



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, June 2018

Dear Friends,

The Royal Wedding Day on 19th May brought sunshine and happiness into many lives – and particularly into the lives of the happy couple themselves. And everyone seems to have been riveted by the wonderful wedding address – all about the joy of God’s love for us! Both Burpham and Poling parishes held a local gathering to mark the event. A tea party in Poling and an evening bring and share barbecue in Burpham. In Burpham we had our very own wedding at St Mary’s, with the church beautifully decorated by members of the congregation, the bells rung by a member of the community and the bride and bridegroom’s families brought together with a sense of unity and togetherness and a sense of belonging within a community.

I have been prompted to reflect on both celebrations, the national and the local – and what that tells me about how we value our identity. Identity is a greatly cherished part of every human being – to belong means to be loved in some way or other. Knowing we are loved plays a vital part in our own peace of mind and personal contentment. There is a beautiful line in scripture (Isaiah Ch. 43: v.1) which tells us that God has called each one of us by name and loves each one of us. Christians are committed to leading a life which is modelled on the life of Jesus. Peace and contentment are the hope of every Christian, offered as it is by God to every human being if we choose to accept his love.

The Royal Wedding brought many of us together, clearly enjoying our identity as a nation and within our own communities, allowing us, as it did, the opportunity to be part of a bigger family. And, as the preacher said – the power of love is a force to be reckoned with. It certainly is! With love and blessings,

Celia

Priest in charge: St Mary the Virgin, Burpham and St Nicholas, Poling.

Rev. Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com Tel. 07807 899119

Village Committee Meetings. You are invited to attend these meetings and we would be delighted if you would let us know how you would like the village to develop. Meetings as follows:

5th June at 7:30pm. Village Committee meeting in the Village Hall.

30th June at 10:30am. AGM on Saturday in the Village Hall.

All are free to attend, and you can email any issues beforehand to:

The Secretary at burphamandwepham@gmail.com

Church Festival Weekend, 17th, 18th, 19th August 2018

Celia, our Vicar, is planning a Festival Weekend over these 3 days. There will be events in the Church, the Hall and on the Recreation ground. It will include, among other events,

- **A Photographic Exhibition in the Church,** Steve Penticost has offered to mastermind this event, and the best images will be considered for a forthcoming village calendar which will be part of the village playground group's fundraising activities. The exhibition theme is 'Our Village' and more details can be found on the village website. Photographic images from your camera or phone in JPEG format should be submitted to Steve Penticost burphamandwepham@gmail.com by 1st August. You can telephone him with any queries on 882160. The best images will be taken forward into a 2019 calendar which will raise funds for the village playground.
- **An Art Exhibition in the Village Hall.** We will be exhibiting paintings by local artists and not only of the local area but also of a general theme. If you would like to sell your Art, then that is fine, and perhaps donate a percentage to the funds, which will be divided between the Church and the planned new playground. We might even have an auction of the paintings at the end of the day. (Contact Heather if you have some thoughts)
- **A Family Fun Day.** This day will culminate in the annual village bbq, but we have also so far planned the exhibitions and a dog show, and Tea and Pimms during the afternoon, but need some ideas and help, please, on events to make this a good fun day for our village.

We need some teams to develop these events. If you are able to help, please

contact Heather on 01903 882839 heatherwbirch@btinternet.com

Thank you.

Village Companions, Programme of events:

- **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Companions will be a BBQ at Glen & Sandra's, Lavender Cottage, on Monday the 4th June at 7.30pm. If you will be attending, **please let Sandra know on 916581**

- **Village walk - Saturday 7th July.** All are welcome on the July village walk which will be to Amberley and back via North Stoke / Gurkha Suspension Bridge. Pit stop for a refreshing shandy at The Bridge. Meet at the village hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 7th July. All welcome. Any questions contact Karen on 07920 523029 or karen.l.campbell@btinternet.com
- **Supper on the River** – Heather is organising an evening out on the river. There are several dates we might do this which will be discussed at the meeting at Glen & Sandra's on 4th June.
- **Me and My Girl at Chichester Theatre, Monday 16th July at 7.30.** Toria is organising, so if you have any queries please contact her at (toriaburch@gmail.com)

If you are interested in joining any of these events please contact the organiser and **make sure that you are on the list!** **Bob Baynes**

Last Month's Village Entertainment

- **Royal Wedding Celebration.** A big thank you to Paul Challen for letting us have his paddock for the celebration party. It was a lovely setting and a great evening. Thanks go to Heather as *The Grand Organiser*, and everyone else who helped to set it up, providing the music, champagne, and much more.
- **Farm Tour & Hog Roast.** Another fabulous evening and another big thank you to Peter Knight and his team - the rain held off and we were able to enjoy our lovely countryside and understand all the hard work that goes into making it so special. The evening was rounded off with a magnificent Hog Roast; Peter kindly donated the collection that was taken to our Playground fund, £280.74. Again thank you from all who were on the tour that evening, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you from William Tyler. Thank you everyone for such generous gifts on my retirement as Churchwarden. It seems to becoming common knowledge that I like a nice glass of wine so thank you! Mike Mills has been the rock that has kept the church alive for the past 25 years and it has been a pleasure to work with him during my two stints as churchwarden. During those times we managed to re-roof the church and re-point the tower bringing the fabric of the church back into top condition for the moment. Thank you all for your generosity and please continue to support St Mary's in any way that you can. **Thank you, William.**

Thank you from Mike Mills. Dear Friends, my thanks to you all for the very generous gifts that you gave me on my retirement as church warden. June also sends her thanks for the delightful bouquet of flowers which adorn our sitting room. It was all a great surprise and very much appreciated. I enjoyed my 25 years as church warden of St Mary's church and only hope that my small contribution has helped in keeping it all in good order. Enjoying my role was entirely due to the help and support that you have given me over the years.

I do hope that someone will soon come forward to take on the role of churchwarden and that they will also have the enjoyment and satisfaction of serving as I have. Meanwhile, I am continuing to serve as a member of the PCC and will do all I can to help.

June and I thank you all once again and look forward to joining you all in our Sunday worship, and also in village and Church social events in the years ahead. **Thank you, Mike Mills**

Flower & Veg Stall in St Mary's, 11.45am Sunday 3rd June.

Following the Family Service, coffee and home produce is always available. However, on the 6th June, there will also be a small plant and veg stall as well, so come along and do your garden a favour! **Gill**

Forthcoming Events

Sat 2 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 3 Jun	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce and Flower Stall	St Mary's
Mon 4 Jun	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting Sandra's	Lavender Cottage
Tue 5 Jun	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 9 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 10 Jun	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 16 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 17 Jun	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 23 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 24 Jun	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 30 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
	10.30am	Village Committee AGM	Village Hall
Sun 1 Jul	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sat 7 Jul	2.00pm	Village Walk to Amberley	Village Hall

Please send your articles for the July Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of June. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes