

Burpham & Wepham News

VILLAGE FETE 28th MAY



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, May 2016

Dear Friends,

May is the month that sees the Village Festival. To some extent May Festivals belong to the past, as many customs died out as people moved from the country to the towns to work in the new factories. However some aspects, particularly the dancing, are still enjoyed thanks to a revival in recent years. There is still, in some parts, dancing round the Maypole. Long coloured ribbons are tied to the top of the Maypole and held by the dancers. The dancers then all weave in and out and plait the ribbons. Then – provided they have learnt their steps properly – the ribbons are unplaited.

It is surprising that Morris Men are still allowed in this age of emancipation – but they are. Dress may vary, but most wear hats with ribbons, and carry large hankies or a stick – and they do it with ‘Bells On!!’ On their legs, that is. Stamping, and kicking, causes these bells to jingle wildly. The origins of this was the belief that the noise would drive evil spirits out of the ground and ensure a good harvest, and in all probability developed from Folk Dances.

These are dances that have been performed, sometimes for hundreds of years, which have their own particular characteristics. The more unusual ones include the Britannia Coconut Dancers at Bacup, Lancashire. In a gloriously politically insensitive way, these dancers blacken their faces, wear red and black skirts over black britches, and clap wooden discs as they dance. Often they are accompanied by a Betsy, a Fool or a Hobby-horse. A famous Hobby-horse, known as ‘oss’, can be seen at revels in Padstow, Cornwall. ‘oss’ is an odd creature, with a body hidden by a tarpaulin covering a six-foot hoop. He wears a mask and a tall pointed hat. All day he chases the women, catching one, now and then, beneath the tarpaulin. This is supposed to bring the ‘captured’ lady good luck! (Please note that this is Morris Dancing and not Maurice Dancing).

A famous Hobby-horse, of a different kind can be found in Minehead, Somerset. This takes the form of a ship, said to have been wrecked in 1772. Lovers of the late Terry Wogan will be familiar with the Cornish Floral Dance. Floral is a derivative of Furry

– which itself derives from ‘Feria’ - a fair. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday May 28th at our Burpham Village Fair.

In carefree moments, in times of joy or pleasure, on days of Village Fairs and festivity and celebration, help us to remember you, O God, and thus fill our day with praise and thankfulness

Maurice 905837 mauricemslattery@hotmail.com

From the Churchwardens. Church News. The annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 7th April 2016 and we are pleased to announce the results of the elections that took place at this meeting:

Priest in Charge:	Revd Maurice Slattery (<i>Chairman PCC</i>)	Tel:905837
Churchwardens:	Mike Mills (<i>Vice Chairman PCC</i>)	Tel:883174
	William Tyler	Tel:884337
Officers of PCC:	Treasurer, Chris Whitehouse, East Preston	Tel:785890
	Secretary, Margaret Wingate, East Preston	Tel:772895

Electoral Roll Officer: Clive Newman, Lyminster.

Members of the PCC: Roger Anscombe, Warningcamp; Bob Baynes, Wepham; Jean Casale, Climping; Bonnie Hamilton, Poling; Liz Robson, Wepham; Barbara Williams (*Churchwarden Emeritus*), Arundel; Ian Wingate, East Preston.

Please Note:

Sunday 5th June. Our morning Service will be taken by The Archdeacon The Venerable Douglas McKittrick and we look forward to welcoming him.

Sunday 25th September. The Harvest Festival Service this year will be at 6.00pm followed by supper in the village hall.

Thank you all for your support, and we wish you a happy and peaceful Summer.

Mike Mills and William Tyler, Churchwardens.

Village Fete - Saturday, 28th May 2016 - 2.00-4.30pm

- **Coffee Morning Meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday, 14th May at 10.30am** - this is open to all stallholders and volunteers to attend, to help us with the final plans, should you have any queries or ideas.
- **Final Preparation Meeting** Thursday 26th May, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Village Stall Donations

- The Village Hall will be open on the following dates if you have any items for our stalls:
- Friday, 20th May from 2-4.00pm
- Saturday, 21st May 2016 from 2-4.00pm
- Friday, 27th May from 2-4.00pm

Your
Village Fete
Needs
You!

