

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - March 2019

Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed a relatively mild winter so far this year, but memories of the ‘Beast from the East’ which struck the UK last year in March still remain! It is quite amazing how nature – and in my ‘vicar’s’ terminology, how God’s creation somehow seems to find a balance in the way an unexpected event is then redressed by another later in the year which sets the whole business of dormancy, growth, harvest in balance. Last year’s very cold, late winter was offset by the glorious warmth we all enjoyed last summer. I’m no scientist and accept that global warming is changing the timing of our seasons, but my faith tells me that there is a bigger picture that we may not fully understand and perhaps never will.

Understanding God’s world can be a journey of discovery. Lent this year stretches from Ash Wednesday on 6th March until Holy Saturday on 20th April. For the weeks of Lent, I will be having coffee on Monday mornings at The George from 10.30 – 11.30, where you are welcome to join me for a chat and perhaps a bit of exploration of life’s big questions: Who are we? What is the meaning of life? What is our purpose in life? I don’t have the answers to these questions, but if you feel inclined to join me we can enjoy some fellowship and perhaps throw some light on the big issues which envelop all our lives!

With love and blessings, *Celia* Priest in charge; Parishes of Burpham St Mary and Poling St Nicholas, Reverend Celia Woodruff:
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Memorial Service for Jill Slattery: Wednesday, 13th March at 12.00noon. A Memorial Service will be held for Jill at St James' Church, Bodley Road, New Malden, KT3 5QE. (Near Kingston-on-Thames). Maurice would be delighted to welcome everyone who knew Jill.

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Village Fete: Our next Fete meeting is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 23rd March at 9.30am so please come along. Firstly, thank you to all who attended our first Fete meeting on the 9th February - great to see so many there and willing to help this year to make it a success. We still need more volunteers and ideas for village stalls or games, so please come forward - maybe you, or a friend or family member, who has a hobby or interest and that they could sell or display on the day - we are open to all ideas. If you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer for a specific activity, or have a new idea, please **contact Heather on 01903 882839**.

Village Walk: Saturday 9th March at 10.00am, start Village Hall: Everyone welcome, including well-behaved dogs. We will walk to North Stoke church, and have a look round this historic building. 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 01903 885349.



Charity Night at The George: Thursday 14th March 2019.

Our annual Charity Night in support of five local charities looks set to be a sell-out but please give The George a call (883131) to see if they can squeeze you in - the more in attendance the more we can raise for these good causes!

There is a special 2 course menu for £15 and the evening will feature a raffle and live auction.

There is also a pre event raffle currently underway for the magnum of champagne displayed on the bar so please drop in and buy some tickets. On the night, auction and raffle prizes promise to be fantastic, with fine wines, rare spirits, paintings, a legendary 'Sandra Hamper', a Cotswolds Experience courtesy of Barkby plc, Twickenham international rugby tickets with access to debenture lounge, and many

more prizes donated by our friends and suppliers. The evening starts at 7.00pm with the raffle draw and auction around 9.00pm so if you can't join us for the whole evening, why not come in for a drink, buy a raffle ticket and join in the auction bidding? The auction prizes will be listed in the pub prior to the event so if you can't be there but want to lodge a bid please let the team at The George know or contact robert.essex@writtle.com

Book your table, call 883131

Village Companions. There are two events in March and one in April:

- **Monday 18th March - Meeting at Ticky's House.** Plan our Spring programme, please come with ideas, dates, rough order of costs etc. If you are able to attend, **please let Ticky know on 883014** so she can plan the evening.
- **Monday 25th March - Skittles at the Spur Slindon at 7.00pm.** There is a minimum charge of £230, so we need 20 people to make the earlier advertised cost of £13.00pp. The price includes a hot meal of your choice (see e mail 14th Jan for menu). The Spur is a cut above the skittle alleys we normally use, and the extra cost should be well worth it. Car share to be arranged. **Please confirm your attendance to Gill/Bob on 883667**
- **Thursday 4th April - Arundel Players The 39 Steps.** The 39 Steps is a fast paced comedy whodunit adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock. Tickets have been purchased for those who replied to the e mail. If you wish to join the party please buy your own ticket and let me know if you manage to get one. Cost is £11 each. **William 884337**

The George: The Six Nations Rugby. The dates of the Six Nations Rugby matches are:

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.**



Burpham Stoolball Club's Annual Jumble Sale: Saturday 6th April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac you would like to donate, please bring it along to the Hall on the day, or if you want it collected please ring Julie or Vanessa. Please come along and support us - if you would rather not buy back your jumble, have ago at our raffle or buy a cake! **Many thanks BSC - Julie 883053 & Vanessa 885895**

Shuffleboard Evening: The Shuffleboard evening on the 2nd February was a great success with 58 people attending - thank you. Have already booked this popular evening for next year on the 1st February, because it is not only our village that enjoys the game and we usually have to be placed in the only date left - so keep the date for next year in your diaries.

Thank you, Heather

Forthcoming Events

Sun 3 Mar	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Wed 6 Mar	12.00noon	Ash Wednesday Service	St Mary's
Sat 9 Mar	10.00am	Village Walk	Village Hall
	4.45pm	6 Nations: England v Italy	The George
Sun 10 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 14 Mar	7.00pm	Charity Night	The George
Sat 16 Mar	5.00pm	6 Nations: England v Scotland	The George
Sun 17 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 18 Mar	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting (at Ticky's)	Wepham House
Sat 23 Mar	9.30am	Fete Planning Meeting	Village Hall
	4.45pm	6 Nations: England v Wales	The George
Sun 24 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 25 Mar	7.00pm	Skittles & Supper at the Spur	Slindon
Tue 26 Mar	2.00pm	Village Cookbook Recipe Session	Jackie & Steve's
Sun 31 Mar	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 4 Apr	7.00pm	Arundel Players, Priory Playhouse	Arundel
Sat 6 Apr	2.00pm	Stoolball Jumble Sale	Village Hall

Please send your articles for the April Newsletter to
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by the last week of March. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes