Remenham WI were sent back a few decades of time at their meeting in October. They recalled singers and groups of the forties, fifties and sixties, remembering Ray Conniff, Perry Como, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Vera Lynn, Glenn Miller and Bert Kaempfert among many others. Musicals and their songs also brought back many happy memories. Members were then challenged to recall the title of many songs, with just a few bars to which to listen. The tunes were known but oh, what was the name of the song?! Two members then took it in turn to play against each other, clues being given by other members were not always helpful but were very amusing! Prizes were of course given for correct answers along the way!





Another delicious tea was enjoyed and the raffle was won by Irene Parker.

The Book Club met to discuss their latest read, Mrs Harris Goes to Paris, by Paul Gallico, a light-hearted book about a London char-lady who dreams of owning a Dior dress.

A party of members, later in the month, travelled to Stowe Gardens to visit the For Your Tomorrow art work, which was created by Dan Barton. Some members decided to walk to and from the memorial exhibition, while others opted for the land train, which passed several avenues, temples and lakes on the way. This memorial installation consists of 1,475

silhouettes, dedicated to soldiers, sailors and airmen killed in the D-Day landing in 1944. Two nurses have also been included, who died while helping to save 75 men from a hospital ship. It was an amazing and thought-provoking sight set in wonderful surroundings in Stowe's Grecian Valley and the beautiful autumn colours in all directions were also appreciated by everyone. The People's Tribute is open until 11th. November.



For Your Tomorrow
memorial display in Stowe Gardens

Later, the group had a delightful and cheery lunch in a nearby inn.



The Poppy
Collage
created by WI
members in the
October meeting

November

There was a polite queue of ladies for the 2/6d seats at the November meeting of the Remenham WI. The Parish Hall had been turned into a cinema for the afternoon and the film being shown was the 1984 "A Private Function", starring among others, Maggie Smith and Michael Palin. Cinema organ music was playing loudly, as the usherette extraordinaire showed members to their seats. The audience appreciated the humour of this classic film and enjoyed their ice creams during the interval!

After the showing, a cinema tea of hotdogs and coleslaw followed by fruit trifles was served. It was voted to be a thoroughly entertaining and very different afternoon.



**Jen Terry the usherette
extraordinaire**



Caroline enjoying her dessert!

Members were also

able to see the completed poppy collage they had created at an earlier meeting. (See previous page.)

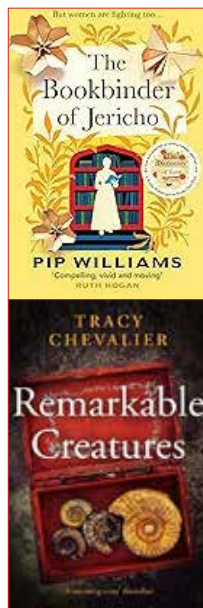
On the first cold night of the winter, four Remenham members took part in the BFWI Quiz at Knowl Hill. Following an enjoyable fish and chip supper, everyone settled down to answer questions from the six categories, including Green/Current Affairs and Berkshire History, together with a Dingbat sheet to complete. It was declared to be a fun evening in good company and congratulations to Woosehill who were the winning team.

A few days later the Book Club met in front of a crackling log fire. Everyone had enjoyed The

Bookbinder from Jericho and it resulted in much discussion. Some book copies had a map of Oxford with all the relevant places highlighted which proved to be interesting. The next read is Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier.

For more information about this group, please call Daphne on 07919 358979.

Daphne Austen





THANK YOU

for supporting the 2024 Poppy Appeal
which makes a real difference for our
Armed Forces community.

We had eleven poppy boxes around Remenham and the amount raised also included the collection taken in St Nicholas Church on Remembrance Sunday as well as a most generous cheque.

£1340.25

In addition, this year we had large QR signs on both the money boxes and the poppy boxes so that those who wished could make a donation that way. Last year the QR signs were smaller and Remenham's QR donations increased our total by £41. It is at present too early for our QR figures for 2024 to come through. However, when received, that figure will be added to our £1340.25 and I will then be able to let you all have our final total for 2024.

You may be interested to know that our recent totals have been:

2022 £1278.81

2023 £1277.98

2024 £1340.25 (with QR donations to be added)

Well done everyone and thank you for all your support.

Pat Sly

Remenham Poppy Appeal Organiser

Thank you to Pat!



The above summary of the amount raised in Remenham for the Poppy Appeal shows a fantastic result. Very many thanks to Pat Sly from the Remenham Community for coordinating this. We look forward to hearing if the already record result has been further enhanced by any QR donations.



***A Fresh Start for an Old Friend -
the Aston Lane Library***

The iconic red K6 phone box at the top of Aston Lane has undergone a remarkable transformation. Thanks to Remenham Parish Council, this beloved landmark has been restored and repurposed as the Aston Lane Library, a book exchange for the community.



Before the renovation



***Before the renovation, inside
the phone box***



***The finished result with L. Newman Carpentry
Photographer Paul Sermon***



Under the Northern Lights

The Aston Lane Library is a testament to the power of community and the importance of preserving our local heritage.

Remenham Parish Council hopes residents and visitors alike will use and admire this on their travels and reflect on how communications have changed. So please do visit, take a book, leave a book and enjoy!

This project including photographs has been documented by Claire Fletcher-Hobbs.



The finished phone box

LETTERS LIVE!



Remenham's first 'Letters Evening' in 2019 was sold out and hugely successful, and was followed by two evenings in 2023, also sold out and hugely successful - so it is now a tradition that will continue in 2025!

Two evenings of letter readings by the great and the good of Remenham (plus a few others!) are planned for Friday and Saturday 29th/30th March.

Allan Henderson was the original mastermind behind this, and Ann Burley is now carrying it forward, with her flair for creativity and love of literature.



As many of you will remember, this was originally inspired by 'Letters Live' at the Royal Albert Hall, described as

'a celebration of the enduring power of literary correspondence, live events where remarkable letters are read by a diverse array of outstanding performers'.

**This is a format now repeated all over the world by professional actors and amateurs alike
- see <https://letterslive.com/>**



PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

Ann Burley
(email: annieb2212@me.com)
(with behind the scenes support from Allan Henderson and Felicity Rutland)



REMENHAM PARISH HALL



Normal hire charge: £25.00 per hour (minimum two hour booking).
Commercial hiring charges by negotiation

The charges include the use of tables and all kitchen equipment except the crockery and cutlery which attract an additional fee depending on requirements. Local residents may hire the tables, chairs, etc for use at their own homes.

For further information and bookings contact:

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REMENHAM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

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Pat Sly	
Janette Brown	
Charlotte Jefferies	

Others are also co-opted from time to time.

PROPOSED NEW SHED FOR PARISH HALL

As many of you will be aware, we have been fund-raising for a new shed for the Parish Hall. One of the main purposes is to provide space for storing equipment for such things as a parent/toddler group. Planning and fund-raising continues - we're nearly there!!

CHRISTMAS HUMOUR!



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