



Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, May 2018

Dear Friends,

Our late arriving spring has miraculously brought everything into bloom – the countryside is looking beautiful and the dull days of winter are receding. I am reminded of the creation story in Genesis (Chapter 1) when I reflect on just how beautiful our world really is; *God saw everything He had made – and indeed, it was very good* (v. 31). These beautiful spring days, whether wet or dry, sunny or overcast, give us a new energy and enthusiasm to go out and do things. I pray that you will all be able to enjoy the extra daylight we are now experiencing and the opportunities to be able to go out into the garden and beyond to take advantage of our wonderful surroundings here in the South Downs.

Our August ‘festival weekend’ to mark the Patronal Feast Day of our Church, St Mary the Virgin, is also taking shape. We are very fortunate that our local expert photographer Steve Penticost has offered to mastermind a photographic exhibition in church, and the best images will be considered for a forthcoming village calendar which will be part of the village playground group’s fundraising activities. The exhibition theme is ‘Our Village’ and more details can be found on the village website. A ‘summer soiree’ of local musical and literary talent is also in development for Friday 17th August and also a family fun day on Saturday 18th August. On Sunday 19th August after our patronal service, all are welcome to bring and share lunch, also in church. I hope you will all be able to be involved in some way over the weekend. If you have any ideas or would like to help with one or more of the events please contact Heather Birch or me on one of the numbers or email addresses below. I hope that together we will make this an enjoyable weekend for everyone in the village. **With love and blessings.**

Celia,

Priest in charge: St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling

Revd. Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com Tel. 07807 899119

Village Committee Meetings. You are invited to attend these meetings and we would be delighted if you would let us know how you would like the village to develop. Meetings as follows:

- 5th June at 7:30pm. Village Committee meeting on in the Village Hall.
- 30th June at 10:30am. AGM on Saturday in the Village Hall.

All are free to attend, and you can email any issues beforehand to:

The Secretary at burphamandwepham@gmail.com

Junior Cricket. Every Saturday from 5th May, 10.00am - 12.00 noon.



Practice starts again for juniors at the Cricket Club. Coaching provided by a professional coach but in a relaxed atmosphere, at a cost of only £30.00 for the whole season. Sessions will run until the end of the school term in July, and are open to boys and girls aged 6 - 10 with a focus on everyone being involved and having fun.

Parents are welcome to stay for a coffee or leave the children in the wonderful safe environment, but lunch and/or a drink in The George is another option!! To express an interest or to get further information, please contact:

Julian Marsh on 07787 160677, or by e mail at julian.marsh@ubs.com

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning - Sat 12 May 10.00am at the Norfolk Centre. You are cordially invited to attend this event – Bottle Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle & cakes, live music etc. **Andrew Godber**

Royal Wedding Village Party, Saturday 19th May from 6.00pm in Paul's Paddock. Details of this event are summarised on the enclosed flyer. The Village Committee is providing a cake and champagne for a toast during the evening. There will be music and barbeques provided if you'd like warm food! **Please would you let Heather know if you will be attending by Tuesday 15th May** so that she can order the right amount of Champagne and cake – we don't want to run out!! Hope to see you there, **Thank you. Heather 882839**

Farm Tour. Thursday 24th May at 6.30pm - meeting at Peppering Farm. The Norfolk Estate has kindly offered this tour to be followed by a BBQ. The theme will be '**Restoring Biodiversity to the Norfolk Estate**'. Please come along and learn a little bit about what goes on around us.

Please let Heather know as soon as possible if you intend to join the tour, and how many in your party, as the farm will be supplying tractors and trailers for the tour, and will also need to know numbers for the BBQ.

Thank you. Heather Birch (882839) - heatherwbirch@btinternet.com

Village Companions, Programme of events confirmed up to July:

We had a lovely meeting at Ticky's to design our programme – thank you Ticky! Quite a lot of village events are occurring and are mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter. However, the following are happening under the Companions banner:

- **Village Bluebell Walk – Saturday 5 May** – quite soon after the last one, but the date is dictated by hopefully being able to see the bluebells at their best. We are also going to try to visit some donkeys at the “sanctuary” en route. Dogs are welcome, but obviously should be on leads near the donkeys. We will start from the **Village Hall at 2.00pm** – reverting to the afternoon now the days are getting longer. Please let me know if you would like to come – **Marion on 884499 or marion@mg-tucker.co.uk**.
- **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Companions will be a BBQ at Glen & Sandra's, Lavender Cottage, on Monday the 4th June at 7.30pm. If you will be attending, **please let Sandra know on 916581**
- **Supper on the River** – June, date tbc. Heather is organising an evening out on the river, details tbc in next newsletter
- **Me and My Girl at Chichester Theatre, Monday 16th July at 7.30.** Toria is organising, so if you have any queries please contact her at (toriaburch@gmail.com)
- **Darts.** The darts night at the George has been postponed until the darker winter evenings and will be discussed at the next meeting.

If you are interested in joining any of these events please contact the organiser and **make sure that you are on the list! Bob Baynes**

Friends of Burpham Church. The FBC are organising a **Burns Night Supper with Scottish Music and Dancing** in the village hall on Sat 26th January 2019! Please save the date in your Diaries now! Further details to follow.

Katie Peck

Church Concert – 5th October. Another note for your diaries! There will be a concert by Andrew Barnardi Music group in the church, sponsored by Friends of Burpham Church and the Parochial Church Council, with a special pre-concert Menu in the George. Details later, but anyone with any suggestions, please contact: **Bob Baynes on 883667.**

Royal British Legion. **Fancy a challenge?** Would you like to help? Surprisingly, we live in a society where a typist with RSI to a thumb can get greater compensation than a serviceman who loses some or all of his limbs. Government support is limited and voluntary organisations such as the RBL try to fill the gap. Please see the enclosed flyer, and if you have organisational skills, please consider assisting the RBL for a few hours?

Polly Bate 07458 047235, pbate@britishlegion.org.uk

Forthcoming Events

Mon 30 Apr	7.30pm	Royal Wedding Planning Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 5 May	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
	2.00pm	Village Bluebell Walk	Village Hall
Sun 6 May	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sat 12 May	10.00am	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning	Norfolk Centre
	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 13 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 14 May	7.00pm	PCC Meeting	Vicarage
Sat 19 May	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
	6.00pm	Royal Wedding Party	Paul's Paddock
Sun 20 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Thu 24 May	6.30pm	Norfolk Estate Farm Visit & BBQ	Peppering
Sat 26 May	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 27 May	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 2 Jun	10.00am	Junior Cricket	Rec Ground
Sun 3 Jun	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Mon 4 Jun	7.30pm	Village Companions Meeting & BBQ at Glen & Sandra's	Lavender Cottage
Tue 5 Jun	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall

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Stray White Cat. A pure white cat has been seen several times around the village. It's been in a few houses, and appears feral. At a distance it looks healthy, but close up is not in a very good condition. Does anyone own this cat? If so, let us know, and we can try and catch it.

Ant & Julie 883053

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. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome.
With very many thanks, **Bob Baynes**