

# Burpham & Wepham News



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

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*From the Vicarage - October 2019*

*Dear Friends,*

The global emphasis this year has turned more forcefully to matters of sustainability and the need to be ecologically and environmentally aware of the effects our modern lives have on climate change. Those effects are felt by everyone, but none more so than the producers of food – because whether you are a farmer or a gardener the weather affects the success of the growth and harvesting of the crops on which we rely for healthy lives. The debate about what we use and reuse, what we have abused and misused will no doubt continue unabated. But it's not a new debate. The expression **waste not, want not** was first recorded in 1772 but an even earlier version, **willful waste makes woeful want**, was reputedly first uttered in 1576 and, in my view, says it all! We all have our own opinions, but my belief as a Christian is that we should use the God given resources we have at our disposal responsibly and carefully at all times. In doing so, the abundance we enjoy will be enjoyed by more and can be better shared with others. That's what our harvest festival is all about.

In November we will have more opportunities to acknowledge the gifts we have received and give thanks for the sacrifice of others. We plan to celebrate All Souls Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November with a choral concert featuring the Chichester Voices, to raise funds to provide treatment for children and young people traumatised by conflict, violence and disaster around the world. Our very own Toria Burch is the clinical trustee for the charity, called Action for Child Trauma International,

[www.actinternational.org.uk](http://www.actinternational.org.uk), and I encourage you to support this invaluable work for children who have never known the tranquillity and beauty of living in a village such as ours. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music especially chosen for the season. Details of tickets and prices will be advertised on the village website in due course.

A week later our annual Remembrance Sunday service will give us the opportunity to commemorate those who gave their lives in the battles for freedom in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world wars and the many conflicts since then. We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal in that service. Do come along and support your church and these wonderful charities – making the most of what we have and helping others to live more peaceful and fulfilling lives too. With love and blessings,

**Reverend Celia Woodruff: Priest in charge**  
**St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling,**  
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**Friends of Burpham Church AGM: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in the Village Hall.** Please do come along to hear our latest news and support our hard working Trustees. To reward you and to welcome the new Chair, there will be celebratory drinks and canapes after the meeting, which after 15 years, will be my last. **David King**

**Church Tidy-up: An enormous THANK you** to everyone who helped both inside the church and outside on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September to smarten it up ready for the Harvest Service. Your help was much appreciated and the results were **SPLENDID!** Kind Regards, **Bob**

### **VILLAGE COMPANIONS.**

We had two really good events in September:

- The **Annual Pitch & Putt**, held this year in the pouring rain, but we're British so all 16 of us carried on where fainter folk would have fled. The event was superbly organised by Debbie with trophies for the winners. It was followed by a very good pub supper in the Red Lion. **Thank you Debbie!**
- Sixteen of us had a lovely day out at the **Sussex Prairie Gardens**, immaculately organised by Heather. We were regaled by Pauline, the Garden's cheeky head honcho, who had some of the best presentational skills we've heard! **Thank you Heather!**

## Future events are:

- **Arundel Players, *The Late Edwina Black*: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** If you would like to attend, please contact William Tyler tel: 884337 as soon as possible as seats are selling fast!
- **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Heather's House.** We will discuss our Christmas & New Year programme, so any good ideas would be welcome. If you will be going please let **Heather know on 882839.**

## OTHER VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

**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](mailto:tc@trevorcooper.net) 01903 885349.

**Love Arundel? Let's Talk: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm in the Village Hall.** You may have heard about the 'Love Arundel? Let's Talk' meetings that will be taking place in October in Arundel? (Further details on [www.letstalkarundel.com](http://www.letstalkarundel.com)).

This is a committed, democratic push to help achieve some positive developments in the town, by a few committed and talented Arundel residents who have got the attention of many key influencers and actors here.

We are all very welcome at any of the meetings mentioned on the website. In addition, the organisers thought that our three villages, (Burpham, Wepham & Warningcamp), because we have a strong identity, might want our own consultation to discuss what's good about Arundel, what's not so good and what changes we might like to see.

Our local consultation is scheduled for 5.00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019, at Burpham Village Hall; it will last about an hour or so. We would really love to see you there to find out your views.

**Deborah O'Reilly 07929 413504 & Katie Peck 07930 410454**

**Village Committee Meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall.** All are welcome, if you have anything for the agenda please notify Marion.

**Wildfowl and Wetlands Talk: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** Paul Stevens, Manager of the Wildfowl Trust Arundel, will be talking about what happens at the centre through the seasons. His emphasis will be on the birds & butterflies etc that come through from the Downs and the Arun Valley, and what you're likely to see while walking on the Downs. Paul is a leading expert in his field, and it will be a fascinating and interesting evening about the flora and fauna of the environment we live in.

**Admission: Free, (but donations welcome).**

If you would like to attend, please let me know. **Ant Tester** 883053

## **Forthcoming Events**

Sun 29 Sep	6.00pm	<b>Harvest Festival Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	7.00pm	<b>Harvest Supper</b>	Village Hall
Fri 4 Oct	7.30pm	<b>Ancient Cottages in West Sussex</b>	Village Hall
Sat 5 Oct	10.00am	<b>England half-time Rugby Breakfast</b>	The George
Sun 6 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Wed 9 Oct	6.00pm	<b>Wine tasting</b>	The George
Sat 12 Oct	10.00am	<b>England half-time Rugby Breakfast</b>	The George
	5.00pm	<b>Love Arundel? Let's Talk</b>	Village Hall
Sun 13 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Tue 15 Oct	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 20 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 25 Oct	7.00pm	<b>Wildfowl &amp; Wetlands Talk</b>	Village Hall
	8.30pm	<b>Quiz &amp; Curry Night</b>	The George
Sat 26 Oct	11.00am	<b>Friends of Burpham Church AGM</b>	Village Hall
Sun 27 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Thu 31 Oct	7.00pm	<b>Arundel Playhouse</b>	Arundel
Sat 2 Nov	TBN	<b>Choral Concert in the Church</b>	St Mary's
Sun 3 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Mon 4 Nov	7.30pm	<b>Village Companions' Meeting</b>	Heather's
Sun 10 Nov	10.30am	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	St Mary's

Please send your articles for the November Newsletter to the Editor

Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to [baynes755@btinternet.com](mailto:baynes755@btinternet.com) by the last week of October. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob