

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, July 2014

Dear Friends,

July is a wonderful mass of ‘Summery’ things, in terms of festivals, as well as being the month when St Swithun’s Day occurs. Bishop of Winchester in the 9th century, Swithun is, probably, best known for the childrens’ rhyme:-

‘St Swithun’s Day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain,
St Swithun’s Day if thou be fair,
For forty days will rain name mar’

Across the world the importance of the sun was the focus of festivals and celebrations. Native Americans (called Red Indians when I was a boy!!) held many complicated religious rituals at this time, but some practices were common to all the tribes. One, in particular, was the Dance Facing the Sun. This ‘dance’ usually lasted 4 days – performed in a circle, facing a tree and not eating and drinking for the 4 days. Some would pierce their bodies with skewers and attach them to the central pole/tree with cords, and they would dance until their flesh broke. This was believed/thought to bring the dancer, and through the dance the tribe, closer to the Great Spirit. The Great Spirit would, no doubt they thought, reward them with buffalo, which they could hunt, as well as ensure good harvests. Such was the abundance of yield from these harvests, often occurring twice because of the climate of North America at that time that the expression ‘Indian Summer’ came into the lectionary. There are, of course, variations of such dances. The Cherokees held a Green Corn Dance, but they danced in a double circle round a drummer in front of a temple structure.

These were examples of the many ways that people of the past found to make a thank offering to God. An Arapaho Sun Prayer goes as follows.....

‘We cannot cease praying to You, my Father, Man-Above, for we desire to

live on this earth...May our thought reach to the sky where there is holiness.

Give us water and an abundance of food.'

But please hold off the water on the 15th !!..... (I made the last line up!!).

Maurice Slattery

From the Church Wardens. We have managed to get quite a lot of work done recently, including repairs to the vestry external wall which should prevent any further rain leaking into the vestry, general maintenance work and minor repairs to the church roof and gutters. The Friends of Burpham Church have kindly agreed to cover the total cost of this work and we are very grateful to them for their help.

Some dates of forthcoming events that you may like to note in your diaries:

- **Saturday 20th September Church Coffee Morning** at the Norfolk Centre in Arundel from 10am to 12noon. There will be stalls, tombola and a raffle (tickets for which will be on sale before and during the event).
- **Sunday 28th September Harvest Festival Service** in the church at 6.00pm followed by harvest supper in the village hall. The cost of the supper will be £7.50 for adults and £3.50 for children under 12yrs. Tickets will be available from early August from Bonnie Hamilton, Bob Baynes 883667 and Mike Mills 883174.
- **Saturday 11th October Churchyard Clean-up 10-12.00 noon**, followed by Cheese, Coffee & Beer. Following the success of the one we had earlier this year we thought it would great to get the churchyard tidied up at this time to see things through to winter.
- **Sunday 21st December 6pm Carol Service** in the Church.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events and in the meantime wish you all a very happy summertime. **Mike Mills, Church Warden**

Village Companions. On Monday July 7th at 7.30pm our next get together will be at Doug and Marion's at Chestnut Cottage, Burpham Tel 884499. All welcome, just let them know you are coming.

Following on, our next theatre trip will be to The Minerva theatre, Chichester to see *Miss Julie/Black Comedy* on Monday July 28th at 7.45 p.m.

Looking quite far ahead there is a talk by Chris Bonnington at Worthing Connaught theatre on Thursday October 9th at 7.30 p.m Tickets are £16 or £14.50 for concessions. Chris is Britain's best known mountaineer and a successful expedition leader. He will be presenting a 'life and times' audio visual account covering his 60

years spent in the mountains. This will probably be a popular evening so if you are interested let me know and I will book some tickets.

As always with our trips car share will be available on the night.

Liz White 882654.

Village Fete I'm pleased to report that a further £300 has been added to the total proceeds from the fete as reported in last month's Newsletter - £270 raised by Jean Casale from the sale of some Accessories that were left over, and a £30 donation from Arundel Brewery. This brings the Net Proceeds, after expenses, up to £2,905.30, so that church and village funds will be richer by £1,452.65 each. On behalf of the Village Committee may I express our warmest thanks to all who worked so hard to produce this excellent result. **Val Belton**

Children's Play Area Clean-up. The children's playground had become overgrown and untidy, and the appeal for the village to sort it out resulted in an amazing response. Volunteers turned up with an impressive array of machinery, and what appeared a daunting task was completed in about an hour. Our children can now enjoy their play park free of stinging nettles and brambles. May I thank everyone who turned up so enthusiastically, including those who were unable to help but contributed funding and roundup to prolong the weed-free environment. Thank you all once again. **Ant Tester**

Granary Open Garden. Sunday 6th July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. The Granary, "Municipal Gardens", will be open again to the public on Sunday 6th July, followed by teas. Tickets on the gate. All are welcome, and the proceeds will go to Chestnut Tree and St Barnabas Hospice. Kind regards, **Bill & Rosemary.**

Barn Dance with the Bursledon Village Band Saturday, 12th July from 7.30-11.00 pm in the Village Hall

A Barn Dance with the popular Bursledon Village Band will be held in the village hall on Saturday, 12th July from 7.30 to 11.00 p.m.

Tickets are £12.50 and include a sausage or cheese ploughman supper (please state preference when booking) - bring your own tittle.

Tickets from: **Heather Birch - 01903 882839 & Julie Tester - 01903 883053**

Arundel Gardens Society Friday 18th July. The last visit of the season is to Parsonage Farm, Kirdford on Friday 18th July and at the time of writing I believe there are a few seats still available. If anyone is not a member of the AGS, and would like to join, please let me know and I'll give you further information.

Val Belton 883288

Colts Cricket - July Programme

5 Jul	10.00pm	Practice on Rec	20 Jul	9.30am	v Middlehurst TBC
6 Jul	9.30am	v Eastergate TBC	26 Jul	10.00am	Practice on Rec
12 Jul	9.30am	v Pagham on Rec	2 Aug	10.00am	Practice on Rec
19 Jul	10.00am	Practice on Rec			

The Alternatives Evening 7th June: A terrific evening was had by all. Thanks are due to Peter Knight and the Norfolk Estate for letting us have the use of their barn. As ever, we are indebted to Chris, Bonnie, Liz, Heather and others on the social committee for all their hard work in arranging the staging and lighting, facilities, etc. and delicious burgers and hot dogs. The band raised over £500 for their chosen charity Multiple Sclerosis. In addition, a net profit of £462.82 has gone to village funds. **Val Belton**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 29 Jun	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Southwell Ramblers	Rec Ground
Wed 2 Jul	2.00pm	Cricket v Dartfordians	Rec Ground
Sun 6 Jul	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Amberley	Rec Ground
	2 - 5.00pm	Open Garden – Bill & Rosemary	Granary Garden
Mon 7 Jul	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting at Doug & Marion's	Chestnut Cottage
Sat 12 Jul	7.30pm	Barn Dance Bursledon Village Band	Village Hall
Sun 13 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton	Rec Ground
Fri 18 Jul	12.50pm	AGS Visit to Parsonage Farm	Contact Val
Sun 20 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.30pm	Cricket v Rustington	Rec Ground
Sun 27 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Grasshoppers	Rec Ground
Mon 28 Jul	7.45pm	Miss Julie/Black Comedy Minerva	Chichester
Sun 3 Aug	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Walberton	Away

Please send your articles for the August Newsletter to
Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com
by the last week of July 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.
With very many thanks, Bob Baynes