

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - February 2019

Dear Friends,

Fully understanding our place in the world is one of life's eternal questions. The Diocese of Chichester recently launched its diocesan initiative for 2019, the Year of Vocations, to help us all reflect on what our calling in life might be. In a series of video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental health campaigner a carer and many others we are offered the opportunity to explore what it might mean to live out life's vocations as Christians. And vocations apply to all of us in different ways. Jesus said "*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25: verse 40). In following our vocations, whether that is farming, caring, nurturing or having an awareness of the needs of others, we are indeed responding to that line of scripture in Matthew's gospel. Take a look at the videos which can be found on the Diocese of Chichester's website;

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/news/2019/01/16/diocesan-lent-course-explores-vocation/> .

And if you want to explore these concepts a little more, I am always happy to engage in a bit of conversation over a coffee or something stronger, here at the Vicarage or perhaps even at the George! During Lent, I will be offering an opportunity for informal conversation every week, to reflect on the meaning of life and vocation in our village community.

As winter turns to spring, I pray that we can and do live lives which feel balanced and fulfilled. Giving of ourselves in community is, in itself a vocation and there is much evidence of that in Burpham ad Poling. And if you do not attach any religious connotation to the lives you lead, then perhaps it is just a matter of finding one's niche in life – I believe that's what vocation is all about – to be at peace with the world in a way we cannot always understand but know to be true.

Advance notice! Church electoral role 2019. Every church has an electoral roll and baptised people of any denomination over 16 can apply. For those on the roll, there are no costs or commitments. Church law requires the PCC to renew the church electoral role every 6 years and this will be done in 2019. Even if you are currently on the electoral role of St Mary the Virgin, Burpham you will need to complete a fresh application form and hand it in to the PCC secretary or electoral role officer by the end of March. Application forms and a postbox in which to leave your completed forms will be in church from late February onwards and will be included in the March newsletter. If you are unsure what the electoral role is, do drop me an email, give me a ring or pick up an explanatory leaflet from the church. Most baptized residents of 16 years and over living in the parish have a right to be on the role, together with those who live outside the parish and are worshippers at St Mary's.

With love and blessings, *Celia*

Priest in charge; Parishes of Burpham St Mary and Poling St Nichola Reverend
Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com Tel. 07807 899119

Jill Slattery. It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Jill, the wife of Maurice Slattery our last Vicar, died peacefully on Sunday 27th January 2019 after a long illness. Our thoughts are with Maurice and his wider family at this very difficult time.

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

English Shuffleboard Evening with Fish & Chip Supper: Saturday, 2nd February 2019, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Come along with your friends and neighbours and take part in the popular Shuffleboard evening. Tickets are £12 and include a Fish & Chip supper (fish cakes, chicken or sausages) *Bring your own tipple*. Please let us know **ASAP** how many tickets you would like as we have to order the supper, and also need to know the number of boards required for the evening. **Tickets available from: Julie Tester 883053 or Heather Birch 882839. Thank you.**

Village Committee meeting on Tuesday 5th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome, or you can submit issues to burphamandwepham@gmail.com **Jackie Penticost, Secretary**

On-line Family History: Research at Burpham Country House, 6th February 2-5.00pm. Jackie Penticost will host an afternoon where you can look up ancestor details, firstly from the 1911 and 1901 censuses, and find sources of free online information. You'll need to know names, and if possible details of birth and marriage, of your relations. We are nearly full, so please contact Jackie as soon as possible if you wish to attend. A laptop is

helpful. You'll need as much detail of your grandparents or parents as possible to start your tree. Places are free (with tea and cake!), but limited to 15 people at each session. To book a place on one of the sessions please: **email Jackie at burphamandwepham@gmail.com or Tel 882160**

Village Fete Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, 9th February 2019, 9.30-11.00am in the Village Hall: Our Village Fete is on Saturday, 1st June from 1.00-4.30pm, and this year we would like to get as many of us in the Village involved as we can. We are, therefore holding a Fete breakfast meeting, sausage and bacon baps, croissants - good coffee and tea - please come along and volunteer to run a stall or game, have your own stall, organise an event - we are open to new ideas this year - let's make this year special. Do you, or a family member or friend, have a craft/hobby, play an instrument, etc. - come along and let us know and have a good breakfast at the same time.



Heather - 01903 882839

An illustrated talk by local historian Tony Pratt: 7.30 Friday 15 February in the Village Hall. Entitled 'Burpham and the Arun Valley Postcard Trail'. Tony will use old postcards and modern video to explore Burpham and nearby villages along the river Arun. Just turn up. Free entry, charitable donation encouraged. If you don't enjoy walking or driving at night, we may be able to arrange a lift.

Contact Trevor Cooper tc@trevorcooper.net 01903 885349

Village Cookbook : recipe session Tuesday 26th February 2-5.00pm. Steve Penticost is planning to publish a village cookbook to sell at the Village Fete on 1st June, profits to charity. He'd like to gather favourite old family recipes, and put them into a small booklet featuring a picture of the yummy food and the recipe provider, together with a family story of why it is so special.

He is planning to host a 'recipe afternoon' on 26th February 2-5.00pm at Burpham Country House to see what recipes can be provided. If you can't come to the session, but still have a recipe to offer, you should still contact Steve. Please contact **Steve on stevepenticost@gmail.com or tel 882160**

The George: The Six Nations Rugby & Valentine's Day. The dates of the Six Nations Rugby matches are:

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| Sat 2 Feb at 4.45pm | Ireland v England |
| Sun 10 Feb at 3.00pm | England v France |
| Sat 23 Feb at 4.45pm | Wales v England |
| Sat 9 March at 4.45pm | England v Italy |
| Sat 16 March at 5.00pm | England v Scotland |



All live on the big screen. For the village 'locals', there will be a special England Rugby deal of a pint and hand held pie or sausage rolls for £5.00. More information at the George.

Valentine's Day – 14th February: There will be a special 3 course menu for £39.95. Please ensure that you book early.

Village Walk: Saturday 9th March at 10.00am. Save the date, more detail next month. **Trevor Cooper** on tc@trevorcooper.net 885349.

George Writers: Sunday 20th February. Thank you for supporting us, and we hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did! Your generosity raised £175.00 after expenses which has been donated to the Chestnut Tree Hospice. Thank you once again. **Jan Jordan**

Forthcoming Events

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| Sat 2 Feb | 4.45pm | 6 Nations: England v Ireland | The George |
| | 7.30pm | Shuffle Board & Fish & Chip Supper | Village Hall |
| Sun 3 Feb | 10.30am | Family Service, Coffee & Produce | St Mary's |
| Tue 5 Feb | 7.30pm | Village Committee Meeting | Village Hall |
| Wed 6 Feb | 2.00pm | On-line Family Tree Research 1st Session | Jackie & Steve's |
| Sun 10 Feb | 10.30pm | Family Service | St Mary's |
| | 3.00pm | 6 Nations: England v France | The George |
| Fri 15 Feb | 7.30pm | Burpham & Arun Postcard Trail | Village Hall |
| Sun 17 Feb | 10.30am | Family Service | St Mary's |
| Sat 23 Feb | 4.45pm | 6 Nations: England v Wales | The George |
| Sun 24 Feb | 10.30am | Family Service | St Mary's |
| Tue 26 th Feb | 2.00pm | Village Cookbook Recipe Session | Jackie & Steve's |

Please send your articles for the March Newsletter to

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