

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Churchwardens - March 2017

Dear Friends

New Vicar. Some progress has been made as was mentioned by Bishop Martin during his recent visitation. It is unlikely that we will have any further news until April or May, but we will keep you informed of any progress.

Bishop Martin's Visitation. His Service was very well attended with a congregation of about 60, and we thank you for your support on this occasion. We have heard that the Bishop very much enjoyed his visit and was pleased to have the opportunity of meeting many of you following the service over coffee.

Tower Appeal. Thanks to your generosity we have received some £16,000 (including Gift Aid). This is a great contribution towards the work to be done and which we expect to start late March/April depending on the weather. We still need a further £16,000 to fully fund the project.



Good Friday. There will be a service at 11am on Friday 14th April.

Roy Kilford. We were so very pleased to hear from Roy that a recent scan had shown no sign of the tumour and that he had been discharged from further treatment other than a routine check-up in 6 months' time. This is good news indeed and Roy sends his thanks to you all for your prayers, which he has no doubt played a very big part in his recovery.

Our thanks to all for your continued support

Mike Mills and William Tyler, Churchwardens

VILLAGE EVENTS

The George Annual Charity Evening, 8th March from 7.00pm.

Representatives from our five selected charities will be in attendance to receive the donations made by our guests over the year.

The evening will feature a silent auction and raffle, as well as a £15 special menu. Please join us for this good cause, or just pop up for a drink to join in the festivities.

Booking advised on 883131 and please let us know if you have an item that we might auction, and help to beat last years' magnificent total of £7955!! **Thank you, Martin**

Cricket Club Race Night, Saturday 11th March, 7.00pm at the Village Hall. This is always a very enjoyable, and potentially profitable, evening where the children have as much fun as the adults. If you haven't been before, there is no cost to come, just bring whatever drinks and nibbles you want to sustain you through the evening. - I look forward to seeing you there. **Kevin Foster 882823 or kevin.foster60@sky.com**

Fete Meeting, Monday, 13th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

As always, we are asking for volunteers to help us on this busy day and for your ideas on games, stalls - anything that you think will help to raise money for our Hall and Church.

So please come along or you can contact Heather Birch on 882839 with your suggestions.

We welcome – and really need -YOUR new ideas to keep the Fete dynamic and attractive to as many people as possible.

Heather 882839

Burpham Stool Ball Club Jumble Sale Saturday 22nd April at 2.00pm. If you have any Jumble or Bric a Brac you would like to donate we would be most grateful. If you would like us to collect it, please call Julie 883053 or Vanessa 885895, otherwise could you please bring it to the Village Hall on the morning. We also have a Raffle and Cake Stall on the day. **Many Thanks, Julie BSC**

An Evening of Fun, Light Entertainment and Live Music, 28th April from 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Please note in your diary that you are invited to a variety evening starring Simon Brett and a Barbers Shop Quartet. After a



glass of Prosecco on arrival, the first half of the evening will be followed by an Interval with a light snack and an

opportunity to chat and mingle with your friends. The second half lasting 40 minutes will be followed by a short sing-along and will end at about 10.00pm with the result of a 50:50 Raffle. Money raised will go towards the Church

Tower Appeal. Tickets £15. More details in next month's Newsletter.

Bob Baynes 883667



Village Companions Meeting & Events. The meeting held at Ticky Tuppen's house last week further refined dates and costs of our spring events. Everyone in the village is invited to join in. Dates for diaries are as follows (some dates, costs etc to be confirmed)

- **Darts in the George 27th March at 7.30pm**, cost £6.00pp. We're holding the Village Companions always-keenly-contested Darts Evening on Monday 27th March, light supper inclusive - chips and sandwiches around halftime. Please let Marion know on marion@mg-tucker.co.uk by latest Fri 24 March if you are coming.
- **Guided tour of Arundel** April, date tbc, 1.5hrs, followed by Supper at the Red Lion – Organiser: **Phil White 882654**
- **Priory Playhouse Double Feature by Alan Bennett 7th June** — *A man of no Importance & A Visit from Miss Prothero* – Organiser: **William Tyler 884337**



Visit to Hampton Court Flower Show. We are planning to visit the Hampton Court Flower Show on either the 6th or 7th July, cost will be about £50 per person (less for RHS members). This popular event is already getting booked up so speed is of the essence. We have 9 people so far, but to get cheap travel on a bus, we need 16 altogether, no more no less. First come, first served. If you are interested please contact: **Heather asap on 882839**

Please contact the organiser highlighted against each event above if you would like to join or express an interest for any of the activities.

Date of Next Meeting: Heather has very kindly offered to host the next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 24th April at Down Cottage. If you wish to attend, please let **Heather know on 882839**.

Shuffleboard Evening. Thanks to all who attended the Shuffleboard evening on Saturday, 25th February - a popular annual village evening.
Heather

The Arundel & District Branch of the Royal British Legion
Invite you to **The Chairman's Annual Coffee Morning at The Norfolk Centre, Mill Road, Saturday 6th May, 10.00am – 12.00 noon.**

- Cakes/Books/Bric-a-Brac/Plants/Tombola/Raffle
- Music by Lancing Brass
- Plants and Shrubs kindly donated by Farplants
- New members always welcome, serving, ex-service and civilian

Proceeds in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Branch Funds
Admission: £1 - includes coffee & biscuits

Forthcoming Events

Sun 5 Feb	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Wed 8 Mar	7.00pm	Charity Dinner	The George
Sat 11 Mar	7.00pm	Cricket Club Race Night	Village Hall
Sun 12 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 13 Mar	7.00pm	Fete Planning Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 19 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 26 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 27 Mar	7.30pm	Darts Night	The George
Sat 22Apr	2.00pm	Stool Ball Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Fri 28 Apr	7.00pm	Variety Evening	Village Hall

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