

Burpham & Wepham News

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The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, January 2016

Dear Friends,

It is good sometimes to be able to make a fresh start, to put the past behind us and look to a better future. New Year provides such an opportunity and many people use this occasion to resolve to do better than in the past. The Romans had a god, Janus (hence January), who was especially remembered at New Year. He had two faces, one looking backward to the year that was ending and one facing the future. We are more familiar with the New Year symbol of an old man carrying a scythe, representing the 'dying year', and a very young figure holding an hour glass with great hopes for the new life ahead.

Fires play a significant part in New Year festivals. This is a custom dating back to pre-Christian times. Indians in North America symbolically extinguished their old fires and scattered the ashes before lighting 'new' ones and seeking the blessing of their gods. The 'Clean Sweep' theme is practiced in Japan where there is a 'Beginning of Things' festival where homes are thoroughly cleaned and even decorated. At Allendale, Northumberland, barrels of burning tar are carried in procession to light a fire at Midnight on New Year's Eve. Yet other cultures use other calendars.

The Indian calendar has its starting point as October; ancient Iran didn't have a calendar, as such, and events were simply recorded in the reign of a particular king. Many of these festivals involve music and dance and, generally, having a good time. Scotland is a little later with Hogmanay and even later still with Burn's Night and Haggis, but it is all about coming together and celebrating with one another. This year began to draw to a close with our Carol Service and it was a wonderful event that contained all the ingredients that the idea of 'New Beginning' should encompass :- community coming together, laughter, children

gazing at the beautifully decorated tree, the same children bringing the different figures forward to place in the crib. Thanks are due to ALL the people who contribute so selflessly to decorating, cleaning, staffing, and supporting the various services. Jill and I would like to thank you all for the considerable support we have received personally from so many during the year. There have been many highs, and there have been some lows, but at no time did we ever feel less than totally supported and encouraged. Maurice

I did, I should point out, finally clean Jill's car (following a request from a villager) but it got dirty again!! Undaunted I shall ensure that I clean it next December, as well!! Happy New Year

Maurice Slattery

From the Church Wardens. Our Christmas services this year were very successful and happy gatherings, thanks to your attendance and support. Our special thanks must also be expressed to the following for their help and hard work throughout this Christmastide:

His Grace the Duke of Norfolk for donating the splendid Christmas tree and to *Rosemary Tustin and her helpers* for providing and dressing it so beautifully for all to enjoy.

The choir, brought together by *Lucy Brett and William* which made such a welcome addition to our Carol Service this year.

Gill Baynes and her team of helpers for their skill and hard work in in the Church floral decorations - much admired by all.

Finally, on behalf of everyone we give our thanks to our vicar and his wife, *Maurice and Jill* for their kindness, hard work and spiritual leadership throughout the past year.

May we thank all of you for your continued support and wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year. **Mike Mills & William Tyler, Church Wardens**

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Friends of Burpham Church AGM.

Friday 8th January at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Don't miss out on Simon Brett performing a one-man play, just after the FBC AGM. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you would like to reserve tickets (£10 each to include canapés, drinks and Simon's play) please contact Bill Tustin on bill@lhwelding.co.uk or 883276. Book early – these events are always a sell-out – and the proceeds are for Friends of Burpham Church. **Bill Tustin**

Village Fete. We are holding the first Fete meeting in the Village Hall on Monday, 19th January 2015 at 7.00pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved, even in a small way - we need as many helpers as possible. New ideas for events and stalls are most welcome, so if you are unable to attend the meeting but are willing to help in any way at all, please tell **Heather Birch on 01903 882839.**

Burns Night Theme Theatre & Supper Evening.
Saturday 23rd January 2016 in Burpham Villlage Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm.

This Theatre evening is in memory of Liz White who had already started to plan the evening earlier this year.



To celebrate Burns Night, Burpham Village Committee presents a Burns Night themed evening of fine dining with Arundel's Drip Action Theatre. The evening will include a pre-theatre drink, 3 course supper and half a bottle of wine. Villagers are being given priority to purchase tickets until the 18th January when they will then be put on general release outside of the village. Tickets are £30 and available from:

Bonnie Hamilton, bonniehamilton000@gmail.com or Phone: 07977022363

Shuffleboard Evening. Saturday, 13th February 2016.

The popular Shuffleboard evening will take place on Saturday, 13th February 2016 from 7.30 pm in the village hall - and the cost of ticket and details will be in the February newsletter. Please reserve the day in your diaries now. **Heather Birch 882839.**

Recent Fund Raising.

The Royal British Legion, the Children's Society and the Chestnut Tree Hospice have sent their thanks to the Village for the very generous donations that you all made this winter. The Village and Church raised £833.47 for the Poppy Day appeal in November. Carol singing around the villages and Bill and Rosie Tustin's famous Christmas Carol party raised £600.00 to be divided equally between the Children's Society and the Chestnut Tree. A further £200 went to the Chestnut Tree from the collection made at the Christmas Carol Service in the Church. A special thank you, Bill and Rosie, for allowing the village to trample all over your house and for the very generous food and drinks you provided to encourage such magnificent singing. And on behalf of all the recipients, a huge 'thank you' to all Villagers and the Church congregation for your unstinting support for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, 19th December 2015.

Thank you to all who came and attended our Children's Christmas Party again this year, parents and children. The party was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. And many thanks to Chris, all his helpers and to Father Christmas who found the time to visit our Village. **Heather**

Flower Arrangers. Thank you to all the ladies who have helped to arrange flowers, make the coffee in the Church, including Weddings and other events. We have a lovely Church and the flowers really brought it to life. **Gill**

Newsletter Deliveries. I would like to thank Veronica and Colin Dick, and Phil White, helped by Liz when she could, for delivering the Newsletter every month to everyone living in the Village, whatever the weather and irrespective of their own personal commitments. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you once again. **Bob Baynes**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 3 Jan	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Fri 8 Jan	6.30pm	FBC AGM, Simon Brett one-man-play	Village Hall
Sun 10 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 11 Jan	7.30pm	Village Companions, The Way Ahead	Court Leet
Sun 17 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 18 Jan	7.30pm	Wepham & Burpham Fete Meeting	Village Hall
Tue 19 Jan	7.00pm	St Mary's Church PCC Meeting	Vicarage
Sat 23 Jan	7.00pm	Burns Night Theatre, Supper, Drip Action	Village Hall
Sun 24 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 31 Jan	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Tue 2 Feb	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall

*We wish everyone a very
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year*



Please send your articles for the February Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of January. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, and a Happy New Year to you all, Bob Baynes