

# Burpham & Wepham News



*The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham*

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*From the Vicarage, February 2015*

*Dear Friends,*

If you haven't yet quite managed to take down the Christmas Tree and ALL of the decorations – Look Out !! For February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and Lent is almost upon us.

Once upon a time Lent was a much more important festival that it now is. A time of 40 days of fasting – with only one day off (and No, this was not for good behaviour). The festival was timed to coincide with a period of winter and an absence of things to eat. Few cattle, as the majority had been slaughtered before Christmas due to lack of feed, and other foodstuff, Lent was a period for 'belt-tightening'.

Over time this historical situation evolved into the practice of giving up something for the Lent period. To the surprise of many this proved popular. For I have many friends who have given up things such as cigarettes, chocolate and even drink for over 20 years now ! I am a little sceptical when they tell me they only go back to them in order to get in training for giving them up the following year! Some even claim to have lasted as long as 2 days in their fastidiousness.

Mothering Sunday, in the middle of Lent, is a day when families gathered together in the past. Part of this gathering was to go to the

parish church and offer gifts. This idea has now lapsed – but the idea of ‘gift offering’ is something that we might well reconsider renewing. I was very pleased and delighted at the expressions of joy and delight felt by people in the village at the acknowledgements they had received from loved ones as a result of sending either a present or a simple card. That these expressions have been made easier by the electronic age in no way trespasses on their observable value. I append a copy of an article that ‘She Who Must Be Obeyed’ drew to my attention and offer it for your consideration:- ‘Write a Thank You Letter to someone – not just for auntie’s Christmas present, but thank people for the effect they’ve had on your life. A paper in the Journal of Clinical Psychology found in a study that those who wrote letters of gratitude to others reported a happiness boost lasting weeks’.

And it does work - at home on the Isle of Wight I have a letter from my Godmother, Myrtle, dated 1954. It is a treasure beyond price. Not just that she died at the age of 26, but also because she took me to see Walt Disney’s cartoon feature Pinocchio. And the Blue Fairy is the best fairy in the whole world!! Thank You, Myrtle, very much.

**Lent Church Activities.** Services and activities during Lent will be announced from the pulpit

*Maurice Slattery*

**Village Companions.** As previously the Skittles evening at The Maypole Inn at Yapton proved very popular with 16 people from the villages attending. This was followed the next week by a truly wonderful evening listening to Sir Chris Bonington with an enthralling audio/visual presentation of his amazing life. He proved to be an engaging and charming speaker and those who attended enjoyed a real treat!

Our next meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Debbie Chubb’s at 6 Council Cottages at 7.00pm. Anyone from the village is welcome to come along – please just let me or Debbie (882072) know if you are going to be there. **Liz White 882654.**

**Social Events 2015.** Following the first social team meeting, there are plenty of plans for this year and as soon as dates, etc. are finalised we let you all know. Meanwhile, the following are confirmed:

**Shuffleboard Evening.** The Shuffleboard evening will take place on Saturday, 21st February 2015 from 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. The cost of the tickets are £10 per head and include a fish and chip supper.



Please let either **Heather Birch (882839)** or **Julie Tester (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). ***Bring your own tittle.***

**Village Fete.** The first Fete meeting was held on the Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January and it was agreed to go ahead with the Village Fete again this year on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015, from 2.00pm - 4.30pm

As always, we ask for your help and ideas, and for our stalls - books, bric-a-brac, plants, produce, toys. Don't throw away, or give away any clothes etc., please save them for our stall(s).



Our next meeting has been arranged for Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Please contact Heather Birch - 882839 - if you have an idea, game or would like to help.

**Heather Birch 882839**

**Cups & Saucers.** Have you any old china cups and saucers or small jugs lurking in your cupboards? I need pretty china oddments in which to make small flower arrangements for sale at the Village Fete,

and would be very grateful for your help. I can collect, either from the church or direct from you. Many thanks,

**Jocelyne Newman 01903 882628**

**Arundel Gardens Association** I'll soon be delivering the winter newsletter, to be followed by another one in April. These will have details of the garden visits planned for this summer, which are always enjoyable and delightful, as well as other items of interest to gardeners.

If anyone is not a member of AGA, and would like to join, please let me know and I'll make sure your name is added to the membership list. The annual subscription is £3 for under 60's, £2 for over 60's, and you can easily save this in just one visit to the AGA depot in Arundel on a Sunday morning to stock up on garden supplies, as all the prices are wholesale and excellent value.

**Val Belton 01903 883288 or [valeriebelton@gmail.com](mailto:valeriebelton@gmail.com)**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Feb	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Tue 3 Feb	7.00pm	<b>Parochial Church Council Meeting</b>	The Vicarage
	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 8 Feb	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 15 Feb	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 16 Feb	7.00pm	<b>Village Companion's Meeting</b>	Debbie Chubb's
Wed 18 Feb		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
Sat 21 Feb	7.30pm	<b>Shuffle Board Evening</b>	Village Hall
Sun 22 Feb	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 1 Mar	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's

Please send your articles for the March Newsletter to  
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by the last week of February 2015. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes