

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Church Wardens, July 2013

Dear Friends,

New Vicar. We are sorry that at the time of writing, we have nothing to report. A new advertisement appeared in the Church Times on the 21st June, and we are hoping for a better response this time. The Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force Chaplains Departments have all received full details of the position and we hope to get some enquiries from them. The Diocese Office also now has the post on its website and we will of course keep you posted of any news.

Summer Concert. About 80 people attended a most enjoyable evening's entertainment which raised nearly £1000 net towards our church funds. Our thanks go to Richard Elwood for arranging a delightful programme of music and songs so beautifully sung by Tom Perkins and Amelia Craddock. Our thanks also go to John Dunlop for donating the trophies which were auctioned and contributed some £450 toward the total return of the evening. The refreshments during the interval were enjoyed by all and our thanks go to all those who prepared such a delicious and attractive display of food. We hope the evening was enjoyed by all and thank you for your support.

Farewells. We sadly said our farewells to Audrey O'Neill on the 13th June and Pauline Humphrey on 21st June. Our prayers and kindest thoughts go out to their families and friends at this sad time.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any special needs please do not hesitate to either of us at any time. **Yours sincerely,**

Mike Mills 883174 & Barbara Williams 882169, Church Wardens.

Burpham Village Committee - Planning. Ed French acts on our behalf to help form a view of planning matters within Burpham & Wepham and their surroundings. Proposed developments will always generate a mix of emotions and opinions which have to be reconciled, much of which can be achieved with good communication. Please feel free to contact Ed, in confidence, to discuss the merits or otherwise of any proposals so that the committee can reach well considered decisions which reflect the views of the community. This is in line with the South Downs National Parks Authority (SDNPA) which is taking a more proactive approach in offering a pre-application service. The villages will evolve over time and if we work together, this can be done sympathetically and reasonably. **Ed French** ed_french@hotmail.com, tel: **884459**

Fund Raising for the Village Hall. The Village Committee has registered Burpham Village Hall and Recreation Ground with an organisation called EasyFundRaising: See the village website for more information or go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
Regards, **Marion, Secretary to Burpham Village Committee**

Summer Social Dates for your Diary.

Howling at the Moon, Sunday, 21st July, 5.00 p.m. at Norfolk Clump. Following the success of last year's Jubilee Bar-B-Q and Party at Norfolk Clump, we are to hold another on the evening of the full moon in July.

Please bring along your own food to Bar-B-Q, tipples, chairs, etc., and enjoy a *hopefully* great summer's evening with friends and neighbours. We will supply the Bar-B-Q and charcoal, and some music.

If the weather is not-so-good a notice will be placed at end of lane and the date will be re-arranged. **Please, no dogs.**

Grease - Film Night & Bar-B-Q, Friday, 23rd August, 6.00 p.m. at the Village Hall and Cricket Ground. As above, following the success of our Mama Mia evening last year, a Grease film night is to be held on Friday, 23rd August. Please bring along your own Bar-B-Q food, picnic and tipples and we will supply you with a Bar-B-Q and a fun evening.

If you have any queries please phone: **Heather Birch on 01903 882839.**

Rebecca & Adam's Blessing. The Blessing of the Marriage of our daughter Rebecca and her husband Adam will take place at the church on Saturday 20th July at 4.00pm The Morris Men will be performing outside the George and

Dragon afterwards. We would be delighted if anyone from the village could come along and join us. **Steve and Greta Ollerearnshaw**

NSPCC Dance. I regret that the Dance has had to be postponed – I will notify a new date later. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience **Bonnie Hamilton**

Audrey O'Neill, died 24th May 2013 aged 92. Audrey was born in East Ham in London where she grew up. She worked in a laundry and dairies after she left school until the outbreak of World War 2. Living in London, her life was dominated by the bombing, and she vividly remembered the ack ack gun outside her house, the bombing and doodlebugs. After working in an ammunition factory she joined the WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air force) and served in various RAF stations around the UK as a corporal.

She met Jack at a New Year's Eve dance, and despite initial opposition from her family, and after only meeting Jack four times, they married in Worthing Register Office on 11th April 1942 - as there wasn't time to read the Banns at Burpham Church! Audrey loved Wepham, and she and Jack stayed there whenever they could, but Jack was soon posted to Africa and they did not see each other for 4 years.

They were determined to live in the village, and endured difficult times until they ended up in their final home in Wepham. Audrey had seven children who are eternally grateful to her for their wonderful childhood, and her great understanding and patience.

Despite failing sight, Audrey remained active to the end, enjoying dancing and swimming, walks on the Downs and enthusiastically joining in all village activities. Through her sunny personality she made many friends and was a very popular member of the village. We say farewell to a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and a good friend to us all. She will always be in our hearts.

Pauline Humphrey, died 29th May 2013 aged 77. In our modern times of instant communications and speedy travel, it is unusual to know someone born, bred and who has never moved from the same neighbourhood. Such was Pauline. One of a large local family, born in Burpham, schooled locally and employed in Wepham. Pauline was baptised and married in our church and devoted to our church and village.

On leaving school, Pauline immediately entered domestic service, where she served several local families for many years. She was especially gifted with a natural flair with children. Children responded to Pauline. There must be a

number of now mature adults who have affectionate memories of 'Nanny Pauline'

A country woman through and through, her other love was animals. We remember Pauline surrounded by Wendy Knight's beautiful golden retrievers, one of which she lovingly homed.

She was a loyal and loving wife of Les who worked on Wepham Farm. He also acted as grounds man for the Burpham and Warningcamp Cricket Club where he was ably assisted by Pauline, who did the cricket teas. And indeed she supported the Cricket Club until the end of last season.

Lately poor Pauline suffered ill health and had to undergo the amputation of a leg. Full of pluck, she rose above her disability and was constantly to be seen travelling in her buggy up and down Burpham Lane. Part of our village, she will be greatly missed. God bless you Pauline.

Forthcoming Events

Wed 3 Jul	2.00pm	Cricket v Dartfordians (Home)	Rec Ground
Sat 6 Jul	10.30am	Village Committee AGM	Village Hall
Sun 7 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Henley (Home)	Rec Ground
Sun 14 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton (Home)	Rec Ground
Tue 16 Jul	6.30pm	Cricket v Hythe Green (Home)	Rec Ground
Sun 21 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	10.00am	Cricket 6-a-side (Home)	Rec Ground
	5.00pm	Howling at the Moon	Norfolk Clump
Mon 22 Jul	7.45pm	Play Minerva Theatre 'If Only'	Chichester

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 2013. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes