

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - March 2020

Dear Friends,

March is one of the months of the year which marks a turning point in the seasons. Among the events which signal these changes I love the experience of the lengthening days and the opportunity to be outside for longer – weather permitting of course!

Change comes with a mixture of emotions – depending on what that change is. For those to be married or to enjoy the advent of a new arrival in a family there is joy, for those facing life alone after a lifetime of companionship such changes are hard to bear. How we face change depends to a large extent on the support and encouragement of the people with whom we live. The message of the Christian gospel is that we support one another, looking out particularly for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable. How we do this is not always easily achieved – sometimes there seem to be so many challenges to face it's hard to know where to turn our energies.

Christians are now in the period of reflection and prayer called Lent – a period of 40 days which leads to the greatest of our Christian festivals – Easter Day. During this time we try to focus our attention on how we practice our faith in a more effective way, both spiritually and in our practical day to day living. But we can best achieve that with the support of one another and one another's thinking! The old saying 'a problem shared is a problem halved' is very true as is the principle of 'our joys shared are indeed joys doubled!' Lent this year stretches from Ash Wednesday on 26th February until Holy Saturday on 11th 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 is the God of love in whom we trust? How do we put faith into action? What are the big questions which face humanity in the 21st century?

I don't have definitive answers to these questions, but do come and join me for an hour of open discussion with the aim of halving problems and doubling joys! Perhaps together we can throw some light on how we live in community in this day and age!

With love and blessings,

Celia

Priest in charge; Parishes of Burpham St Mary and Poling St Nicholas, Reverend Celia Woodruff:

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From the Church Wardens: Burpham Church by Night Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm. Do save the date for this special one-off event. It's a candlelit party - with added extras! - to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our beautiful church's re-opening after a major restoration in 1870. There is more about it in the flyer being delivered with this newsletter.

Lent discussions: At The George Mondays 10.30 - 11.30am on the 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd & 30th March. **Clive Newman, Churchwarden**
pindars@tiscali.co.uk

The Annual Assembly of Burpham Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This is to comply with local government law which stipulates an Annual assembly of any parish council or meeting must be held between the 1st March and the 1st June in any year. Everyone is welcome at this meeting, but if you are unable to be there, there will be another opportunity for you to raise matters of interest to the village at the Annual General Meeting of Burpham Village Committee on Saturday 11th July, at 11.00am, again in the Village Hall and your BVC would like to see as many villagers as possible at that. Do also remember that anyone is welcome to attend any village meeting. **Burpham Village Committee**

Village Entertainments & Fete 2020

Shuffleboard Evening: Thanks to all who came to another great fun evening.

Village Fete: Saturday, 30th May from 1-4.00pm: Thank you to all who attended the first Fete meeting that was held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 1st February. Plans are now going ahead organising this year's Fete and, as always, we welcome all the help we can get, so if you have not yet volunteered please make contact with me. Not only do we want volunteers - if you have a craft or hobby, and would like a stall, or you know of anyone, please also make contact.

And, as always, new ideas are also very welcome. **Thank you, Heather -**
heatherwbirch@btinternet.com or phone 01903 882839

Village Companions.

Skittles: Twenty two of us had a fun night out Skittling at the Spur at Slindon on the 17th February. Michael Chubb kept the fast changing scores immaculately with no errors or complaints – thank you Michael - and Heather carried away the prize as winner of the killer round.

Next Meeting: Monday 23rd March, Wepham House at 7.30pm. Ticky has very kindly offered to host the next meeting at her house at 7.30pm. Apart from serious socialising, we will discuss possible spring activities as the days lengthen towards Spring and (hopefully) the weather starts to warm up. If you will be attending, **please let Ticky know on 883014.**

Chichester Festival Theatre: South Pacific Tuesday 21st July. Toria is planning a visit to Chichester Theatre to see Roger and Hammerstein's great musical **South Pacific**. If more than 8 people book, we get discounted tickets (£29.00 for excellent seats which normally cost £43.00). Booking for groups opens shortly, so it would be really helpful to have an idea of numbers as soon as possible. If you would like to come, **please email Toria toriaburch@gmail.com.**

Last Call for FBC Mexican Night: Saturday 28th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The maximum number of attendees is 55 and tickets are selling fast. It is on a first come first served basis so please join in and reserve your places now to avoid disappointment. Please contact **Ian van Stratum at ivs@thamespoint.net or 07770390480**

Burpham Stoolball Club: Saturday 25th April from 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We will be holding our Annual Jumble Sale. If you have any Jumble or Bric-a-Brac you would like collecting, please ring Julie Tester 883053, or bring it along to the Village Hall on the morning. We will also have a Raffle and a Cake Stall. Thank you in advance for your support. **B.S.C.**

Wildlife, Heritage, and Need for Greener Living. I (Jackie Penticost) am considering whether to set up a group of Burpham, Wepham and Warningcamp folk for group activities to promote these issues. I'm thinking low key activities such as collecting the fallen autumn fruit and making chutneys, better recycling schemes, participating in the Arundel Bee project, creating more wildflower areas, pond clearing (again) maybe

sharing and repairing tools, group purchase of green energy, and so on. I have no idea if this has traction, or maybe there is a group in the village already. But if anyone wants to participate, please email me to see if we can get minimum numbers. **Regards Jackie** jackiepenticost@gmail.com

From the George: We have a full programme of events in March which should have something for everyone. Full details are on the enclosed flyer. Hope to see you. **Hollie & her team 01903 883131**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Mar	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sat 7 Mar	4.45pm	6 Nations Rugby England v Wales	The George
Sun 8 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 12 Mar	7.00pm	Annual Charity Night	The George
Sat 14 Mar	4.45pm	6 Nations Rugby England v Italy	The George
Sun 15 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 22 Mar	10.30am	Mothers' Day Family Service	St Mary's
	am & pm	Special Mothers' Day tables	The George
Mon 23 Mar	7.30pm	Village Companion's at Ticky's	Wepham Hse
Thu 26 Mar	7.00pm	Spanish Food & Wine Pairing Night	The George
Sat 28 Mar	7.00pm	FBC Mexican Night	Village Hall
Sun 29 Mar	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 5 Apr	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's

∞ Remembering Pat Hay-Will ∞

Sally, Jane and Rags invite all who knew their mother Pat Hay-Will (RIP 26.09.19) to join them in celebrating her life on Tuesday 17th March (her birthday) and particularly the 70 year association she had with the village of Burpham, which she loved. There will be a quiet Mass at 11.30am in Arundel Cathedral (BN18 9AY), having in mind particularly fellow-parishioners there but all are welcome.

**The main event will be a buffet lunch and drinks in
Burpham Village Hall (BN18 9RR) from 12.30 – 3.00pm.**

We do look forward to seeing you.

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