

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, April 2018

Dear Friends,

April Fools' Day this year was also Easter Day. A rare occurrence but welcome as it gives us a great opportunity to add an extra dash of fun to what is already the biggest celebration in the Christian calendar! Christians around the world will be celebrating in all sorts of ways and with some curious customs which include Easter bunnies bringing chocolate eggs. We have an abundance of bunnies in our garden at the vicarage – and if they leave any sort of chocolate for us on Easter Sunday that's surely got to be an April fool!! And amidst the fun and celebrations I pray that you are all able to take some time off and enjoy rest and relaxation despite it being one of the busiest times in the agricultural year and a busy time too for families as many gear up for the annual round of exams and tests on which students embark in the summer term.

In Burpham the village committee and the PCC have been gearing up to discuss community events in the months to come. Heather has written to explain the reasons for the decision not to hold a fete this year, for very good reasons. Instead, what we do have this year is an opportunity to get together on the evening of the Royal Wedding on 19th May to celebrate, an event which will be held in the church and churchyard. We are also developing the idea of a 'festival weekend' to mark the Patronal Feast Day of our church, St Mary the Virgin which falls on 15th August. Alongside an art and photographic exhibition of local talent in church, we would welcome your ideas for a musical evening in church on Friday 17th August with, if possible some 'home grown' local talent and a family fun day on Saturday 18th August. On Sunday we will have a celebration service followed by a bring and share lunch in church. I hope you will all be able to be involved in some way over the weekend. If you have any ideas or would like to help with one or more of the events please contact me on the number below or via email, or Heather Birch so that we can work together to make this an enjoyable weekend for everyone in the village.

Celia.

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APCM of the St Mary the Virgin PCC, 16th April at 7.00pm in the church. Our stalwart churchwardens, Mike Mills and William Tyler have both decided to 'hang up their boots'. They have served our parish church and community faithfully for many years in various ways and during several vacancies when the responsibility for running the church falls fully to the wardens with the support of the PCC. They have earned their retirement but we will miss them.

We will therefore be seeking to appoint 2 church wardens and elect / re-elect 9 members to the PCC.

If you feel that you could serve your parish church on the PCC please contact me to discuss the possibilities. **Celia**

Village Committee. The Annual Assembly of Burpham Parish Meeting will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10th April at which the accounts will be presented for the financial year ended 31st March, and everyone is welcome to attend. This will be followed by the regular bi-monthly meeting of Burpham Village Committee. The BVC AGM will be held at 10.30am in the village hall on Saturday, 30th June to report on the financial and social activities of the past year and to discuss any matters arising. **Jackie**

Children's Play Area Meeting. 7.00pm on 12th April at Burpham Country



House. (Steve and Jackie's place). Thanks to everyone who attended the Playground meeting. This is the kick-off meeting for people who have asked to be involved in the Playground project. Alternative dates to be set if you can't make it. **Please let Jackie know if you are**

coming on 882160.

A **reminder** that we're asking you and your children to give your opinions on the future playground by **12th April** using the online surveys at <http://www.burphamvillage.co.uk/village-playground> We'll use your input to talk to suppliers. **Thanks Jackie & Val, Village Committee.**

Village Companions, Programme of events confirmed up to May:

- **April Village Walk 7th April, meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am.** It will be a longer walk than normal as we have been given permission by Angmering Park Estate to go up to Harrow Hill and see the old Flint mines. As part of the walk will go through Lee Farm, and they will be in the middle of lambing, so we have been asked that no dogs be taken on this walk. Anyone wishing to join us, please **contact Steff by email or on 884909.**
- **Next Village Companions' Meeting, Monday 9th April at Wepham House at 7.30pm.** Ticky is very kindly hosting the evening, all welcome, **please let her know if you will be attending on 883014.**

