



Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, October 2018

Dear Friends,

Recently, along with my clergy colleagues, I spent three days in conference at the University of Kent in Canterbury. The focus of the conference was vocation, a thought provoking 3 days spent dwelling on particular aspects of what vocation might mean. We were challenged to reflect on a broader meaning of vocation affecting everyone. One of the definitions which emerged: *the desire and response to serve others for the common good*, turned my thoughts towards two very different activities at this time of year, both of which have a significant impact on our ways of life, locally and globally.

We have just celebrated harvest, giving thanks for those whose vocation is to care for our environment, farm the land and produce our food. Without the dedication, hard work and often sacrifice of those of us who work the land, the world would indeed be a very different place. So, it seems to me that those who serve the people of the Nations of the world in the production of food and effective management of the land are indeed in a special vocation. And we who benefit should not take this work for granted.

My thoughts also turned to the season of Remembrance. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War – it was said to be the war to end all wars. Those who gave their lives and those who returned from war with horrendous injuries both physical and mental, responded to a call to serve their nation. This too seems to me to be a response which can only be called a vocation albeit temporary. Our nation owes them a huge debt of gratitude. This year, Armistice Day, 11th November, coincides with our Remembrance Sunday service in church, giving us all an opportunity to show our respect and appreciation for those who responded to that call and others to serve our nation. Do join us for this very special day at 10.30am on 11th November.

And so, reflecting again on the meaning of vocation, it is about individuals whose insight and response leads them to live out a life of service which makes a positive difference to the lives of others. We should never take such service for granted. I wonder what reflections you have on the meaning of vocation – in other words – what does ‘called to serve’ mean to you?

With love and blessings, *Celia* Priest in charge: St Mary the Virgin, Burpham and St Nicholas, Poling. Revd. Celia Woodruff celia.woodruff1@gmail.com, 07807 899119

Friends of Burpham Church AGM/EGM: Saturday 29th September at noon in the Village Hall. There will be a reception afterwards with some bubbles and nibbles and a 50/50 raffle. All villagers are very welcome - even if you are not members - and I look forward to welcoming you and sharing our news. **David King**

Gala Summer Concert: Friday 5th October, 7.00 for 7.30pm. There are still a few places left to listen to Andrew Bernardi’s celebrated Music Group and String Academy playing for us in the church. For those who want to make it a truly memorable occasion, the George is producing a special pre-concert meal. **Bob & Gill 883667**

Village Committee Meeting 9th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall: All are welcome. If you have any issues you want raised, please email burphamandwepham@gmail.com Regards, **Jackie**

Village Companions: We are open to *everyone*. If you’re new to the village, please come along, meet some new people and see if it’s for you! The following activities up to Christmas are planned:

- **Tuesday 9th October, The Importance of being Earnest at the Windmill** organised by **Bob & Gill 883667**
- **Monday 15th October Darts Evening at 7.00pm:** As the nights draw in, it’s time for the Village Companions darts evening at The George. Cost £5 per head, to cover sandwiches/chips as fuel for this energy-packed high-octane sporting evening! So I can give the pub numbers for catering, please let me know by end **Friday 12th October** if you would like to come, on marion@mg-tucker.co.uk or 884499. **Marion**

Please put the above dates in your diary, and **please, please don’t forget to let the organisers know whether or not you will attend the various events as soon as you can. Bob 883667**

Indoor Short Mat Bowling: Bowling starts again on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome, no age limit young or old. If you would like to give it a try come along and join us, we will help you get started. The club have bowls for you to use, all you need to bring is some flat soled footwear to prevent damage to the mats (indoor slippers are ideal). Hope to see you all there. For more information telephone **Ron Chapple 884178 or Peter Werner 889995**

Cricket Dinner Friday 26th October: Please book your place for the annual Cricket Dinner and Awards night in the George. Tickets £30.00 - all are welcome. **See you there, Kevin Foster**

Burpham Curry Night Saturday 3rd November: We are fully booked for this event. However if you still want to come let Ian know and he will add you to the reserve list. If you are coming please pay for your tickets by **15th October (£30 per head)** by cheque/cash to Ian or a bank transfer as follows: *Bank: Barclays, Account name: BVC SOCIAL, Sort Code: 20 20 62, Account no: 13514374, Reference: YOUR NAME & NUMBER OF TICKETS (e.g. SMITH2).* Please email ivs@thamespoint.net with your main course menu choice (veggie or chicken). If we don't hear from you by 15th October, sorry but we'll be giving your seats to those on the waiting list.

Village Calendar: Steve Penticost is taking orders for a 2019 A3 sized calendar. Details, pricing & sample pictures can be found on the website <http://burphamvillage.co.uk/> We need a minimum order of 50 to do a print run, so please email stevepenticost@gmail.com by **26th October** if you'd like to place an order.

Christmas Cards: Please help to raise funds for the Village Playground and the FBC with Christmas cards featuring the stained glass of St Mary's. See the flyer. Mixed packs of 5 cards £4. Contact: Miranda on miranda@vanstratum.co.uk 07768 665605 or Katie on k8tpeck@gmail.com 07930 410454.

Burpham Playground Progress Report: We hit our crowdfunding total, and had a number of wonderfully generous donations through our appeal, so thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We're about 70% of the way there, and grant providers are still considering our applications. If you want to be part of this wonderful community project, the appeal is open until 31st November. You can donate through a bank transfer or a

cheque, details are at <http://burphamvillage.co.uk/village-playground>. If you'd like to donate a specific memorial item, then **please contact Val Belton on 883288**

Village Christmas Fayre: 24th November 2018 from 2.00-5.00pm.

It is planned to hold a Village Christmas Fayre for villagers and locals only. If you would like to have a table or stall, or have a friend or family member who would be interested, please **contact 882839. Heather**

Flower Arranging, Church & Churchyard Autumn Clean: A huge thank you to all those who assisted with the tidying up and flower arranging on the 15th September. The Church and Churchyard looked brilliant for the Harvest Festival. Than you all once again! **Gill & Bob**

The Field at Wepham: The field at Wepham has been cleared of weeds and ragwort to make it better for the horses and adjoining gardens.

According to the Ordnance Survey Map of Footpaths, paths do cross the field but contrary to most people's understanding there is in fact no public right of way along them, therefore anyone using them does so at their own risk. Property owners adjacent to the field are requested to check their boundaries for wires or objects which might be dangerous to animals.

Thank you, John Knight

Forthcoming Events

Sat 29 Sep	12.00 noon	FBC AGM/EGM & Reception	Village Hall
Sun 30 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 2 Oct	7.00pm	Carpet Bowls Starts	Village Hall
Fri 5 Oct	7.00pm	Village Gala Summer Concert	St Marys
Sun 7 Oct	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Tue 9 Oct	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Windmill Theatre Companions	Littlehampton
Sun 14 Oct	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 15 Oct	7.00pm	Village Darts	The George
Sun 21 Oct	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Fri 26 Oct	7.00pm	Cricket Awards & Dinner	The George
Sun 28 Oct	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 3 Nov	7.30pm	Village Curry Night	Village Hall

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

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes