

Burpham & Wepham News



Harvest Festival 29th September at St Mary's

The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - September 2019

Dear Friends,

First, thank you to all who, despite the slightly 'iffy' weather, made our second St Mary's Patronal festival weekend such a happy occasion. It



seems set to become a village tradition now! It began on Friday evening with a wonderful treat given by Duncan McKenzie and his amazing guitar playing and atmospheric singing of some old favourites and some of his own compositions. Next up were the "doggie games", led by Maria Denis and we all had fun trying to get our dogs to 'perform'!

The crikround, organised and umpired by Mark

Bullen was of course a walkover.....the Vicar's team lost for the second year running.....but we all enjoyed a great deal of laughter on the field. Saturday ended with a sociable evening in the village hall with a BYO 'cook up' done inside because of the windy weather and the weekend was rounded off with a celebration Sunday service followed by fizz and a 'bring and share' lunch.



Thank you to all of you who played a leading role in all this and especially to Heather Birch, who gently kept an eye on things in the

background – it’s all about our community, something we are fortunate to enjoy and cannot take for granted!

Our next community ‘gig’ at the church is a new venture, thanks to Russell Hayler, who is bringing the Arun Valley Air Cadets Squadron to Burpham for their celebration parade and commemoration of the Battle of Britain on Sunday 15th September. The cadets give us such wonderful support for our village fete, so do come along to show our appreciation of their help for our village event.

Our annual Harvest Festival is on Sunday 29th September at 6.00pm, followed by the traditional harvest supper in the village hall.

Tickets are £7.50 available from Bob, Gill 883667 and Celia.

Harvest isn’t just for our farming community though! I have met some keen gardeners in Burpham and Wepham and even in Warningcamp! The harvest of our gardens is as significant as the production of food on the grand scale achieved through the hard work of our farming community. Whether we are gardeners, cooks or farmers let’s all celebrate the harvest we have enjoyed this year. As a gift of thanks for the abundance we have this year, be it a large marrow, a jar of home-made pickle, a can of beans, a homemade cake or a bunch of flowers, bring them along to our harvest festival and your gifts will all be auctioned at the harvest supper in the village hall. As in the past, the proceeds of the church collection go to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute (RABI) and the proceeds of the auction will be donated to the Worthing Homeless charity, now known as Turning Tides. In that way, our community looks outwards to those who have less than we have, and also joins together in companionship and friendship – something money cannot buy.

So here’s a thought for the future: Look out for and join in with some of the upcoming events in the church calendar. You don’t have to be a regular church worshipper to be able to enjoy the beautiful building and friendly community – and in doing so you will help to keep our lovely church alive for future generations. **With love and blessings,**

Celia

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

Church Tidy-up: Saturday 21st September 10.30 - 12.00noon.

The Church and Churchyard both need some attention. Please come along on the 21st and help clean the Church: bring polish, dusters, and your own vacuum cleaner if you want.



The Churchyard path hedges need trimming back, the Garden of Remembrance taking down and the path sweeping. Please bring along trimmers, leaf blowers, spades, brushes, wire cutters, nail pullers etc.

Refreshments will be provided to keep up the blood sugar levels!

Regards, Bob

Church Decoration 28th September at 10.30am.

We will be decorating the Church with flowers and gifts for Harvest Festival, all are welcome to help. Flowers provided, please bring secateurs and greenery. Coffee, biscuits and banter for light relief included! **Gill**



Village Companions.

Annual Pitch and Putt: 9th September at 5.00pm (opposite the Castle entrance) - competition followed by supper in the Red Lion. Any questions, please contact Debbie **882072**.

Visit to Sussex Prairie Gardens: 16th September at 11.30pm –

All villagers are welcome to join our visit to these popular gardens. We plan to be at the gardens at 11.30 and car share will be organised. The entrance price is £8 per person, or -

- RHS members can enter for free
- Gardener's World - 2 for 1 entry card
- CPRE - 2 for 1 entry card
- Sussex Wildlife Trust - 2 for 1 entry card
- Garden Organic - 2 for 1 entry card

Included in the entry fee is a complimentary introductory talk to explain how, when and why the garden was created. (Additionally, they also provide delicious home baking and a selection of teas and coffees). Please let me know if you would like to join us on this interesting visit - **Heather 882839**

In addition, two visits to the Arundel Playhouse were agreed for 31st October to see *The Late Edwina Black* and 23rd January 2020 to see *The Time of my Life*. More details will be circulated in future Newsletters. **Bob**

Ancient cottages in West Sussex: Friday 4 October 7.30pm in the Village Hall. An illustrated talk on ancient cottages and houses in West Sussex by Annabelle Hughes. Annabelle is a leading authority on the subject - some of you will have enjoyed her book 'Traditional Homes of the South Downs National Park'. Just turn up. Free entry, donation towards speaker's costs invited. Light refreshments afterwards. 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.

Wildfowl and Wetlands Talk: Friday 25th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Full details in the October Newsletter. **Ant Tester**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Sep	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton, Home	Rec Ground
Thu 5 Sep	7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Church	St Mary's
Sun 8 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket Unders & Overs	Rec Ground
Mon 9 Sep	5.00pm	Pitch & Putt, followed by Supper	Arundel
Sun 15 Sep	10.30am	Family Service & Air Cadets Colour Parade	St Mary's
Mon 16 Sep	11.30am	Prairie Gardens Visit	Henfield
Sun 22 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 28 Sep	10.30am	Church Floral Decoration	St Marys
Sun 29 Sep	6.00pm	Family Service & Harvest Festival	St Mary's
	7.00pm	Harvest Festival Supper	Village Hall
Fri 4 Oct	7.30pm	Ancient Cottages of Sussex	Village Hall
Sun 8 Oct	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's

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