

# Burpham & Wepham News



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

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*From the Vicarage, April 2014*

*Dear Friends* - Easter 2014 – The Great Festival.

The English word Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon word ‘eostre’, which meant ‘opening’. It was also, according to the Venerable Bede, the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess. However, the festival, the principal one in the Christian Calendar, had been celebrated for many years before Anglo-Saxon times and was referred to as Pascha – from the Jewish feast of the Passover which was taking place at the time of the trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. Different items are associated with Easter; Eggs, Bonnets, Hot X Buns and even Rabbits! Easter Sunday is also one of the three days in the Christian year when believers are expected to attend Church.

There will be a service on 18<sup>th</sup> April- Good Friday (the bizarrely named day when Jesus was Crucified) at 12 00 noon in St Mary’s. This service will consist of prayer and readings, and some silences. Sunday Morning’s service will reflect the triumph of The Resurrection and will start at 10 30 am. Also on Good Friday you are invited to a Hot X Bun Coffee Morning at the Vicarage between 10.00 am and 11.30 am. Coffee, Tea and Hot X Buns will be available and the money raised will go to Church Funds.

A tradition of Easter we hope to revive is that of Easter Lilies, whereby lilies are placed in church in memory of departed loved ones as a symbol of hope in rebirth and new beginnings. This has featured significantly in Art though the ages – Leonardo da Vinci shows Mary holding a white lily in his famous painting of ‘The Annunciation’. If you would like a lily placed within the church, you can leave an envelope at The Vicarage containing the name of the loved one and a donation towards the cost of the flower/bloom.

From all at The Vicarage and St Mary the Virgin Church, may we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

*Maurice Slattery*

**From the Church Wardens.** We wish to say a big "thank you" to all those who worked so hard with the churchyard clearing on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The weather was kind and a great deal was achieved by your efforts - thank you all very much.

The Village & Church Fete takes place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May and we would be grateful for contributions for the Bottle Tombola. Please let Mike have any bottles you are able to give or let him know if you would like them collected.

**Yours sincerely, Mike Mills 883174, Barbara Williams 882169, Church Wardens.**

**Easter Flowers.** We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. If you are able to help, please come with your secateurs and any greenery you may have. Refreshments will be provided. Please let me know if you are able to help. **Gill 883667**

**Village Fete – Coffee and Doughnut Meeting, Saturday, 26th April at 10.30 in the Village Hall.** Please come along if you:

**YOUR VILLAGE  
NEEDS**



- Would like to Volunteer
- Have any ideas for games
- Have an idea for a stall
- Would like to have your own stall



The Church and Village Fete will take place on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, and as well as volunteers we would ask that if you have any clothes, books, bric-a-brac, plants, preserves, toys, etc. that are unwanted - please put these by for our fete stalls.

If you are unable to attend our Saturday morning meeting you can contact Heather Birch on 882839.

Final dates for Fete Meetings -

Tuesday, 6th May at 7.30 in the village hall

Tuesday, 20th May at 7.30 in the village hall

Thank you. **Heather Birch 01903 882839.**

**Wanted for the Village Fete.** Accessories – handbags, belts, scarves, gloves etc in as good a condition as you can spare! Please 'phone 01903 726401 if you want them collected. Many thanks, **Jean Casale**

**Village Companions** - On Monday May 19th we will be going to The Priory Playhouse to see 'Gaslight' a Victorian thriller. If you would like to go please contact me asap as tickets to this popular little Arundel Theatre always disappear fast. Tickets are £11 and the play starts at 7.45 p.m. Car share available.

A future trip will be to Arundel Brewery. The tour will cost £10 per head which includes 3 pints of beer!! There will be more information about this in next month's newsletter, however if you are interested then let me know as numbers are limited. Arundel Brewery is situated on the Ford Industrial Estate and has new owners who have made some interesting changes since taking on the business including linking up with The Wild Heaven Brewery in Atlanta, Georgia USA and sharing their recipe for 'Let There Be Light' with their own 'Black Stallion' beer. It should be a good trip – cheers!! **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.**

**Jack O'Neill/Burpham and Warningcamp Cricket Club.** The Cricket Club would like to thank Jack's family for nominating the Cricket Club to receive donations following Jack's sad passing, and also to thank all those who have already donated for their generosity. Jack's family would also like to present a Cup to the Cricket Club, in memory of Jack, and it has been agreed between the Club and Jack's family that the "Jack O'Neill Outstanding Junior Cricketer" Award will be presented annually to a youngster from the thriving Junior Section. The Cricket Club are delighted to be able to remember Jack in this way. **Kevin Foster, Chairman - BWCC**

**Thank You Alison Beadsworth & Colin Tourle.** Last month we were treated to a talk by Dr Alison Beadsworth and her colleague Dr Colin Tourle about their charity IASIS which provides medical and emergency help to people who are marginalised because of conflict, poverty and remoteness. The Social Committee would like to thank them both for their time and their interesting presentation. Alison has lived in our village for 7 years and it was amazing to hear what the charity achieves. For those of you who missed it and would like to know more the website can be viewed on [www.iasis.or.uk](http://www.iasis.or.uk). One of the many projects shown on the night depicted patients who had been blind having their sight restored thanks to IASIS. The smile on the faces of those patients after their operations when they knew that they could now see was a wonderful sight to

behold. A collection was made on the night which raised over £300. If you were unable to attend and would like to make a donation please contact **Heather Birch 882830**.