- **Priory Theatre, 'Killing Time', by Richard Stockwell, Thursday 12th April.** Thank you to William for organising this. More details at the next meeting at Ticky's house. Any urgent queries, call William on **884337**.
- **Me and My Girl at Chichester Theatre, Monday 16th July at 7.30.** If we are a group of 8 or more, we can get excellent centre-stalls seats for this comic musical for £29 (normal price: £48!) If you would like to come, **please let Toria know by Monday 16th April** (toriaburch@gmail.com)

If you are interested in joining any of these events, please contact the organiser as soon as possible and **make sure that you are on the list!** If you've a brilliant idea for an event, please contact **Bob Baynes**

Burpham Stoolball Club. Annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you have any Jumble or Bric a Brac you would like to donate, please ring Julie 883053 or Vanessa 885895 if you would like it collected, or bring it to the Hall on the morning. We will also having a Raffle and cake stall. **Many thanks, BSC**

Royal Wedding, Fete & Festival Weekend

- **Royal Wedding - Saturday, 19th May 2018.** Due to a Wedding Reception in the Village Hall on the 19th May - the PCC have kindly offered the Church for us to hold a village celebration of the Royal Wedding, either in the Churchyard or in the Church (if raining) - this would take place from 6.00pm, and at present we are going over ideas for the evening - shared tea - bar-b-q - music, fireworks - and are open for suggestions.
- **Fete** A meeting was held to decide what to do about the Annual Village Fete this year, and as the ATC team are unavailable on this date (Saturday, 26th May), it was decided to have a break but to hold it again next year, **However:**

Festival Weekend – 17th, 18th & 19th August. These are the dates for the Patronal Festival of the Church, St Mary The Virgin, and it is planned to have a 3 day celebration of events.

- The celebrations are to include an Art and Photographic exhibition in the Church throughout the 3 days and possibly during the following week -
- Friday evening, the 17th, a music evening in the Church.
- Saturday, 18th - a Family Fun Day with events/games/stalls, music - teas, etc. during the day and a bar-b-q in the evening possibly with music/entertainment
- Sunday, 19th - Thanksgiving service in the Church followed by a shared village lunch in the Church grounds (inside Church if raining) - open to all villagers to attend

We will be looking for ideas and volunteers from villagers, so please contact:

Heather Birch - 01903 882839, heatherwbirch@btinternet.com or

Celia Woodruff - 07807 899119, celia.woodruff1@gmail.com

Kind Regards, Heather

Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Apr	10.30am	Easter Day Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 7 Apr	10.30am	Village Walk	Village Hall
Sun 8 Apr	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 9 Apr	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting at Wepham House (Ticky's)	Wepham House
Tue 10 Apr	7.30pm	Annual Assembly of Burpham Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Thu 12 Apr	TBC	Priory Playhouse Evening out	Arundel
Sun 15 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 16 Apr	7.00pm	Church APCM	St Mary's
Tue 17 Apr	7.00pm	Playground Meeting	Hotel
Sat 21 Apr	2.00pm	Stool Ball Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Sun 22 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 29 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's

Burpham in 1656 - "The Survey of Peparinge Bruckfarme & Com'on. Surveyed by James Osberne."

There is a "new" map of Burpham and Wepham in the Village Hall. This is how it got there: Phil Michel kept telling me he thought he remembered seeing a copy of part of a really old map of Burpham somewhere. Curiosity got the better of me, and a search of the online excellently documented and easy-to-search archives of Arundel Castle produced the tantalising news that they held the original of a 1656 map of Burpham. Contact was made with the helpful Castle archivist, and Phil and I were invited to go and see it. The generous offer was made that the castle would have the map cleaned at their expense, and if we wanted they would have a copy taken for our VH, at our expense. The Village Committee kindly said they would pay for the copying and framing, Phil found the printer and the framer, Stef Michel penned the thank you underneath the map, and the result is on display. Do take time to study it closely: apart from the fact it is beautiful, and fascinating, interestingly it has obviously been used as a working copy many years subsequently as pencil notes about fields can be seen. We are very grateful to His Grace the Duke of Norfolk for allowing the map to be reproduced. And I thank Phil for keeping on at me **Marion**

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