



Burpham & Wepham News

The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, August 2018

Dear Friends,

Well! It sometimes doesn't seem possible that I have been your vicar for more than a year! The time seems to have shot past. It has been a year of learning and exploring for Ronald and me! We now very much feel that Burpham is home for us. We thank you all for the welcome which has made us feel part of the community – a varied and interesting one, given that some are permanent residents, some weekenders and some holiday makers! And whichever category you think you belong to, what is important to remember is that we are indeed a single village community. That we have diverse interests, diverse skills and diverse needs is irrelevant when we are willing to join together in community to get to know and support one another in all sorts of ways. Jesus' message was that he had not come to change any laws but to fulfil them. His simple instruction was this: Love God and love one another as He loved us.

I hope that our patronal festival will enable us to gather together to enjoy that sense of community which is what living in a village is all about. Full details of the weekend of 17th, 18th and 19th August are set out in the newsletter, so put the dates in your diary and come along and join in as we continue to get to know one another in community. After all, it is in community that lasting relationships are forged and warm and loving relationships are nurtured. Let's pray that we can enjoy the lovely summer we have experienced this year and make the most of living in such a beautiful part of God's created world!

With love and blessings.

Celia

Priest in charge: St Mary the Virgin, Burpham and St Nicholas, Poling.

Revd. Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com Tel. 07807 899119

Burpham Village Committee Meeting Tuesday 7th August at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. Any issues, please email burphamandwepham@gmail.com.

Village Website. If all goes well, by the time you read this the new village website will be up and running at www.burphamandwepham.org.uk. It is based on the website which for many years has been hosted by Arun District Council, and which they are now shutting down. If you spot any mistakes or omissions, could you let Trevor Cooper know, as he is responsible for transferring the site to its new home (tc@trevorcooper.net; phone: 885349); when it has settled down he will hand it over to Jackie Penticost as Secretary of the Village Committee. You'll find official business on this website, together with a range of other useful, though relatively static, information. The other village website, <http://www.burphamvillage.co.uk/>, is operating as normal and continues to be looked after by Jackie. This shows village facilities and events.

Village Companions. We enjoyed two very well organised events in July, Heather's canal trip with Pimms & Ploughman's, and Toria's outing to the CFT to see Me & My Girl following a pre-show meal. Two wonderful evenings supremely well organised. Thank you both!

Future Events

- **6th August Village Companion's Meeting at Peter & Gayle's House, Ilex Cottage.** Usual format, meet at 7.30pm and discuss/confirm Autumn Programme. **Please let Gayle know if you will attend: gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk or call 419961**
- **17,18 & 19th August, Village Patronal Festival.** This is being organised between the Village Committee and the Church and is summarised in the attached flyer.

September & October. To be confirmed at the next meeting, but the following activities are planned:

- **10 September Pitch & Putt followed by supper in the Red Lion and organised by Debbie**
- **October, date TBC, Darts in the George, organised by Marion**

Please put the above dates in your diary, and **please, please don't forget to let organisers know whether or not you can attend the various events.**

Burpham Curry Night Saturday 3rd November. Come and enjoy a taste of India at our Village Hall and help raise funds for the village playground. The event is being organised jointly by Ian and Miranda van Stratum and Steve Penticost.

The menu will be based around a Rajasthan Thali starter consisting of lots of small sharing plates and followed by a choice of a chicken or vegetarian main course. Rice, pickles, chapatti and roti will accompany all mains plus each table will have cold Indian beer and a bottle of red wine included in the price. For non-drinkers a mango and lime Lassi will be available.

Cost will £30.00 per head and tickets must be booked in advance together with main course choice. Full menu can be found on our web site www.burphamvillagee.co.uk. Please contact Ian or Miranda to book your place now on ivs@thamespoint.net

Burpham & Wepham Investment Club. This popular club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. Contrary to ancient folk lore, ladies are welcome to join. If you think you would like a share of the action and would like more information, please contact **Bob Baynes on 883667**

Denmans Gardens (off the A27 just beyond Fontwell Racecourse); Denmans has now been revitalized and is open to visitors once again. Members of Burpham Book Club held their monthly meeting there on July 4th and were impressed not only with all that has been achieved in the garden, now restored to its former glory, but with the wonderful tea we were served, which was truly delicious. Do try to visit if you can - you won't be disappointed.

**Stephanie Atterton (aka Dr. Stephanie Saville):
15th May 1927 - 30th June 2018**



It was with great sadness that we learned recently that Stephanie had died and she will be sorely missed by her many friends in Burpham and Wepham.

She was a lady with great generosity of spirit – always ready to offer her friendship to newcomers. She loved and cared for the village deeply and always participated in and supported everything that went on here. She was a very keen gardener with an extensive knowledge of plants and a gift of putting them together; the garden

she created at 94 Wepham was the envy of all who saw it. This love of gardening led her to organise the first Village Gardens Open Day, an idea which raised many thousands of pounds for the village and church over many years.

The members of Burpham Book Club loved her wicked sense of humour and quirky take on some of the books we read. Her opinions were always interesting and well considered and she was fun to be with.

Our village has lost one of its most special characters and we shall mourn her passing. I was proud to call her my friend for nearly 30 years and I will miss her more than I can say. **Val Belton**

John Dunlop OBE: 10th July 1939 – 6 July 2018

John's passing was a sadness for us all. John was a member and great supporter of St Mary's church, and a regular attender at Sunday services. He also made large financial contributions following each of the open days at his Arundel stables to various charities including the church, and we have much to be grateful for to Sue and John.

John will be remembered in the racing world as a first class and successful trainer, and by all who had the privilege of knowing him as a true gentleman. Our kindest thoughts go to Sue, Edward, Harry and their families at this sad time. **Mike Mills**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 5 Aug	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Westbourne - Home	Rec Ground
Mon 6 Aug	6.30pm	Stoolball v Amberley - Home	Rec Ground
	7.30pm	Village Companions - Peter & Gayles	Ilex Cottage
Tue 7 Aug	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 12 Aug	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Bognor Regis - Home	Rec Ground
Fri 17 Aug	7.30pm	Light Jazz Evening	St Mary's
Sat 18 Aug	2.00pm	Family Fun Day	Village Hall
	6.00pm	Village BBQ	Village Hall
Sun 19 Aug	10.30am	Family Service and shared lunch	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton - Home	Rec Ground
Sun 26 Aug	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's

Patronal
Festival

Please send your articles for the September Newsletter to **Bob Baynes** at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of August. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.
With very many thanks, **Bob Baynes**