## Forthcoming Events

Fri 4 Apr	3.00pm	<b>Norman Wild Memorial Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 6 Apr	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Sat 12 Apr	2.00pm	<b>Stool Ball Jumble Sale</b>	Village Hall
Sun 13 Apr	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Tue 15 Apr	7.00pm	<b>PCC Annual General Meeting</b>	St Mary's
Fri 18 Apr	10.00am	<b>Hot Cross Buns</b>	Vicarage
	12 noon	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 20 Apr	10.30am	<b>Easter Day Service</b>	St Mary's
Sat 26 Apr	10.30am	<b>Fete Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 27 Apr	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Tue 6 May	7.30pm	<b>Fete Meeting</b>	Village Hall

**NSPCC Sponsorship.** Bonnie Hamilton is competing in the London Marathon on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014. She is walking in aid of NSPCC. If you could sponsor her or donate that would be very kind. Cheques/Cash through the door at Woodside, or the virgin giving page 'Bonnie Hamilton follow the links.' Thank you in advance! **Bonnie**

**News from The George at Burpham - Sunday Opening Hours.** From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April the George will open as follows:

- Open from 12 noon to 10:00pm for drinks
- Food will be served from 12 noon to 5:00pm then 6:00pm to 9:00pm, which will allow for the shift change.

**Arundel Brewery Tasting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.** There will be four new beers to taste and the ticket cost of £7.50 will include nibbles. Attendees will need to arrive at The George at Burpham by 7.00pm

Please send your articles for the May 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 April 2014.** All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, **Bob Baynes**

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### **From Minutes of Burpham Church Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

This meeting confirms the official position for use of St Mary the Virgin – Burpham’s graveyard, as stated and passed at a previous meeting. viz –

The churchyard of Burpham is available to the following, subject to space :-

Regular Worshippers at Burpham Church

All Members of the Electoral Roll of Burpham Church

All residents of the Parish. viz the villages of Burpham and Wepham.

It should NOT be taken that former residents of Burpham Village, who have

a) Moved away

b) Have moved away and were not regular attendees of Burpham Church,

have, or can seek to assert, a statutory right to claim burial in the aforementioned Churchyard.

This fact, already enshrined in PCC Minutes, has been confirmed by the Diocesan Legal Officer and the Solicitor from Church House in London.

Any discretion with regard to the above rests with the Priest in Charge and the Churchwardens. However, the circumstances must be demonstrated as exceptional and confirmed by the PCC.

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# JACK O'NEILL – TRIBUTE

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Jack was born on the April 8<sup>th</sup> 1920, and lived with his parents and “old Gran” in the thatched cottage by the Splash known as Court Leet House. His sister Joan was born two years later. He grew up in Burpham, went to school, Sunday school and played in the village cricket team. At 14 he went to work at a local nursery, and at 16 worked driving a lorry for “Hares Garage.”

Just after the war began, he joined the local defence volunteers, before getting his call-up papers. In 1941 he met Audrey at a New Years Eve dance and after meeting just a few times they decided to get married on April 11<sup>th</sup> 1942. Six weeks later Jack was shipped off to South Africa and the Middle East, not realising it then, that they would not see each other for another 4 years.

After the war they set up home in an ex-army hut, situated across the road from the Burpham vicarage. There they lived for two and half years before being offered number 1 Council Cottages in Wepham. Jack worked on the railway with his father and later worked for the river board. He bought the rights to catch rabbits with his mate “Reg,” which earned them both a little extra money.

6 years passed and in 1955 they moved into number 6 Council Cottages. He got a job driving a lorry for Artex, working for them for 15 years before becoming a grounds man at Littlehampton sports club and also at Middleton sports club before retiring. He enjoyed his swimming, dancing and holidays (especially his safari's!) He loved his gardening and projects and also the gardening jobs he had around the village. He was a great character, a true villager and a very proud man... he will be sadly missed. He leaves behind 7 children, 18 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and many good friends and neighbours.

## Acknowledgments

Debbie and the O'Neill Family would like to thank, Maurice for a lovely service, Mike Mills for his support, Bob for all his help and Gill and Rosemary for the lovely flowers in the church. We would also like to thank Julie Tester, David and Bonnie, Julia and Paul and anyone else we have forgotten to mention for all their hard work with teas and washing up in the village hall afterwards.

Thank you all again.