

# Burpham & Wepham News



*The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham*

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*From the Vicarage August 2017*

*Dear Friends,*

Our summer weather brings out the best of the English countryside! The combination of rain and sunshine creates a patchwork quilt of ripening crops across this beautiful part of the world. With the summer holidays upon us, have you thought about what you will do to make the most of this time of year?

Christian festivals to celebrate the gifts of creation have become a traditional part of the church's year. They are there to remind us that all things are for us to enjoy and make the most of. Such things are gifts and blessings from our loving and generous God. I too have received many blessings on my arrival as your priest in Burpham, where a wonderful celebration for my Licensing by Bishop Martin was followed by generous hospitality offered to friends and family from near and far, and Ronald and I thank you from our hearts for all you have already done to make us welcome.

As we enjoy and give thanks for the many blessings we have, in a country at peace and a democracy which strives to be fair and just to its people, we could do well to pause and reflect on how we can appreciate them and make the most of them too. It's what Jesus did in his busy public ministry. He sloped off to the hills to rest and refresh himself, sometimes with his friends and sometimes alone. Take the opportunity over the summer to enjoy your surroundings, making the most of rest and relaxation in this beautiful corner of God's creation. Rested and refreshed, we are always better equipped to tackle the challenges which come our way. With love and blessings.

*Celia,*

Priest in charge St Mary the Virgin, Burpham

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**Dear Friends**, we were very pleased to welcome Celia Woodruff as our new Parish Priest at her Licensing Service on Tuesday evening. The service was well attended with a congregation of over 100. Following a most inspiring service conducted by the Bishop Martin, the Bishop of Chichester, a delightful reception was held in the church when Celia and her husband Ronald had the opportunity to meet many of the congregation. We take this opportunity to wish Celia and Ronald a long and happy stay with us in Burpham and Wepham and for Celia's Ministry with us to be fulfilling and rewarding for all of us...

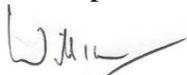
Our sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the evening; it will be remembered for a long time to come as a very special occasion.

We now look forward to a new phase in our church life and thank you all for your great support during the interregnum which has made our role so much easier and enjoyable—THANK YOU ALL

**Harvest Festival.** The Festival Service will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September and will be followed with a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. There will be more details in the September Newsletter. Yours sincerely,



Mike Mills  
Churchwardens



& William Tyler,

**Village Companions.** We had a very busy and active July programme. Please note that Village Companions is open to all and everyone in the village. We had two major events which were a huge success:

- **Hampton Court Visit Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** Six of us made the journey up to Hampton Court on a sweltering, sunny day. It was a lovely visit, and despite the heat, the exhibits were as ever magnificent. Our thanks go to Heather whose idea it was, and to Tikky who arranged the tickets and parking. We all met up for coffee and lunch, and the whole day was memorable and great fun.
- **Fiddler on the Roof Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** Sixteen of us travelled to the Chichester Festival Theatre on a warm summers evening. Those of us who were able to had a lovely supper together before going on to the show. The production was stunning, and the acting exceptional – no wonder the show is getting rave reviews before it moves up to London. Our thanks go to Toria who organised a complicated programme,

including interval drinks, and still managed to get all of us seats at competitive rates despite the fact the show was a sell-out. Thank you Toria !!

## FUTURE VILLAGE EVENTS

### **Full(ish) Moon Picnic at the Clump**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm.** Come

and join us for a Village Picnic up at the Clump to welcome in the *nearly* Full Moon - the full Full Moon is on the 7th,

but we should be nearly there and, weather permitting, we can enjoy another great Village get-together watching the August full moon - the Sturgeon Moon, Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon - *these are names given to this moon by different tribes around the world.*

Bring your own picnic, tipples, family and friends - (dogs on leads, please).

**Heather 882839**



### **Village Companions Meeting at Lavender Cottage. Monday**

**14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm** – Sandra & Glen have very kindly offered to host the next meeting – please ensure that you let **Sandra know if you're going to attend on 916581**

**Village Summer Party Friday 18th August at 7.00pm, (NB Change of Date!)** at The Stables, Burpham, in aid of the Church Tower Restoration Fund. Everyone welcome for a fun evening with delicious food and wine flowing. Tickets £15 from Roger 07768 864756, Steff 884909 or Karen 884082. **Karen & Patrick**

**Pitch & Putt followed by Supper. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm** – Meet at the Pitch & Putt. The supper venue afterwards will be discussed at the meeting at Sandra & Glens on 14<sup>th</sup> August. **Debbie 882072.**

### **Church Autumn Clean, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September 1030 – 1200.**

After all the work that has been done on it, the church needs cleaning ready for our concert and Harvest Festival. Please bring gloves, cleaning gear, hoovers, polish etc. Light refreshments will be provided to keep up blood sugar levels!



**Church Autumn Concert – 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 for 7.30pm.** Please see enclosed flyer for details. We have a string Octet from The Andrew Bernardi Music Group and String Academy playing for us in the church, and the George is producing a special pre-concert meal. The concert will be a world class event, open to everyone in the village as well as outsiders. Tickets are selling fast – more than a third have gone already – so don't delay if you want to book your place – I'm afraid it's first come, first served! **Bob Baynes 883667**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 30 Jul	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Madehurst, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 31 Jul	6.30pm	<b>Stoolball v Amberley, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Tue 1 Aug	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sat 5 Aug	7.00pm	<b>Norfolk Clump Picnic</b>	Nfk Clump
Sun 6 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Westbourne, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Sun 13 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	1.00pm	<b>Cricket v Bognor Regis, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 14 Aug	7.30pm	<b>Village Companions Meeting at</b>	Glen & Sandra's
Fri 18 Aug	7.00pm	<b>Summer Party at Karen &amp; Patrick's</b>	The Stables
Sun 20 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	1.00pm	<b>Cricket v Littlehampton, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Wed 23 Aug	7.00pm	<b>PCC Meeting in the Church</b>	St Mary's
Sun 27 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 3 Sep	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	1.00pm	<b>Cricket v Unders &amp; Overs, Home</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 4 Sep	5.00pm	<b>Pitch &amp; Putt followed by Supper</b>	Arundel
Sat 9 Sep	10.30am	<b>Church Cleaning Session</b>	St Mary's

Please send your articles for the September Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to [baynes755@btinternet.com](mailto:baynes755@btinternet.com) by the last week of Aug 2017. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.  
With very many thanks, Bob Baynes