

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 2 Dec	7.00pm	<b>Skittles &amp; Village Companions Supper</b>	Maypole Inn Yapton
Tue 3 Dec	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 8 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Wed 11 Dec	7.30pm	<b>Licensing Service for New Vicar</b>	St Mary's
Sun 15 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	6.00pm	<b>Carol Service followed by Mulled Wine &amp; Mince Pies</b>	St Mary's Village Hall
Wed 18 Dec	6.30pm	<b>Carol Singing round the Village</b>	See Details above
Sun 22 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	5.30pm	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>	Village Hall
Tue 24 Dec	10.30pm	<b>Christmas Eve Communion</b>	St Mary's
Wed 25 Dec	10.30am	<b>Christmas Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 29 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's

**Drip Action Theatre and Supper evening; 1st November.** Warmest thanks are due to the Social Committee for organising this original and highly successful event. The supper they prepared and served was well chosen and truly delicious and everyone who came had a really enjoyable time. I'm pleased to report that all their very hard work resulted not only in a terrific evening, but a profit of some £552, so many congratulations and thanks again to all concerned. **Val Belton"**

**Missing Cat** Please would you keep an eye out for Casper a large black cat which is missing. If you have any news please call **Lesley French on 075785 57410**

**FINALLY, A REALLY BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ORGANISED EVERYTHING AROUND THE VILLAGE AND MADE BURPHAM AND WEPHAM SUCH A MARVELLOUS PLACE TO LIVE. THIS INCLUDES RUNNING THE VILLAGE HALL, ALL THE EVENTS, DELIVERING THE NEWSLETTER, CLEANING AND DECORATING THE CHURCH, HELPING AT THE FETE ETC ETC ETC - THE LIST GOES ON. THANK YOU ALL DO HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Please send your articles for the January 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 December 2013. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes



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*From the Church Wardens, December 2013*

*Dear Friends,*

**New Vicar.** It was with great pleasure that we were able to formally announce the appointment of our new vicar in church. Maurice Slattery has been formally appointed and will be licenced by Mark, The Bishop of Horsham in our church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at a service starting at 7.30pm when all will be welcome to attend. Maurice and his wife Jill will be joining us from the Isle of Wight, and are very much looking forward to their Ministry here and at Poling. We wish them much happiness and a long stay with us in our Parish. We are postponing the monthly 'Coffee after Service' this month until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December which we hope will give everyone the opportunity of meeting Maurice and Jill following his first Service at Burpham. From the 17<sup>th</sup> December the vicarage will have a new telephone number 01903 905837

**Christmas Services.**

**15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am** Family Service followed by coffee and at **6.00pm** the **Carol Service** followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the village hall.

**24<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30pm** Christmas Eve Communion Service

**25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am** Christmas Day Family

**Church Cleaning.** Our thanks to all those who turned up on the 9th November and helped with such a successful cleaning of the Church. It really does look cared for and all the hard work will be appreciated by all.

**Thank you all for your continued support.** Finally we would like to thank all of you for your help and support throughout the interregnum; we have done our best to help, and with your support it has made our tasks both rewarding and enjoyable --- **THANK YOU ALL.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Mike Mills 883174 & Barbara Williams 882169, Church Wardens.**

**Church Flowers for Christmas.** We will be decorating the church for all the Christmas activities on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. After the very successful team effort for the Harvest Festival, it would be lovely if everyone could join in again for Christmas. All the flowers will be supplied, all you need to do is bring your ideas, some greenery and your secateurs. There will be festive refreshments to keep us going! If you can come, please call **Gill 883667**



**Village Fete Meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014.** The third Fete meeting is to be held in the village hall on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

Please come along - we would like – and need - as many volunteers as possible to help with the fete in May next year, plus ideas for games - and if you have a family member or friend who would like to have a stall, please let us know.

**Heather Birch 01903 882839**

**Carol Singing around the Village, Wednesday, 18th December**

Please come along and join in the traditional Carol Singing around the Village. Groups meeting at -

**Burpham** - Liz & Phil White's at 6.30pm

**Wepham** - Rosemary & Bill Tustin's at 6.30pm

There will be mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the evening at the George. All proceeds will go to local Children's charities. **Heather Birch 882839**



**Village Christmas Party Bring 'n Share Tea, Sunday, 22nd December in the Village Hall. A special request from Santa!**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December starting at 5.30pm Santa Clause will be visiting our village hall again this year and he has asked us to find out who will be coming to see him. So it would be a good idea if all you children can let us know if you'll be there. Just tell Heather Birch 882839 and she will whisper it in his ear!! The hall will be decorated on the night and a festive drink will be offered on arrival. Don't forget to bring a platter of food to share and any tipples of your choice.

There will be games for the children and Santa is expected to arrive at 6.30pm so we look forward to seeing you all there. **Heather Birch 882839**



**Village Companions - Anyone for Skittles!** On Monday 2nd December at 7.00pm we shall be going to The Maypole Inn at Yapton for an evening of Skittles. This year we are having the light buffet menu from the pub at a cost of £7.50 (this includes use of the skittle alley). This is always a popular night out and if you would like to go then please let me know as soon as possible. Car share will be available as usual.

**Liz White 882654**

**Talk by Bill Philips - Santiago de Compostela Way - Thursday, 16th January 2014, 7 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Bill Philips has agreed to give his interesting talk on walking the Santiago de Compostela Way. This has already proved to be very popular in Arundel and, therefore, we would ask that you let us know how many tickets you require.

The talk will be followed by the film "The Way".

Tickets for the evening are £10 and will include a glass of wine on arrival.

Please phone either **Liz White (882654)** or **Heather Birch (882839)**.

**English Shuffleboard Evening, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm.**

The popular Shuffleboard Evening has been arranged for Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February in the village hall. Details and ticket price will be in the January newsletter.

**NSPCC Jumble Sale, Saturday 15th February 2.00 'till 4.00pm**

A great opportunity to recycle unwanted Christmas Gifts! Jumble can be collected. Helpers needed. Many thanks in advance for supporting this worthy cause. Please contact **Bonnie 885923** or email [bonnie.ham@virgin.net](mailto:bonnie.ham@virgin.net)

**Village Companions Meeting, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm.** We are meeting at Liz and Phil White's at Splash Farm Barn Burpham to talk about trips for 2014. Everyone is welcome, it is all very informal and it would be good to have your ideas. We had a busy 2013 with trips to a Drip Action play, a movie and supper at East Beach Cafe, a night at New Park Cinema Chichester, Arundel Jailhouse Blues evening, Putting in Arundel, a visit to Chichester Festival Theatre, an evening of Spanish Food at the Burpham Country Hotel and finally a Skittles evening at The Maypole Inn at Yapton. Quite a selection and all well supported. If you would like to come to the meeting, just let me know. **Liz White 882654.**