

# Burpham & Wepham News



*The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham*

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*From the Vicarage, November 2018*

*Dear Friends,* Remember, remember the fifth of November – a well-known but perhaps much misunderstood rhyme from our collective memories: Guy Fawkes – in English history the villain of the piece – but in truth perhaps more accurately a man driven by the horrors of religious persecution which pushed him over the edge of reason into what today would be described as terrorist activity. Indeed, the gunpowder plot could not be described as anything other than a crime against the state – but was the state acting justly at the time this rebellion broke out? Perhaps that is food for thought.

What is certain is that November IS a month of remembrance for us all. At the beginning of the month the Church honours both Christians whose lives have been shining examples of Christian living – referred to collectively as the Saints and also our family members and friends who have died. This year, as well as our usual Sunday service at 10.30am there will be a church service at 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November when all are welcome to come and listen to some reflective music and light a candle for a loved one who has died – however long ago that might have been. If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out during that service, or light a candle in memory of that special person, please email the name to me or just come along on the day.

A week later, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November our Remembrance Day service falls on the centenary of Armistice Day. As we do each year, we will commemorate all who gave their lives in the First World War for the sake of peace, justice and freedom and for all those who have died serving their country in war ever since. It is a sobering thought that, 100 years after the

end of this supposed 'war to end all wars', global and regional conflicts still plague the human race.



In Burpham and Poling our Remembrance Day services will honour those from our own communities who have fought for freedom. Do come along and join in what will be a very poignant service this year. The legacy we have is the privilege to live in a democracy and in communities like ours 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 and St Nicholas, Poling.*

*Revd. Celia Woodruff [celia.woodruff1@gmail.com](mailto:celia.woodruff1@gmail.com) , 07807 899119*

### **From the Village Committee**

- **National Parks Survey:** Defra has asked individuals to comment on the management, use and future direction of our national Parks and Areas of Outstanding natural Beauty. If you wish to contribute, then please complete the online survey. <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/landscapes-review-call-for-evidence/>

- **Honouring our War Dead.** Please don't forget that Celia is collecting background stories on the men who are commemorated on our war memorial (this link has their names <http://roll-of-honour.com/Sussex/Burpham.html>) If you are related or have pictures or a story about their lives, please email [celia.woodruff1@gmail.com](mailto:celia.woodruff1@gmail.com)



- **Christmas Crafty Session: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm – 4.30pm in St Mary's** with and tea and cake. Come along and try your hand at making Christmas Crackers for our Christmas Fayre! All

materials supplied – no skills needed: But save your empty loo rolls and bring them along for the event!

***Advance notice!***

- **Village Christmas Fayre: St Mary's Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 3.00pm:** We are planning a Christmas Fayre as a team effort of the village committee and the PCC. Donations of Christmas food goodies welcome for the produce stall. There will be a small number of gift stalls, tombola and a 'Christmas gift making table' for children and parents to enjoy. We will be serving a ploughman's lunch with mulled wine, alongside teas and coffees from 12 noon to 2.30pm. We will be asking for donations of bottles, etc. for the Tombola and for our produce stall - also if anyone would like to have a stall at the Fayre, or know of anyone else, then please let us know. All proceeds will be shared between the Village Playground fund and the church Fabric Fund managed by the PCC. **Heather 882839 or Celia 07807 899119**  
[celia.woodruff1@gmail.com](mailto:celia.woodruff1@gmail.com) ,

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

- **Theatre Night out Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Arundel Playhouse 'Chapter 2' organised by William.
- **Christmas get together Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ Stopples Barn at 7.00pm:** Mulled wine, mince pies & music, by kind invitation from **Talitha & Neal**

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**

**Race Night - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 7.30pm at the Village Hall:**

Come and join us at the Race Night. Great fun for both children and adults alike. Bring your preferred tittle and nibbles. Proceeds will be split equally between the cricket club and the playground fund.



There is no admission charge, but we need to know how many we will be, so if you are hoping to attend, please contact me by **phone 882823, or e mail, kevin.foster60@sky.com**. Hope to see you! **Kevin**

## News from The George:

- **Weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November:** In support of the Playground Appeal, The George will be offering a specially brewed **Playground Ale** with £2 per pint sold going to the Appeal. So please come in and enjoy a pint in the knowledge that you are helping build the new playground!
- **Game Fortnight' 5<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November:** The George's annual 'Game Week' is extended to two weeks. Head Chef Wayne and his team will be offering a number of different dishes using local game.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting at 5.00pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** You are all invited to our annual lighting (see attached flyer) where mulled wine and mince pies will be served. The usual competition to guess the number of lights will be held. Our thanks to Bill and Rosie Tustin for providing the tree and lights.

## Forthcoming Events

Sat 3 Nov	7.00pm	<b>Curry Night</b>	Village Hall
Sun 4 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	3.00pm	<b>Family, music &amp; Remembrance</b>	
Thu 8 Nov	7.00pm	<b>Theatre Night Out</b>	Arundel
Sun 11 Nov	10.30am	<b>WW1 Centenary Remembrance Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 16 Nov	2.00pm	<b>Christmas Crafty Session</b>	St Marys
Sun 18 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service,</b>	St Mary's
Thu 22 Nov	7.00pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Vicarage
Sun 25 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 30 Nov	7.00pm	<b>Companions Christmas get-together</b>	Neal & Talitha
Sat 1 Dec	5.00pm	<b>George Christmas Tree Lighting</b>	George
	7.30pm	<b>Race Night</b>	Village Hall
Sun 2 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's

**Thank you!** We would like to thank the Vicar, all the kind people of St Mary's Burpham (and especially Dot who gathered the signatures), for their good wishes on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The card and pot plant were a lovely surprise and we were very touched! The card is still sitting on our mantelpiece next to Her Majesty, and both will stay a little longer! Thank you all so much.

## Jocelyne and Clive

Please send your articles for the December 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 November. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes