

# Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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*From the Vicarage, March 2014*

*Dear Friends* - Lent Looms Large!

Traditionally the expectation associated with Lent – at least in the Christian tradition – is that one should give something up. This has proved very popular in some circles. I have friends who have managed to give up cigarettes every year for 20 to 30 years!!

More recently, however, there has been a trend towards actually taking something ‘up’ rather than giving it ‘up’. If this might be our expression of Lenten observance what form could it take?

We are often separated from loved ones by distance, business and, it could be suggested, sometimes by indifference. How often, I wonder, have you been on the verge of telephoning ‘that’ old friend to catch-up but have allowed yourself to be distracted and then realise, later, that you hadn’t actually done it. Oh yes, and we’ve all said; - ‘I must remember to do it tomorrow.’

The same can be said of the traditional letter. When did you last write a chatty, newsy letter to someone? Especially someone who would really welcome it, someone on their own, perhaps. A simple old-fashioned letter on paper, sealed in an envelope. Not a text message, restricted to 400 characters, or an email, usually couched in spellings that make you wince when you receive them. No – a real letter!!

The result may be that you receive one back – and if that thought makes you smile, imagine the joy in being able to bring a smile to someone else. I am not suggesting 40 letters or ‘phone calls, but somewhere out there, not in cyber space or the virtual world, but in the reality of this world, there may be ‘smile recipient’ waiting just for you.

**Robert Herrick wrote: ‘I dare not beg a smile’. No one should have to – Make it a Smiley Lent.**

*Maurice Slattery*

**From the Church Wardens.** We wish to express thanks to Paul Challen for undertaking and making such an excellent job of clearing the gale damaged yew tree in the church yard. Thank you Paul for volunteering to do this, and saving the church the cost of bringing in outside help.

Please note the dates of special services arranged when we hope you can join us:

5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am – **Ash Wednesday Service**

To be announced from the pulpit in Church – **Lent Lunch Services**

30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am – **Mothering Sunday**

28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm – **Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest Supper**

Maurice and Jill are settling in extremely well and on behalf of all we thank them for joining us and wish them every happiness in what we hope will be a long and fulfilling stay with us. **Yours sincerely, Mike Mills 883174 & Barbara Williams 882169, Church Wardens.**

**Jack O'Neill 1920 to 2014, Age 93.** Jack recently passed away, and the O'Neill family would just like to say thank you for all your prayers, kind thoughts and support during this difficult time. Jack was a great character of the village and will be sadly missed. **Debbie**

**Talk (and slide show) by Dr Alison Beadsworth - Children on the Edge - Thursday, 20th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** Alison has lived in Wepham for seven years. She is a consultant in A & E in Brighton. More than 20 years ago she began charity working with the children in Romanian orphanages. One of her first tasks was to organise screening of many orphans for HIV. As a doctor she was involved in various parts of the world usually a post conflict situation, Sarajevo, Kosovo, East Timor, Haiti and Ethiopia

Alison has agreed to come along with a colleague, Dr Colin Tourle, to explain the work done by her charity in many parts of the world. There will be no charge for this evening, and it is hoped that this will be the first of a series of talks by the people in our local villages. (Glass of wine included). **Heather Birch 882839.**

**Village Fete - 24th May 2014.** Arrangements for our Village Fete are going well - we have decided this year to include a children's fancy dress competition (Pirates and Princesses) and also Best Dressed Dog competition. If you have any ideas, are willing to help, or know of anyone who would like a stall, please contact Heather Birch 01903 882839.

The next meetings are to be held on

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in the Village Hall and the following one

- Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 in the Village Hall - coffee and croissants will be provided - so please come along to this meeting if you are willing to help or have any ideas - and also to discuss anything - all are welcome. **Heather Birch on 01903 882839.**

**Village Companions** We have plenty to offer this month and if any of this appeals to you then just give me a ring and I'll book you in. As usual car share will be available if required on the night.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm Simon Brett 'Who Writes A Diary?'** Tickets £3.50. The talk will take place at Arundel Museum.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Thai Supper** at The Burpham Country Hotel. Jackie and Steve have just returned from a trip to Thailand and Steve will conjure up the delights of this country for us with a selection of wonderful Thai dishes. Price £15 p.p.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm 'How the Other Half Lives' by Alan Ayckbourn** Tickets £11 Performed at The Priory Playhouse - *please book early as these tickets are going fast.*

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm 'The Price of Everything'** A tense and gripping drama about the price we pay for material possessions! Tickets £10 Drip Action performed at The Victoria Institute, Arundel

**Liz White 882654**

**Stool Ball Jumble Sale - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.**

Donations of Jumble & Bric-a-Brac will be very much appreciated. If you would like it collected please call **Julie 883053 or Vanessa 885895** or bring it along to the hall on the morning. We will have a Cake Stall & Raffle. Thank you for your continued support.

**Julie Tester B.S.C.**

**NSPCC Jumble Sale** held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February.** A big thank you to all who gave jumble, came along and gave up your time to help on Saturday 15th February. It was a very successful afternoon resulting in a final figure of £694.11!!!! Once again many thanks for your kind support. **Bonnie Hamilton on 885923, NSPCC**

**Chairperson Arun District**



**Thank you from Sandra and Glen**

**Tomkins** After a wonderful eight months living in 'Flints' in this delightful village we are moving back to our own home in East Preston. Thank you to everyone who have extended such a warm welcome and an even bigger thank you to those

who organise so much for the village to participate in, much of which we have both massively enjoyed. We have made some wonderful friends and we don't want to go! We hope that we can continue to enjoy 'village activities' as 'outsiders' (!) and have promised ourselves that we will be back....we shall keep our eyes peeled in case a home becomes available here in the future. (Do let us know if you are thinking about selling!) (Marion has our email details). Our thanks again....au revoir! **Sandra & Glen.**

## Forthcoming Events

Sat 1 Mar	10.00am	<b>Churchyard tidy-up</b>	St Mary's
Sun 2 Mar	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Wed 5 Mar	11.00am	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 7 Mar	7.00pm	<b>Simon Brett 'Who Writes a Diary'</b>	Arundel Museum
Sun 9 Mar	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 10 Mar	7.30pm	<b>Thai Supper</b>	Burpham Hotel
Sun 16 Mar	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 17 Mar	7.45pm	<b>Play 'How the Other Half Lives'</b>	Priory Playhouse
Tue 18 Mar	7.30pm	<b>Village Fete Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Thu 20 Mar	7.30pm	<b>Dr Alison Beadsworth talk</b>	Village Hall
Sun 23 Mar	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Wed 26 Mar	8.00pm	<b>Play 'The Price of Everything'</b>	Victoria Institute
Sun 30 Mar	10.30am	<b>Mothering Sunday Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sat 12 Apr	2.00pm	<b>Stool Ball Jumble Sale</b>	Village Hall

## Long Range Forecast of Events

The following are all planned social events for this year, so please put these in your diaries, we will let you have details nearer to each event:

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alternatives Band (not in village hall)
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Barn Dance with the Bursledon Village Band
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Clump BBQ (subject to permission)
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ and Film night in village Hall
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween in Village Hall
Nov TBC	Curryoke night in village hall
Dec TBC	Children's Christmas Party

**Please send your articles for the April 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 March 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.**

**With very many thanks, Bob Baynes**