If you are unable to attend the above and have any items, please contact:

- **Bottle Tombola** – Roger Anscombe 07768 864756 or Mike Mills 883174
- **Raffle** - Items to be dropped off at Splash Barn Farm (Phil White) or phone Glen & Sandra 411425
- **Plant & Herb Stall** - Gill Baynes 883667
- **Produce Stall** - Steve Penticost 882160
- **Bric-a-Brac** – Heather Birch 882839, Ticky Tuppen after 15th May 883014
- **Clothes** - Julia Dendle
- **Children's Toys/Clothes** - Heather Birch 882839
- **Books/CDs, etc.** - Heather Birch 882839
- **Scones/Cakes for Teas** - Julie Tester 883053, Barbara Williams 882169
- **China Smash, old crockery to** – Chris Hales 885404

Thank you to all who have so far volunteered to help us this year.

Heather 882839

Social Dates For Your Diaries

Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party, Sunday, 12th June We are in the process of planning a Street Party - as there is a Cricket Match on this day the party will be held on the road behind the Church, and will commence at 3.30pm.

The Village Committee will provide a toast to the Queen and Celebration Cakes - so please bring along savoury platters, etc. to share, and your own tipple.

Further details will be sent by email to you all as we are in the early stages of planning - any ideas gratefully received (Heather - 01903 882839).

Future Events - Details next Newsletters

- Alternatives Concert – 16th July at Home Farm
- Full Moon Bar-b-Q at the Clump, Saturday, 20th August
- Italian Film Night - Supper and the 'Italian Job' film

Village Companions. Summary of events:

- **Arundel Players**, Monday 6th June, Priory Theatre. *The Last of the Haussmans*. Tickets from **Phil White 882654**
- **Punch and Sunset Cruise** 10th June. The trip starts from Loxwood, near Billingshurst. Details on website: <http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/> Please contact **Ron Chapple 884178**
- **Pitch and Putt Arundel**. Monday 20th June, **meeting** at 5.30pm and afterwards 7.30pm at The Swan for supper. Car share to be arranged. If you wish to come along please call **Debbie 882072**
- **NEXT MEETING:** Monday 27th June at Marion and Doug's, Chestnut Cottage. All are welcome, if you're going please let **Marion know 884499**
- **Summer Party at Burpham Country House:** Sunday 14th August from 2.00pm onwards. Steve and Jackie are arranging for local cheeses to be served along with

accompanying tasty extras, tapas style. They are looking into entertainment and other extras. Cost to cover food: £10 (may be less). Take your own tipples. If you wish to come, please contact Steve and Jackie 882160.

Stoolball. Burpham stoolball club would like to thank everyone who donated jumble, cakes for the cake stall, raffle prizes and all those who helped on the day. It was a great success and raised £460.00. Thank you all once again **BSC**

Cycle Ride. There has been a lot of interest shown by villagers over the winter about a cycle ride across the Downs. I thought a good date for the first ride would be **Saturday 7th May at 11.30** meeting at village hall car park (weather permitting!). So that I have an idea of numbers, please contact me either by phone on 883053 or antttester@hotmail.com **Ant Tester**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 May	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	1.30pm	Cricket v Slindon Home	Rec Ground
Mon 2 May	7.30pm	Play- Travels with my Aunt	Minerva CFT
Sat 7 May	10.00am	RBL Coffee Morning	Norfolk Centre
	11.30am	AntTester's Cycle Ride	Pub Car Park
Sun 8 May	1030am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.30pm	Cricket v Palmers	Rec Ground
Mon 9 May	6.30pm	Stool Ball v Amberley	Rec Ground
Thu 12 May	7.30pm	Asian Food Night	Village Hall
Sat 14 May	10.30am	Fete Coffee Morning Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 15 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Pathfinders	Rec Ground
Mon 16 May	6.30pm	StoolBall v Broadbridge Heath	Rec Ground
Wed 18 May	6.30pm	Stool Ball v Goring	Rec Ground
Sun 22 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Boxgrove	Rec Ground
Thu 26 May	7.00pm	Fete Final Preparation Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 28 May	2.00pm	VILLAGE FETE	Rec Ground
Sun 29 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	2.00pm	Cricket v Singleton	Rec Ground

Fete Bric Brac. *Time for a spring clean/de-clutter? About to do a trip to a charity shop?* We would appreciate your support for our Bric a Brac stall, and will happily take any of your unwanted things, - gifts, gadgets, garden and home items.

They can be delivered to Burpham Village Hall between 2 - 4pm Fri 20th, Sat 21st, or Fri 27th, or to Ticky Tuppen at Wepham House, please ring first, 01903 883014.

With thanks, **Monica Cooper, Katie Peck and Ticky Tuppen**

Please send your articles for the June Newsletter to Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of May 2016. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.

With very many thanks, Bob Baynes