

Burpham & Wepham News



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, January 2015

Dear Friends,

I must begin my January Newsletter contribution by posting 'Thanks'. The Vicarage has been, almost literally, showered with cards, gifts and calls of Christmas Greeting and fellowship. It is a very humbling experience. What makes it all the more remarkable is that it coincided with the anniversary of Jill and me coming to the 2 parishes – December 11th 2013. One of the results of this wealth of outpouring from you was the, inevitable, consequence that we couldn't get to everything to which we were invited. (And I'm not including the central heating boiler going on the 'blink' half an hour before the Children's Christmas Party!!). Thank you all so much for everything. Please do not, for one moment, consider that there was slight intended when we were absent).

Our Christmas services were very well attended – particularly the Village Carol Service. The singing was a delight and good spirit seemed to abound. Please remember that if you should ever want/wish a particular hymn to be played for an anniversary, celebration, or whatever – just ask, and we will try to arrange to play **your** hymn on the Sunday that you want. There is also a request book at the back of the church for Prayer requests. (Or you could 'phone the Vicarage 905837 and ask me directly to include a prayer tribute for someone).

The Full Moon on Monday 5th January appears immediately the day before The Epiphany, when tradition says the Wise Men visited the child in the manger and His parents. The Epiphany is a festival that has been allowed to decline in recent times, yet it is a very significant in terms of what it tells us. Unlike when the writer was a child, the understanding now is that Jesus may have been as old as 2 years at the time of the visit. (The Festival of the Holy Innocents, when Herod ordered the death of the children under the age of 2, is generally taken to indicate that this is a possibility). The gifts brought by the Wise Men of Gold,

Frankincense and Myrrh are seen as symbolic gestures/references to the future of the child in the manger. Gold would be presented to a king; Frankincense was a priestly offering; and Myrrh was a symbol of suffering to come.

May the New Year bring you and yours every possible blessing and good fortune – Go Well, with all Best Wishes from Team Vicarage.

Maurice Slattery

From the Church Warden. On behalf of all we send our thanks to His Grace the Duke of Norfolk for donating the splendid Christmas tree and also to Rosemary Tustin and Jean Tester who decorated it so beautifully for all to enjoy. The church was decorated charmingly throughout this Christmastide as indeed it has been over the past year and our thanks go to Gill Baynes and her team of helpers for all the hard work and effort they have contributed to achieve this. The Christmas services were very well attended and the collections taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are being donated to St. Barnabas' and The Chestnut Tree House, each receiving £150.

Finally I wish to thank Roddy Balfour for arranging and covering the cost of the removal of all the dead trees alongside the west wall of the churchyard and a general tidy up of that area, it has made a very big improvement.

Maurice and Jill have been with us for just over a year. During that time Maurice has maintained excellent attendances at church services and he and Jill have shown their kindness and consideration to all. I know that you will join me in thanking them for their presence with us and wishing them a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Barbara Williams joins me wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

Mike Mills, Church Warden

Children's Christmas Party - Children's Christmas Party -Saturday, 20th December 2014. Thanks to all who came and attended our Children's Christmas Party again this year, which was a great success and enjoyed by all. And thanks to all who helped.

Village Fete. We are holding the first Fete meeting in the Village Hall on Monday, 19th January 2015 at 7.00pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved, even in a small way - we need as many helpers as possible. New ideas for events and stalls are most welcome, so if you are unable to attend the meeting but are willing to help in any way at all, please tell **Heather Birch on 01903 882839.**

Shuffleboard Evening. The Shuffleboard evening will take place on Saturday, 21st February 2015 from 7.30pm in the village hall. The cost of the tickets is £10 per head and includes a fish and chip supper. Please let either **Heather Birch (01903 882839)** or **Julie Tester (01903 883053)** know if you would like tickets, and please as soon as possible to make life easier when ordering the fish and chips (you can also have the option of a pie or sausage and vegetarian).
Heather Birch 01903 882839.

Village Companions. Anyone for Skittles? On Wednesday January 14th at 7.30pm we are going to the Maypole Inn at Yapton for a night of fun and skittles! The price is £7.50 and that includes a cold buffet supper. Always a popular venue, if you would like to go then just give me a ring. Don't want to drive – I can organise a lift for you!

Our next meeting will be at Debbie Chubb's, 6, Council Cottages, on Monday 16th February at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome – if you haven't been before come along and meet some villagers for a convivial evening. Refreshments are provided – just let Debbie 882072 or me 882654 know you are coming and if you have any ideas for future trips/visits then bring them along on the night. Best wishes to all for the New Year **Liz White 882654.**

Mulled Wine after the Carol Service. May I extend thanks on behalf of the Village to Phil White for organizing and making the Mulled wine after the Carol Service – your efforts were much appreciated Phil.

The George at Burpham - Our New Year Resolution. We all make them & The George at Burpham is no exception. However in this instance we are not giving anything up, but simply making things better!

In the first instance the pub will be **temporarily closing for five days**, early in January. On Monday 5th January 2015 the pub will be closing for an early spring clean. It has been 18 months since our makeover & the growing popularity of the pub means that a bit of freshening up is required. We will open again as normal on Saturday 10th January 2015.

From Saturday 10th you will be able to indulge yourself once again at The George. However there will be no guilt, as we are launching a January Detox Menu.

You will still be able to order all your old favourites, however alongside this there will be some delicious detox meals that mean you can still enjoy yourself without breaking any New Year resolutions.

So why don't you come along & try starter dishes such as *Maple Cured Salmon with Wasabi & Ginger*, & *Beetroot Jam*, followed by *Miso Onglet Steak*, *Rice Noodles in Lime Sesame Soy* & then finish off with *Manuka Honey Poached Pear*. Delicious & hardly a calorie in sight!

We look forward to welcoming you back to The George at Burpham in the New Year. Kind regards, **Martin Bear, Manager**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 4 Jan	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sun 11 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 12 Jan	5.30pm	Gardener's Question Time	Arundel Castle
Wed 14 Jan	7.30pm	Skittles at the Maypole Inn	Yapton
Sun 18 Jan	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 19 Jan	7.00pm	Wepham & Burpham Fete Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 25 Jan	10.30pm	Family Service	St Mary's
Sun 1 Feb	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Tue 3 Feb	7.00pm	St Mary's Church PCC Meeting	Vicarage

Newsletter Deliveries. I would like to thank Veronica and Colin Dick, and Liz and Phil White for unfailingly delivering the Newsletter every month to everyone living in the Village, whatever the weather and irrespective of their own personal commitments. Your efforts are much appreciated by all of us. Thank you once again. **Bob Baynes**

New Arrivals in the Village. There have been a lot of changes over the last year, and we extend a warm welcome all new arrivals, and hope that you will all enjoy everything that the Village has to offer.

*We wish everyone a very
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year*

Please send your articles for the February Newsletter to **Bob Baynes** at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of January. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, and a Happy New Year to you all, **Bob Baynes**