

Burpham & Wepham News



On 6th November 1917, after three months of fierce fighting, British and Canadian forces finally took control of the tiny village of Passchendaele in the West Flanders region of Belgium, so ending one of the bloodiest battles of World War I. With approximately a third of a million British and Allied soldiers either killed or wounded, the Battle of Passchendaele (officially the third battle of Ypres), symbolises the true horror of industrialised trench warfare.

The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, November 2017

Dear Friends,

November is the month of Remembrance. On 1st November, All Saints Day, the Christian church remembers and celebrates those from earlier times who have left a shining example of a Christian living. On 2nd November, All Souls Day we commemorate those we have known and loved and who are no longer with us.

At St Mary's Church Burpham, there will be a short service of commemoration at 6.00pm where we will read out the names of family and friends who have died and light candles in their memory. All are welcome to this service and if you wish to add a name to the list in church please let me know or write the name on the list provided at the back of church.

And of course, as a Nation, Remembrance Sunday calls to mind the two world wars and many bitter conflicts since, which have been etched in our hearts as times of extreme valour and huge sacrifice.

Sadly, conflict in war continues to cause suffering, bereavement and lifelong hardship for those caught up in the fighting. As a nation we have endeavoured to fight for the cause of justice and peace in many 'theatres of

war' around the world. Even so, the concept of 'just war', a theory expounded by St Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, is a difficult one to rationalise when so many innocents are caught up in such violence. Tragically, military might is often used for sinister purposes rather than saintly reasons. One hundred years on from the slaughter and horror of the Battle of Passchendaele in the 1st World War and over 70 years on from the persecutions of the Nazi death camps of the 2nd, we continue to seek and search for peace for the nations. Remembering those who gave their lives for such high ideals helps us to acknowledge the sacrifice others have made for us.

In Burpham and Poling our Remembrance Day services will honour those from our own communities who have fought for freedom. The national Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London and the two minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month are also intended to ensure we do not forget those who fought so valiantly and sacrificed so much. The legacy we have is the privilege to live in a democracy with the freedom to express ourselves without fear of persecution or violence, whatever our opinions and views are. I hope that this year's services will serve to offer you an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of freedom we have in this country and, for Christians everywhere, an opportunity to remind ourselves of our calling to Christ's service – to love our neighbours as ourselves.

With love and blessings.

Celia

Priest in charge; St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling.
Rev. Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com Tel. 07807 899119

Village Events & Village Companions. Thank you, Marion & Doug for hosting the last Village Companions meeting at your house. The Village Events and Village Companions programme of events have been combined this month so that 'what's on' is clearer:

- **Visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) - Wednesday 6th December.** Christmas Fayre tickets £20 each, free parking, food available. Have to arrive before 12.30, suggest leaving around 9.30am. Car share can be arranged. **Contact Gayle Rooke gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk**
- **Village Christmas Quiz - Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** A Christmas themed quiz evening with Nick John plus Christmas Raffle - bring your own tipples. **Tickets £5 from Heather Birch 882839**

- **Annual Christmas Skittles & Supper, the Maypole, Yapton - Monday 11th December.** Car share will be arranged, cost £8.50pp, all are welcome to come to this annual event. **Contact Bob 883667**
- **Village Companions' Meeting - Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm**
The next meeting will be held at Court Leet Cottage, all welcome, if you'd like to come, **please let Gill know on 883667**
- **Friday 9th February 2018** – Murder Mystery dinner at the Jailhouse, Arundel. If you want to go - tickets are selling out quickly - **please contact Sandra as soon as possible on 916581.**

Everyone is welcome to come along to all our meetings and events, any further queries, please **contact Bob 883667 or Heather 882839**

Cricket Club Awards Night - Friday 3rd November at The George.
Your Last Chance to secure your place at the cricket dinner. Anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible. **Kevin Foster 882823**

Village Walk - Saturday 2nd December. We will again be meeting at the Village Hall for the next walk. All are welcome, and we will meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am. Not sure how far it will be (haven't decided a route yet), but back by about 12.00 noon, coffee and cake on return.

Contact Steff 884909 /07880 738705/ steffmichel@yahoo.co.uk

At The George

- **Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - Thursday 16th November.** There will be a three course meal, including a glass of Beaujolais, at £32 per head.
- **Christmas Tree Light Up - Friday 1st December** plus complimentary mulled wine and mince pies – see enclosed Flyer
- **Christmas Day.** Please note that The George will once again open its doors on Christmas day from 12noon until 2.00pm. **Sue 883131**

Candlelight Carol Service - St. Mary's. Sunday 17th December

I am putting together a small choir for this occasion and we'll be providing support for congregational carols, plus a couple of choir items.

There will be two one hour rehearsals in the week of 11th December. More details in next month's newsletter.

If you would like to take part please could you let me know. I'd also love to hear from anyone who'd like to play an instrument in the service to make it even more wonderful and Christmassy! Monica Cooper: 885349 / moncooper@yahoo.com / M: 07951 718262

Forthcoming Events

A lot of village activity is planned for Christmas, so this month, your Editor, editorial staff, investigative reporters and proof readers have produced a two month programme so that you can plan your Christmas with a degree of precision (if you want to, that is!)

Thu 2 Nov	6.00pm	All Souls Commemoration Service	St Mary's
Fri 3 Nov	7.00pm	Cricket Awards Dinner	The George
Sun 5 Nov	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 6 Nov	7.00pm	Burpham Church PCC Meeting	Vicarage
Sun 12 Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Day Service	St Mary's
Thu 16 Nov	6.30pm	Beaujolais Nouveau Evening	The George
Sun 19 Nov	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 26 Nov	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Fri 1 Dec	5.00pm	Christmas Tree Lighting at the Pub	The George
Sat 2 Dec	10.00am	Village Walk	Village Hall
Sun 3 Dec	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sat 9 Dec	7.30pm	Christmas Quiz & Raffle	Village Hall
Wed 6 Dec	All Day	'Downton Abbey' Christmas Fayre	Highclere
Sun 10 Dec	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 11 Dec	6.30pm	Xmas Skittles & Supper, Maypole	Yapton
Thu 14 Dec	6.00pm	Carols Around the Village	Village
Sat 16 Dec	10.30am	Decorate Church & Christmas Tree	St Mary's
Sun 17 Dec	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	6.00pm	Village Candlelight Carol Service	St Mary's
	7.00pm	Mince pies & Mulled Wine	Village Hall
Sun 24 Dec	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	3.00pm	Children's Crib Service & Tea	St Mary's
	TBC	Christmas Eve Service	St Mary's
Mon 25 Dec	TBC	Christmas Day Service	St Mary's
Thu 28 Dec	3.00pm	Children's Christmas Film Show	Village Hall

Please send your articles for the December Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of November 2017. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes