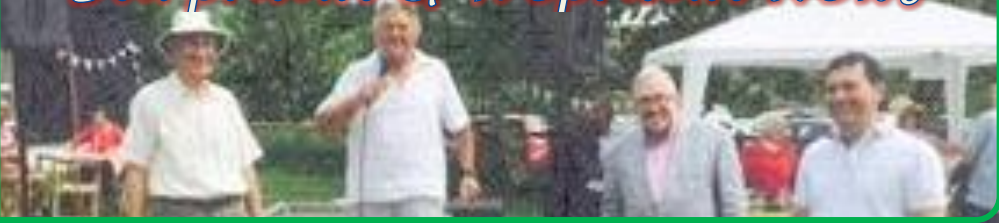


# Burpham & Wepham News



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

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## Annual Fete, May 2015



I would just like to say a massive thank you to everyone - all our volunteers, all who ran and organised their stalls, the ATC team, our teas team, the children's games and fancy dress team, the games, the PA and music, raffle, tombola's - marquees - all who donated - all our visitor's - our outside stalls - the farm - there are so



many who made this such a great and enjoyable afternoon - not forgetting the vicar for arranging the weather!



**We had our best takings ever - £4128.74 with still one or two late items to be added.**



The final amount will be divided equally between the village and the Church. We are holding a meeting to discuss this year's fete and how we might improve it for next year in the Village hall on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with drinks & snacks, so please come along and let us have your thoughts and ideas.

**Thank you all, again, Heather**

## *From the Vicarage, June 2015*

*Dear Friends,*

June sees 2 festivals that have roots going far back into the proverbial 'Mists of Time'. June 21<sup>st</sup> sees the Summer Solstice, while June 24<sup>th</sup> welcomes celebrations for Midsummer's Eve. When Summer is at its height 'sun-worshippers' come out in large numbers, stripping off most of their clothes and lying in the sun to get a tan. They are, of course, not really worshippers of the sun – they just enjoy it. Sun worship is, literally, as old as humankind. The peoples of Mesopotamia and Egypt had festivals in honour of the sun god. Most celebrations took place in summer and were designed to try to maintain the strength of the sun. The Incas of Peru had a festival called Capac Cocha, in which a sister of the king, or a local ruler, was sacrificed as a 'Virgin of the Sun'. By comparison, however, this was a small ceremony (only one victim) when compared with the Aztecs of Mexico! The Aztecs cruelly sacrificed thousands of people – the heart being particularly important as the main element of the ceremony. This was ripped from the body of the victim and held aloft still gushing forth blood. I wondered if we might try such a ceremony on the cricket square? (That's a joke !). We might however, mark the day by eating chocolates – South America being the source of chocolate. It would certainly be far less messy and, probably, far more enjoyable for all concerned.... ( and I like it !!)

As the sun warms our bodies and Your love warms our hearts, grant, O God, that we may offer to you our best sacrifice – our lives to be lived to Your glory.

Sincere congratulations to everyone whose efforts made the Village Fete such a success. This is far too limited a publication to accommodate all the names of those who gave their time so generously – but you know who you are.

The weather was kind until virtually the end – yet the last 30 minutes decline failed to 'dampen' the enthusiasm of all those stalwarts determined that your Village Fete would be a success. On behalf of all – thank you so very much.

O God, Help us to appreciate the place where we live;  
Make us aware of everything that makes it 'special';  
Teach us to preserve all that is worth preserving  
And to do nothing that will spoil our heritage.  
If the writer has offended, Think of this, and all is mended,  
That you have but slumber'd here, while these visions did appear

*With apologies to Puck - Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare*

*Maurice Slattery*



**Church News.** The church clock has been repaired and we are now waiting for it to be finally regulated for accurate time keeping. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Maurice will be on holiday and the Archdeacon The Venerable Douglas McKittrick has kindly agreed to take the service at 10.30am on that day when I hope you will be able to join our congregation. **Mike Mills, Churchwarden**

## **VILLAGE EVENTS**

**Annual Bar-b-Q and Film Night.** Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm on the Cricket/Recreation ground and Village Hall.

- This year we have planned a Bollywood theme for the evening.
- Bring your own food and tipple.
- BBQ will be followed by the film in the village hall,.

**The Alternatives - Arundel's Rock Band, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm in the Grain Barn, Home Farm, Wepham**

- Come along and enjoy a great evening with the Alternatives rock band.
- Bring your own picnic.
- Hot Dog stall and Arundel Brewery beer stall also available.
- Tickets: £10 from Heather Birch Tel: 882839 or Chris Hales 885404
- See Flyer

**Heather Birch 882839**

**Village Companions.** Last month saw us visit the amazing production of Way Upstream by Alan Ayckbourn at Chichester Festival Theatre. Needless to say the script was first class but probably the scenery stole the show. has only been shown 4 times since 1981 probably due to the complexities of flooding the stage with 65.000 litres of water to create the river on which a 21 foot boat manoeuvres with the crew on board. Truly amazing !!

**Putting at Mill Road Leisure Centre, Arundel, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** We will meet at the venue at 5.00pm in the hope of having some evening sunshine. The cost is £2.50. Afterwards we will adjourn to the Swan Hotel Arundel for some supper and to lick wounds or celebrate !! Car share available if required.

**Next Meeting.** Our next meeting will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Doug and Marion Tucker's, Chestnut Cottage, Burpham Tel: 884499 at 7.30pm. All are welcome. If you want to go then let either me or Marion know. **Liz White**

**Open Garden Charity Event.** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm 'till 5.00pm. Bill & Rosemary are once again opening their garden at the Granary. The entry is £5

and includes tea, cakes, etc. Profits will be shared between our local Hospices. Please see enclosed flyer for details. **Bill & Rosemary**

**Gala Dinner with St Mary on 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Church.** This event is likely to prove extremely popular. Villagers will be given priority. Tickets are expected to go very quickly, so please see enclosed flyer for details and make sure that you book your place early. **Bonnie Hamilton**

**Huge Thank You's from the Fete - Editor's Note.** There have been so many requests from Village stallholders, tea ladies etc to say a Huge Thank you to Heather, all helpers, contributors, donators and others for their selfless generosity which made the Fete so successful that there is simply not enough room to put them all in. You know who you are – that's just about everyone – so please take this note as a village wide vote of thanks for your contributions, whatever that may have been. **Bob Baynes**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 7 Jun	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	1.30pm	<b>Cricket v Pirates (Home)</b>	Rec Ground
Sun 14 Jun	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	1.30pm	<b>Cricket v Henfield (Away)</b>	Henfield
	2.00pm	<b>Open Garden Charity Event</b>	The Granary
Tue 16 Jun	6.00pm	<b>Downland Cup (Away)</b>	Singleton
Fri 19 Jun	6.30pm	<b>Annual BBQ &amp; Film Night</b>	Village Hall
Sun 21 Jun	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Presidents XI (Home)</b>	Rec Ground
Sun 28 Jun	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Southwell Ramblers (Home)</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 29 Jun	5.00pm	<b>Putting &amp; Supper @ the Swan</b>	Mill Road
Wed 1 Jul	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Dartfordians (Home)</b>	Rec Ground
Sat 4 Jul	10.30am	<b>Village Committee AGM</b>	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>The Alternatives Rock Band</b>	Home Farm
Sun 5 Jul	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Amberley (Home)</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 6 Jul	7.30pm	<b>Village Companions</b>	Chestnut Cottage

Please send your articles for the July 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 June 2015. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes**