

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - January 2019

Dear Friends, in the weeks following our Christmas celebrations we are well advised to take a breath and reflect. At the beginning of January, Christians celebrate the feast of Epiphany - perhaps better known by the carol 'We Three Kings of Orient are' who followed a star to find and visit Jesus. Their journey included a visit to the evil king, Herod, known for his brutality when it came to governing his people. The massacre of all baby boys under the age of two in the area around Bethlehem when Jesus was born was one of many such acts of evil he committed to preserve his own power base.

The wise men went on to visit the baby, and experienced their epiphany - a revelation which caused them to rethink their next move. The dictionary definition of an epiphany moment states the following: "an intuitive grasp of reality," "an illuminating discovery, realization, disclosure, or insight". My definition of an epiphany is "a moment of sudden or great revelation that changes me in some way."

The tradition of New Year's resolutions echoes this ancient religious concept. The wise men, having seen and experienced the presence of evil in the shape of Herod, and then the presence of the very opposite when they sought out, saw with their own eyes and worshipped the Christ child - changed them in some way. The bible tells us that '*they went home by another route*' (Matt.Ch.2: v.12). When we are confronted with a choice between evil and good, what do we do? Do we seek out the good and discern it from the evil around us? Do we even recognize the difference? If we do, it would be fair to say that we have had an epiphany moment. Then we need to act on it!

Like the three kings, we too can make choices and change our 'direction of travel'. It is for each one of us to make those decisions - to take up, if you like - a new year's resolution to live life in a better way - and in doing so make life

better for those we live and work with. Let's hope and pray that 2019 will bring some of those epiphany moments for us all, and for our politicians as they struggle to find a way to lead our nation through the current political challenges of leaving the European Union.

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed 2019.

With love and prayers,

Celia

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Books, books, books! In these dark, cold days when going outside is more a 'must-do' rather than a 'would like to do', perhaps it's time to curl up with a good book in front of a cosy fire! We have revamped our bookshelves at St Mary's and have a wide selection of second-hand books now on display in the south transept. They are there for any resident to borrow and return.

Alternatively if you wish to keep the book(s), please place your donation in the wall safe by the south door. All funds raised in this way will go towards maintaining our church as a centre of community in the village.

If you have any unwanted books (fiction or reference) which are in reasonable condition, and would like to donate them for the same purpose, you are welcome to leave them in the box marked 'donated books' which you will find at the back of the church. All books will be periodically sorted and those which have been on the shelves for some time will be given to one of our local charity shops.

From the Village Committee. Our footpaths and rights of way are due for their 15 month maintenance review in April 2019. If you have noticed any broken stiles or obstructed rights of way in the Burpham and Wepham area, please let us know so we can notify West Sussex County Council

Jackie burphamandwepham@gmail.com

VILLAGE EVENTS

Village Companions Meeting: Monday 14th January, 7.30pm at Court Leet Cottage. The next meeting is at Gill & Bob's house, all are welcome. We will be planning our entertainment up until Easter. Please come with good ideas! If you are coming, please let us know. **Bob & Gill 883667**

Village Walk: Sat 19th January from the Village Hall, 10.00am. Everyone welcome, including well-behaved dogs. Back by 1.00pm latest. Feel free just to turn up, but if possible so that we know rough numbers please contact **Trevor Cooper** on tc@trevorcooper.net or 885349.



George Writer's Candlelit Bistro Party: Sunday 20th January in the Village Hall from 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Simon Brett's George Writers will again read the very best of their short pieces of recent work to brighten up your dark winter evenings. **All** are welcome! Tickets £3.00pp, which includes a complementary glass of wine on arrival and canapés during the interval. There will be a retiring collection, all profits to the Chestnut Tree Hospice. Please book early to be sure of getting a ticket, and also help the organisers to plan. **Tickets available from Bob Baynes, Court Leet Cottage, tel 883667.**



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 tippie.** 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.**

**Advance Notice for you diaries,
Full details in the February Newsletter**

- **Online Family History:** Research at Burpham Country House, 6th February 2-5.00pm and 20th February 2-5.00pm. Jackie Penticost will host two afternoons for two different groups
- **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' Trevor Cooper tc@trevorcooper.net 01903 885349
- **Village Cookbook: recipe session** 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.

Christmas Wreath-making Morning: Many thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas wreath-making morning at Sarah King's beautiful breeze house on 13th December. This was a well-attended, fun, festive event that raised £210 for the FBC. The level of creative talent in the village proved quite exceptional and the village is now full of beautiful Christmas wreaths.

Jackie Read,



Flower Arrangers. A big thank you to all my friends who have helped to arrange flowers and made coffee etc in the Church throughout 2018. We have a lovely Church and your flower arrangements really bring it to life. Thank you once again. **Gill**

Newsletter Deliveries: A big thank you to Veronica and Colin Dick, and Phil White for delivering the Newsletter every month to everyone living in the Village, whatever the weather and irrespective of their own personal commitments. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you once again. **Bob**



Forthcoming Events

Sun 6 Jan	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Wed 9 Jan	2.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	Vicarage
Sun 13 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 14 Jan	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting at Gill's	Court Leet
Sat 19 Jan	10.00am	Village Walk, approx. 2½ hours, meet at	Village Hall
Sun 20 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	7.00pm	George Writers Evening	Village Hall
Sun 27 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 2 Feb	7.30pm	Village Shuffleboard Evening	Village Hall
Sun 3 Feb	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's

IAN ROGERS. Ian passed away recently. He will be remembered with gratitude for his regular support to Burpham Church, and in particular his contribution to the annual Remembrance Day Services

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