

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, February 2014

Dear Friends,

Thanks from The Vicarage to all those kind people who have afforded Jill and me such a warm welcome to the 'Village'. It is really very much appreciated.

One of the things that has impressed me, in the short time since the Licensing, is the view/regard that so many of you have for the church. This applies even though some are not regular attendees, yet value the presence and role that the church plays.

It is my hope that 'ownership' of the church will not be restricted in any way and that people will recognise that the village church is there for everyone. No less a personage than the Archbishop Temple said '... the Church of England is a club for people who are not members'. Far be it from me to disagree with an Archbishop of Canterbury!!

Accordingly, should anyone wish prayers to be said for someone – either because of a time of ill-health, or particular circumstances, or, perhaps, to acknowledge an anniversary of any sort, they can contact - The Vicarage ('phone now on at last - 905837). You might wish to remain anonymous and this can be accommodated by slipping a note though The Vicarage door, or adding your prayer request to a book that will be placed in the church.

Should anyone have other initiatives they think appropriate and would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me.

Maurice Slattery

From the Registers. A Memorial Service was held on 23rd January to celebrate the life of Barbara Liardet who lived in Burpham for many years. Barbara was a great supporter of St Mary's Church and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Calling all Volunteers for tidying the Churchyard, Saturday 1st

March, 10.00am – 12.30pm. We need to give the Churchyard a thorough 'Spring' clean before nature completely takes it over. If you can help, even for a short time, please come along with your secateurs, rakes etc. There will be bread & cheese and beer afterwards. We would be delighted to see you, so if you can make it, please let us know by contacting: **Barbara Williams on 01903 882169**



Village Fete Meeting - Tuesday, 11th February, 7.30 in the Village Hall

Your Village Fete Needs You!



If you, or a friend, would like either to have a stall or have an idea for a game or just would like to help us on this busy day, we are holding a Fete meeting in the village hall on Tuesday, 11th February, and all are welcome to come along.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend please contact **Heather Birch on 01903 882839.**

English Shuffleboard Evening - Saturday, 8th February at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The ever popular Shuffleboard evening has been arranged for Saturday, 8th February at 7.30 in the village hall - come along with your family and friends and have a great evening. Tickets for the evening are £10 and include a fish and chip supper (bring your own tittle). Hope you can come along to this fun evening. We have to order the supper in advance, so please phone either **Julie Tester (01903 883053)** or **Heather Birch (01903 882839), asap**

NSPCC Jumble Sale - Saturday 15th February 2pm till 4pm in the Village Hall. A great way to recycle unwanted Christmas gifts! I am able to collect your jumble and/or if you should have some spare time on the 15th helpers are needed! All proceeds going to NSPCC London Marathon. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause. Call **Bonnie Hamilton on 885923**, or email me at Bonnie.ham@virgin.net NSPCC Chairperson Arun District



Village Companions Monday February 17th at 7.30pm at Splash Farm Barn - If you have not been to a Village Companions meeting – maybe you are new to the village – we would be pleased to see you at our next gathering at Liz and Phil's at Splash Farm Barn. We meet informally every couple of months or so to swap ideas about venues we may want to visit such as theatres, cinemas, sporting

events, pubs or restaurants. (Some venues such as Chichester Festival Theatre give us very good group booking discounts.) A glass of wine seems to help the conversation and ideas flow!! So consider coming along or alternatively watch the village newsletter/website for dates of future trips and give me a ring if there is something you would like to go to. **Liz White 882654**

Charity Supper and Presentation in Aid of Chestnut Tree Hospice Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm - The George at Burpham has been raising

funds via a 50p per table charge in support of Chestnut Tree. Since we re-opened, we have raised £741.31. There will be a Charity Supper on 27th February and a cheque will be presented to the Chestnut Tree. Tickets for the 2-course supper are just £12.50 and **ALL** the ticket revenue will go to the charity as the meal has generously been sponsored.



We do hope you can join us and help us to exceed £1,000 by supporting our local fund-raising efforts. **Please call the pub on 883131 to reserve your place.**

Barbara Liardet 1915 – 2013. Anthony, Michael and Angela, the children of Barbara Liardet, would like to thank the Revd. Maurice Slattery and the Revd. Roy Kilford, the Church Wardens, Julie Tester, Gill Baynes and everyone else who helped to make the Service of Thanksgiving for our mother on Thursday, 23rd January at St. Mary's, Burpham such a smooth-running and happy event, including of course the party in the village hall following the service. We are most appreciative of all the kind people who found the time to attend the service and celebrate our mother's long life and who helped to make the occasion so memorable for us. The retiring collection, to be shared equally between the Royal British Legion and St Wilfrid's Hospice, raised £602.00. Cheques are also being received directly by F. A. Holland. The total for all donations will not be

known for some weeks. We were also honoured by the Royal British Legion's request to display its Standard at the Altar during the church service.

Anthony, Michael and Angela

Forthcoming Events

Sun 2 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 8 Feb	7.30pm	English Shuffleboard Evening	Village Hall
Sun 9 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 11 Feb	7.30pm	Village Fete Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 15 Feb	2.00pm	NSPCC Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Sun 16 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 17 Feb	7.30pm	Village Companions, Liz & Phil's	Splash Farm Barn
Sun 23 Feb	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 27 Feb	7.30pm	Chestnut Tree Sponsored Dinner	The George
Sat 1 Mar	10.00am	Churchyard tidy-up	St Mary's
Sun 2 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's

News from The George at Burpham

- New Sunday Set menu
- 6 Nations Rugby - Matches to be televised in the pub
- 14th February - Valentines set menu and a great deal of flowers.
- 27th February - The Chestnut Tree House Sponsored Charity Dinner
- 5th March - Wine tasting evening hosted by Hennings, £10.00 a head.

Martin, the George @ Burpham, 01903 883131

Easyfundraising.org.uk Thanks to the 10 people who have made purchases online via this website, we have now raised the grand sum of £109.66 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**

Please send your articles for the March Newsletter to

Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of February 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes