

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - August 2019

Dear Friends,

We have had an increasing number of weddings at St Mary's since my arrival as your vicar just over two years ago. 2019 will see five couples 'tie the knot' in our lovely church. They are always happy affairs and they bring to my mind the joy of the relationships we can nurture and the hope that our lives together will be blessed because of the love we share. We have also had the privilege of sharing the wedding anniversaries of a number of our parishioners, (our longest anniversary to date is 67 years!) either during one of our Sunday services or at a special service of thanksgiving and blessing or renewal of vows. It is always a privilege to be able to celebrate such happy occasions.

Many people are unaware that a wedding in church is available to most folks if they wish, even if they are not regular churchgoers or live in the village. So if you know of anyone who is considering marriage or has an anniversary to celebrate, do encourage them to consider coming to St Mary's. In the case of a marriage in church, there are certain requirements which need to be met, but in most cases these requirements are uncomplicated! Encouraging couples to come in to our parish church for such special occasions also helps to keep our parish church alive – and even if you are an infrequent or non-attender on a Sunday morning, we all love this beautiful building which has been at the heart of our community for at least a thousand years. So do be on the alert to the possibility of recommending your families and friends to use our church for their special day.

Our next special village venture is the patronal festival on 9th, 10th and 11th August - please see details below. Any profits raised will be shared for the upkeep of the church and the village hall.

Our upcoming events in September include a special service on Sunday 15th to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Our local squadron of the RAF air cadets will be on parade and will present colours at our 10.30 Sunday service. Then, at the end of September, we will have our traditional Harvest festival service at 6pm on Sunday 29th, followed by harvest supper in the village hall. Do come along and support these village and church events. It's always good to get together and keep in touch with one another! **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
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VILLAGE PATRONAL FESTIVAL 9-11th AUGUST

An evening of atmospheric music with Duncan McKenzie
Friday 9th August 7.30pm at St Mary the Virgin. Duncan is one of the finest acoustic guitarists on the circuit today. He will be playing and singing a selection from his repertoire. Tickets £5.00 on the door to include fizz and canapés. In aid of church and village funds. All are welcome. **Celia**

Family Fun Day: Saturday, 10th August: As part of St Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend, we are having a Family Fun Day again on Saturday, the 10th August which will include:

- **Family Dog Event: 2-3.30pm.** The popular dog activities, organised and run by Maria, will take place again this year - so bring along your lovely dogs for a great time for owners and their pets.
Organised by **Maria Dennis**
- **Crikround: 3.45pm onwards.** Great fun game for all, children and adults, who form teams and all to be organised by **Mark Bullen**.
- **Annual Village Bar-B-Q : 6.30pm.** We supply the bar-b-q's and music - you just bring your own food, tipples and friends and family for a great Village evening.

Shared Lunch Family Service: Sunday 11th August from 10.30am in the Church. Bring a shared lunch to enjoy after the Service in the company of your fellow villagers. **Celia & Heather**

Stoolball Fixtures: The season is drawing to a close, and our remaining home fixtures are:

- Wednesday 7th August v Aldingbourne
- Monday 12th August v Barns Green
- Wednesday 21st August v Arundel

Please come and support your village team! **Julie**

Village Companions. A big thank you to Doug and Marion for hosting such an enjoyable evening on the 29th July, it was great to meet some of our new villagers there as well. The following autumn activities were agreed:

- 9th September - Annual pitch and putt competition followed by supper in the Red Lion. Kindly organised by **Debbie 882072.**
- 16th September – visit to Sussex Prairie gardens. Kindly organised by **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. Kindly organised by **William.**

More details will be circulated in future Newsletters. **Bob**

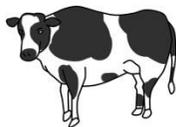
Ancient cottages in West Sussex: Friday 4 October 7.30pm in the village hall. A talk by Annabelle Hughes, a leading authority on the subject. Save the date, details in the next newsletter. Queries to **Trevor Cooper 885349** or tc@trevorcooper.net

Christmas Fayre: Saturday, 7th December. Following the success of last year's Fayre, we are organising another one this year. If you know of anyone who would like a stall or you have any ideas, please let me know. As last year, this will be held Church, and proved very popular - so if you would like to make, bake or have some ideas for us - please contact Heather Birch on 01903 882839 -. **Heather & Celia**

Forthcoming Events

Sat 3 Aug	6.30pm	Afghanistan Talk	Village Hall
Sun 4 Aug	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Westbourne, Home	Rec Ground
Tue 6 Aug	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 7 Aug	6.30pm	Stoolball v Aldingbourne, Home	Rec Ground
Fri 9 Aug	7.30pm	Guitar Concert, Duncan McKenzie	St Mary's
Sat 10 Aug	2.00pm	Dog Show, Crickround, BBQ	Rec Ground
Sun 11 Aug	10.30am	Family Service & Shared Lunch	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Bognor Regis, Home	Rec Ground
Mon 12 Aug	6.30pm	Stoolball v Barns Green, Home	Rec Ground
Sun 18 Aug	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Emsworth, Home	Rec Ground
Wed 21 Aug	7.30pm	Stoolball v Arundel, Home	Rec Ground
Sun 25 Aug	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Memorial game of Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 1 Sep	10.30pm	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton, Home	Rec Ground

Attention All Dog Owners!!! The dog poo fairy does not visit our village. We are a farming community and cows graze in our fields - not always where you see them today. When the parasite that lives in dog faeces gets into a cow's system it can cause spontaneous abortion of calves and this has happened very recently, resulting in 2 cows having to be put down. This is a serious problem – if you need further information please visit www.biomedcentral.com .



Please help us to support our farmers by removing your dog's poo from **WHEREVER** it may be deposited, including the Recreation Ground.



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