

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham
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From the Vicarage, January 2014

Dear Friends, (known and unknown),

This is being written from Arundel Library as there is still no telephone at The Vicarage. This, of course, means that there is no broadband facility yet established, which in turn is compounded by mobiles being VERY unreliable, and so your correspondent is making regular journeys here to maintain contact with the outside world.

Both Jill and I and have been very grateful for the welcome that we have received from everyone since our arrival here on December 9th. We were not aware that this date was also a prediction of how many inches of rain would fall over the subsequent 3 weeks. For us, as newcomers, this has added a dimension to the ride down to Arundel that we might not have either experienced or imagined: it has truly been a wonderful thing to see.

The Christmas services seemed to proceed smoothly and I would like to thank all those people who did so much to ensure that everything was in the right place and the church looked wonderful. It did seem, certainly on more than one occasion, that the only thing out of place and lacking awareness of what was going on was the writer.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all from The Vicarage and I look forward to meeting everyone as time goes by..... and even remembering all the names.

Maurice Slattery

From the Church Wardens. The licencing for Maurice Slattery took place on the 11th. December. It was a very moving and happy occasion, and well

attended by a congregation of about 80. Our thanks go to all those who provided such an excellent buffet supper following the Service.

Maurice wasted no time in preparing the Christmas services all of which were well attended and enjoyed by all.

We send our thanks to His Grace Duke of Norfolk for donating the delightful Christmas tree and also to Rosemary Tustin and Jean Tester who decorated it so beautifully. Our thanks also go to Gill Baynes and her team who decorated the Church so attractively to give so much enjoyment to all throughout this Christmastide.

We welcome Maurice and Jill to the Parish and know that they will receive both love and support from all of us here, throughout what we hope will a long and very happy stay with us.

Our thanks go to you all for your support over the past year and our very best wishes to you for a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Mike Mills and Barbara Williams, Churchwardens

A Big Thank You! The following comment has been echoed by many in the village: *‘There are two people in Burpham to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude. They are Michael Mills and Barbara Williams, our doughty churchwardens. They have always toiled ceaselessly and silently behind the scenes, but in recent months during our interregnum they have had additional burdens thrust upon them. That the church continued to function without the slightest hitch has been due to their total dedication - on our behalf. Thank you’.*

Carols from Burpham raised £207.00 and from Wepham £233.00.

Burpham’s gallant choristers endured a near perfect storm prior to collapsing, as a result of weather rather than mulled wine, at the pub, (that is what Liz assured us after 3 choruses of The First Noel down the phone, when we checked to see if they had arrived safely). We in Wepham adopted a far more civilised approach within the Granary walls, being led by our village choir master Mr Chris (Gareth) Hales, who succeeded, during the second choral extravaganza to reduce various female members of the choir to, “Snorting Wrecks”, following corrections to elements of the singing before him. All in all a very enjoyable evening was had by both groups and we are pleased to confirm that we will be sending £220.00 each to the Children’s Society and the Chestnut Tree House. **Bill & Rosemary Tustin**

Children's Christmas Party. The children's party was once again a great success with 22 happy youngsters excited to see David 'Santa Claus' Bellman and exhausted by 'gamesmaster-in-chief' Chris Hales. Our thanks go to all those behind the scenes who helped organise everything, provided the huge selection of food, the weathermen granting us snow for Santa's arrival and to the Village Committee for making it all possible.

Friends of Burpham Church - Annual General Meeting. The FBC AGM will be in the Village Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 11th January. All are invited to attend to support this worthy cause. **Bill Tustin**

English Shuffleboard Evening Saturday, 8th February 2014, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our ever popular English Shuffleboard evening has been arranged for Saturday, 8th February at 7.30pm in the village hall. So please come along with your friends and neighbours, and enjoy this great evening. Tickets are £10 and will include a fish and chip supper (*bring your own tipple*). Please let us know how many tickets you would like asap near to the date as the supper has to be ordered in advance. For tickets please phone **Heather Birch 01903 882839 or Julie Tester 01903 883053.** Thank you.

Village Companions - We ended the year with another great evening of Skittles at the Maypole Inn at Yapton with Burpham narrowly beating Wepham. It is becoming one of the favourite venues for Village Companions! Our next meeting will be on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm at Liz and Phil's at Splash Farm Barn Burpham Tel 882654 – please phone if you want to come along – all welcome. **Liz White 882654**

Santiago De Compostela Presentation by Bill Philip – 7.00pm Thursday 16th January at Burpham Village Hall. Bill Philip, a well-known Arundel photographer is giving a talk on walking The Santiago de Compostela Way with wonderful photographic images. This will be followed by a showing of the movie 'The Way' starring Martin Sheen. Tickets for this wonderful evening are £10 which includes a glass of wine on arrival. Please purchase your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment as they are going fast! We accept cheques or cash and cheques should be made out to Burpham Village Committee and forwarded to Liz White – Splash Farm Barn, Burpham BN18 9RJ. **Liz White 882654.**

Keeping the Village Moving. Once again our thanks go to Nicky Field for so promptly moving fallen trees etc from the roads leading to the village. That, and

less dramatic things such as trimming the verges and hedges so that we can see where we're going all help to make the village such a pleasant place to live

Easyfundraising.org.uk Thanks to the 10 people who have made purchases online via this website, we have now raised the grand sum of £91.29 so far. This extra income is very useful and helps fund happy and successful social occasions such as the serving of mince pies and mulled wine after the Carol Service, or the children's Christmas Party. Many thanks to you all. **Val Belton, Treasurer BVC**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 5 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 11 Jan	10.30am	FBC AGM	Village Hall
Sun 12 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 16 Jan	7.00pm	Santiago de Compostela & Film	St Mary's
Sun 19 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 26 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 2 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 8 Feb	7.30pm	English Shuffleboard Evening	Village Hall
Tue 11 Feb	7.30pm	Village Fete Meeting	Village Hall

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR
To You All
For 2014

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 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.
With very many thanks, Bob Baynes