

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - January 2018

Dear Friends,

Have you made any New Year resolutions yet? It's a much talked about but, in my experience, often failed enterprise in our household! Ideas which seem inspired on New Year's Eve and for the first few weeks of January soon seem to be replaced by other better ideas – and so it goes on until the original idea has not only ceased to be carried out or aimed for, but has been completely forgotten!

In recent years our attention has been drawn to the importance of mindfulness and its relationship to both personal mental and community health and wellbeing. Among the many experts advocating such an approach is Professor Lord Richard Layard. More, he has suggested, should be done to improve the national state of wellbeing of all our citizens. From that set of actions, better economic forecasts could be expected and a healthier nation would ensue. The professor is one of the founders of an organisation called Action for Happiness. What an attractive idea to begin 2018 with!

The principles of the Action for Happiness organisation could so easily have been drawn up using the core teachings of our Christian faith. Jesus Christ's instruction to his followers was "Love one another as I have loved you". He also told us that He had come so that we could have life – and life in abundance.

So, this New Year, perhaps we could all give it a go? Look at the suggestions from the 'Action for Happiness' website and pick one or two of their ideas as New Year's resolutions. Perhaps, if we all try harder, our efforts will generate a greater sense of wellbeing in our communities. And that would be a great achievement for 2018!

We wish you all a peaceful and Happy New Year.

Celia,

Priest in charge, Mike and William, churchwardens and the PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Burpham.

A big  to all who came to our church services over the Christmas festivities and to those who made them all very special; the refreshments provided by the village hall team, the village choir team which made our carol service extra special, the Carol singing around the village followed by carols at Bill & Rosie's house, the flower team who decorated our church, and to all of you whose presence there created a real community spirit as we celebrated Christmas together in Burpham.....and thanks as well as many congratulations to the newlyweds, Ed and Alice Fry (nee King!) whose wedding day on 22nd December meant that we all enjoyed a church filled with candles for the Christmas services! **Celia**

Church Guide. With this newsletter you should receive a copy of the new guide to our church, written by Trevor Cooper at the request of the Parochial Church Council. There are more copies in the church. If you spot any errors, please let Trevor know so that they can be corrected when it's reprinted. **Trevor, tc@trevorcooper.net or 885349**

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Village Companions – Monday 22nd January, 7.30pm at Court Leet Cottage.

The next meeting is at Gill & Bob's house, all are welcome, and we will be planning our entertainment up until Easter. If you are coming, please let us know **Bob & Gill 883667**

Next Village Walk – Saturday 27th January, leaving the Village Hall at 10:30am. It will be about a two and half hour walk and due to the time of year it will be kept away from the valley floor as hopefully it will be drier on the tops. Therefore anybody who can't manage a two hour walk or hills should give this one a miss. All welcome; if you wish to attend please inform **Simon Lay simon@emgroupuk.com**



George Writers Presentation – Sunday 28th January at Burpham Country Hotel from 7.00pm – 10.00pm Burpham Country House. Simon Brett's George writers will read the very best of their short pieces of recent work to brighten up your dark winter evenings. **All** are welcome!

- January winters warmers drinks and buffet will be provided
- All donations requested will go to the Chestnut Tree Hospice

RSVP to info@burphamcountryhouse.com, so Jackie and Steve know how much to brew.

English Shuffleboard Evening, Saturday, 3rd February 2018 - 7.30pm Burpham Village Hall. Come along and join in the fun with your family and friends. Tickets are £12 and include fish and chip supper (or you can have a choice of sausage, fish cakes, pie or chicken quarter) - *bring your own tipple.*

Please let us know as early as possible if you would like to come along as we have to order the supper and the shuffleboard tables for the evening. Thank you. If you would like to come along please phone either:

Heather Birch on 882839 or Julie Tester on 883053.

The Burpham Village Supper - Informal Supper at The George Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm. Come and meet your neighbours and banish the winter blues! We thought it would be a good idea to have a chance to get to know our neighbours better over an informal supper in the George. Several tables will be reserved for us to sit together for this village event so it's fine to come on your own – there will always be someone friendly to sit next to.

The first of what we plan to make a monthly event will be on 7th February. There will be a specially priced set menu - details to follow – in addition to the normal menu.

It would be helpful to know how many people are coming so please could you book at the pub on 883131 quoting 'Village Supper'. For further information or ideas, please call **Toria on 884846.**

Murder Mystery & Dinner at the Jailhouse – Friday 9th February. Sandra has organised the tickets for those who have said that they would like to go. If anyone has any queries, please call **Sandra 916581**

Flower Arrangers. *Thank you* to all my friends who have helped to arrange flowers and made coffee etc in the Church throughout 2017. We have a lovely Church and your flower arrangements really bring it to life. Thank you once again. **Gill**



Newsletter Deliveries. A big *Thank you* to Veronica and Colin Dick, and Phil



White 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**

Forthcoming Events

Thu 4 Jan		Village Refuse Collection	
Sun 7 Jan	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sun 14 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 21 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 22 Jan	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting @ Gill's	Court Leet
Sat 27 Jan	10.30am	Village Walk, approx. 2½ hours, meet at	Village Hall
Sun 28 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	7.30pm	George Writers Evening	Hotel

Wed 31 Jan	7.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	Vicarage
Sat 3 Feb	7.30pm	Village Shuffleboard Evening	Village Hall
Sun 4 Feb	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Wed 7 Feb	7.00pm	Village Supper Club	The George
Fri 9 Feb	TBC	Murder Mystery Dinner	Jailhouse

OTILIE KIDDLE 3RD OCTOBER 1940 – 1ST DECEMBER 2017

Otilie, late of Burpham, sadly passed away on 1st December, after a long and courageous fight against heart troubles. Otilie was much admired from the time she grew up in war torn Austria, with its subsequent occupation by Russian troops, to when she met Charles walking in Peru, and of course thereafter. She was an intrepid world traveller, photographer, opera and classical music lover, mother and grandmother, superb cook, accomplished skier, book lover, highly skilled dressmaker, and I do not know what else. Many of these pursuits took place when she was living (and working) in the United States and in Africa. Her smile was infectious, and her jolly laugh made others laugh too. Otilie was a lovely lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles and his wider family after what must have been a very difficult Christmas for them. **David Sunray**



*We wish you a very
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous
New Year
For 2018*

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