

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Churchwardens - Easter 2017

Dear Friends

We were very sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of George Walker on the 14th March. George will always be remembered with great affection by all those who knew him during the 12 years he and Marianne lived in Burpham. During this time he was landlord of the George and Dragon and later proprietor of the Burpham Country House Hotel where at both establishments many happy gatherings will be remembered for a very long time. His funeral will be held on Friday 7th April at 2.00pm in Burpham Church. We ask that you give your kindest thoughts and prayers for Marianne and his son Simon at this very sad time.

Our New Vicar. We are making progress and hope to have more promising news by the end of the month.

Church Tower. Work has started, and subject to weather conditions should be completed in 10 to 12 weeks' time.

Mothering Sunday Service. A delightful service was led by Canon Michael Weaver, and our thanks to him and also to Gill Baynes who so kindly prepared such beautiful flower arrangements distributed to the congregation by Charles and Sebastian Anscombe.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mike Mills and William Tyler, Churchwardens

Easter Flower Arranging Saturday 15th April from 10.30am. All help will be gratefully received. I will provide flowers and refreshments, please come along with greenery and secateurs for a fun packed morning! If you can help, please let me know. **Gill 883667**

VILLAGE EVENTS

Next Village Fete Meeting 10th April in the Village Hall. The Fete will take place on the 27th May and the details below will be discussed at this meeting; we will be requiring extra help on all our planned village stalls, plus the planned games. If you would like to volunteer, or have an idea for another stall or game please contact Heather on 01903 882839

Teas & Ice creams	Julie & team
Raffle	Sandra
Stoolball tombola	Vanessa
Plants	Gill Baynes/Katie Peck
Produce	Steve Pentecost/Jackie Bullen
Clothes	<i>Julia Dendle?</i>
Books	David Sunray/ <i>Caroline Lloyd/Francis</i>
<i>Art/Paintings</i>	
Bric-a-brac, Toys/children's clothes	Ticky Tuppen/ <i>Monica Cooper</i>
Pimms	Nicolette Anscombe/Karen
Bottle tombola	Mike Mills/Roger Anscombe
Bouncy Castle	Phil White

Delivery of items for the stalls – because a wedding will be taking place in the village Hall on the weekend prior to the Fete, provisional times for items to be delivered are as follows:

- Sunday 21st May from 3-5.00pm to be delivered from the rear door entrance to hall due to a Cricket Match
- Friday, 26th May 2-4.30pm - Village hall

Dates of Fete Meetings:

- Monday, 10th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
- Saturday, 6th May at 10.30am in the Village Hall. Open Coffee Meeting for all Stallholders and all involved.
- Thursday, 25th May, 7.00pm in the Village Hall Pre-Fete Meeting.

Thank you all, Heather 882839

Don't Forget the Burpham Stool Ball Club Jumble Sale Saturday 22nd April at 2.00pm. If you have any Jumble or Bric a Brac you would like to donate we would be most grateful. If you would like us to collect it, please call Julie 883053 or Vanessa 885895, otherwise could you please bring it to the Village Hall on the morning. We also have a Raffle and Cake Stall on the day. Thank you,
Julie BSC

Village Companions . The Darts Match organised by Marion on 27th March was a great success, the winning team being Burpham. Thank you Marion!

Next Meeting. 7.30pm on Monday 24th April at Down Cottage. Heather has very kindly offered to host the next meeting. The following will be discussed:

- **Guided tour of Arundel 19th April**, 1.5hrs, followed by Supper at the Red Lion – Organiser: **Phil White 882654**
- **Priory Playhouse Double Feature by Alan Bennett 7th June** — *A man of no Importance & A Visit from Miss Prothero* – Organiser: **William Tyler 884337**
- **Visit to Hampton Court Flower Show** – July, detail to be discussed

If you wish to attend, please let **Heather know on 882839.**

An Evening of Fun, Light Entertainment and Live Music, 28th April from 7.00pm in the Village Hall. You are invited to a



variety evening starring Simon Brett and the St Nicholas Barbers Shop Quartet. After a glass of Prosecco on arrival, the first half of the evening will be followed by an Interval with a light snack and an opportunity to chat and mingle with your friends. The second



half lasting 40 minutes will be followed by a short sing-along and will end at about 10.00pm with the result of a 50:50 Raffle. Please see enclosed flyer. **Bob Baynes 883667 & William Tyler**

CCTV Update. The CCTV at the entrance to Wepham was introduced in 2004. It monitors vehicle number plates into and out of the villages of Burpham / Wepham.

The prime responsibility for looking after this equipment has been kindly taken over by Kevin Foster (01903 882823). Any incidents should first be reported to the local police and they should be reminded of our CCTV facility, as this may be of help in finding any vehicles that may have been involved in any incident. Records of all vehicle number plates are retained for approximately 14 days before being removed.

I will be helping Kevin for the next couple of months should he need any assistance. **Ron Chapple**

The future of our rural parish churches - Saturday 13 May, 2.30pm, at North Stoke Church. I will be speaking immediately after the brief AGM of the Friends of North Stoke Church. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards. Free entry, with collection for the Churches Conservation Trust. **Trevor Cooper**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 2 Apr	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sun 9 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 11 Apr	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 14 Apr	11.00am	Good Friday Service	St Mary's
Sat 15 Apr	10.30am	Easter Flower Arranging	St Mary's
Sat 22 Apr	2.00pm	Stool Ball Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Sun 23 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 24 Apr	7.30pm	Village Companion's Meeting	Down Cottage
Wed 26 Apr	7.00pm	PCC AGM	St Mary's
Fri 28 Apr	7.00pm	Fun & Live Music - Variety Evening	Village Hall
Sun 30 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's

George Walker - died 14th March 2017



George came to Burpham in 1988 after many years in the restaurant trade. Burpham quickly became his very favourite place. George was a gregarious and popular host, and with the talented help of his wife Marianne, ran the George and Dragon as a very successful business for five years.

After a short break they returned to run the Burpham Country Hotel with the same panache for 7 years. George enjoyed regaling us all with his rugby stories from his time with Harlequins and his days as a top-flight rugby referee. He was never too shy to mention his notable guests, including royalty, who came to stay at the Hotel!!

George experienced great sorrow in his life with the untimely death of his first wife Jill, the mother of his children, and recently of his daughter Jeni. He felt very blessed with the years of happiness and support during his marriage to Marianne. They were a great team, complementing each other in their joint ventures. George was the original bon viveur with a very big character. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

He will be remembered by his many friends with great affection.

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