



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, July 2018

Dear Friends,

Our summer weather brings out the best of our countryside. For some, July and August bring a break from the usual work and study routines but for our farmers this is a time of huge effort to bring in the harvests and rear this year's 'crop' of young livestock.

Christian festivals to celebrate the gifts of creation are a traditional part of the church's year, serving to remind us of God's gift of a bountiful harvest. Here in Burpham we are preparing for our church patronal festival. This marks the original dedication of the church, originally to St. Nicholas, but later changed in honour of Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We shall celebrate the presence of a Christian community in this village with a weekend of fun activities, see overleaf.

As we enjoy the blessings of summer, we can emulate Jesus' example by seeking to make the most of our own blessings. Within his busy ministry Jesus sloped off to the hills to rest and refresh himself, sometimes with his friends, sometimes alone. He ate and drank with others, enjoying companionship of friends and family. Take the opportunity over the summer to enjoy our beautiful surroundings and village community. Rested and refreshed, we are always better equipped to tackle the challenges which come our way! With love and blessings.

Celia

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

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

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

On Friday 17th August we are holding a musical evening of light jazz in the church, courtesy of our talented local musician, Toria's son Alex, whose band is called 'Kumar and the Aardvarks'. Tickets are on sale from the vicarage or on the door for £5, which includes a glass of fizz and 'lite bites'. On Saturday 18th, the village committee is masterminding an afternoon of fun and silly games (with rumour of a vicar's team versus the village in a game of stoolball or similar) with a village barbecue in the evening. We will celebrate with a festal family Eucharist on Sunday 19th, followed by a bring and share lunch in church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a contribution (small or large!) to a lunchtime spread. There is no charge but we will, of course, have our usual Sunday offertory! May I encourage you to support one or all of the events of our patronal weekend as we join together as a village community. Any profit we do achieve, from the minimal charges for the events, will be shared between the church and the village playground project.

Planning Meeting, Monday 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

As part of the Patronal Festival Weekend, we would like to arrange a Family Fun Day on Saturday, 18th August.

We have a few ideas in place –

- Dog Show
- Art Exhibition in Village Hall - if you have Art of your own that you would like to display or sell, or you know of a local Artist who would like to display their art
- Village Stalls - if you would like to have a stall and sell either your produce or cakes, etc. or crafts, etc., or you know of someone who would be interested
- Bottle Stall
- Coffees/Teas

- and we are looking for more ideas, games, fancy dress, fun stoolball match or cricket - and participation to make this a great day - proceeds will be divided between the Church and Playground fund.

Please come along on the Monday evening, or phone Heather Birch on 01903 882839.

Village Companions, Programme of events:

- **River Cruise Friday - 6th July at 7.30pm** Ploughman's and Pimm's Special. The boat departs from the wharf beside the Onslow Arms pub in Loxwood on the B2133 (Postcode: RH14 0RD). Please ensure you park in the overspill car park beyond the Onslow Arms and please try to arrive at least 15 minutes before the trip to allow time to park and collect your boarding pass from the Canal Centre. A glass of alcoholic or soft drink is included in the ticket price, and you may bring additional beverages with you, and your own glasses. Organiser Heather 882839.



- **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
- **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)
- **Warningcamp Village BBQ/Picnic - Saturday 28th July at 4.00pm.** BBQ's and charcoal supplied, but bring your own food, drinks, cutlery, glasses etc, and preferably your own tables and chairs or picnic rugs. Sarah and Matthew Taylor-Roberts have very kindly offered their field (and loo). Dogs are welcome but please ensure that any deposits they make are cleared up because of the potential of worm transfer to the sheep. Please let me know whether you plan to attend and also if you are UNABLE to bring tables and chairs please. rogeranscombe@me.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**

Burpham & Wepham Investment Club. This popular club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. Contrary to ancient folk lore, ladies are welcome to join. If you think you would like a share of

the action and would like more information, please contact **Bob Baynes on 883664**

Stoolball Club Result!

Congratulations to the Stoolball Club girls for winning the Chanctonbury League Tournament on the 10th June, beating East Preston by 3 runs. Never before has this been achieved. WELL DONE GIRLS! Keep it up.....

Jean

Forthcoming Events

Sat 30 Jun	10.30am	Village Committee AGM	Village Hall
Sun 1 Jul	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 2 Jul	7.30pm	Family Fun Day Planning Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 6 Jul	7.30pm	River Cruise	Loxwood
Sat 7 Jul	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
	2.00pm	Village Walk to Amberley	Village Hall
Sun 8 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Wed 11 Jul	6.30pm	Stoolball v Worthing & Ferring	Rec Ground
Sat 14 Jul	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 15 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 16 Jul	7.30pm	Chichester Theatre, Me & My Girl	CFT
Sat 21 Jul	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 22 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 23 Jul	6.30pm	Stoolball v Steyning	Rec Ground
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting	Vicarage
Sat 28 Jul	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
	4.00pm	Warningcamp Village BBQ	Warningcamp
Sun 29 Jul	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 30 Jul	6.30pm	Stoolball v Broadbridge Heath	Rec Ground
Sun 5 Aug	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 6 Aug	6.30pm	Stoolball v Amberley	Rec Ground
	7.30pm	Village Companion's Meeting at Gayle & Peter's	

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. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes