

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, April 2015

Dear Friends,

A successful item in our Easter celebrations last year was the display of Easter Lilies. These lilies were to commemorate departed loved ones. We intend to repeat this display and to include a Memorial Book of names in church as part of an on-going remembrance. Flower arranging was 'learned' from the Japanese; who gave it the name 'Ikebana', which means 'keeping flowers alive'. It has a Buddhist root (no pun intended!!). Ikebana is a 3 dimensional arrangement, always having levels representing Heaven (Shin), Man (Soe), and Earth (Hikae). The 'Trinity' element might, reasonably, be said to afford such a church display a very appropriate sub-agenda. If you wish to sponsor a Lily for a departed loved one please place the name/s in an envelope (a printed name is best, and avoids potential error), and hand to Gill Baynes, or me, or drop it into the Vicarage.

Easter Week begins with the Palm Sunday Service at 10 30 on 29th March (and the start of British Summer Time), the traditional Palms will be handed out at this service. Many churches have a Foot Washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday which reminds us of The Last Supper. It was at this supper that Jesus said to His disciples; - 'I give you : a new commandment, love one another'. The Latin word for 'command' is 'mandatum' and thus the day became known as Maundy Thursday. The sovereign of Great Britain gives specially minted coins out to the poor on this day. This tradition was started by Edward III, following the example of Jesus – washing and kissing the feet of the poor. Sovereigns that followed preferred to just give the money!!

On Friday at 12 00 noon in St Mary's there will be a contemplative service of Readings, Music and Quiet. This service will last 45 minutes. Please feel free to

join in with all the service or any part of it. The climax of the Easter celebrations is Easter Sunday and the Sunday service on 5th April at 10 30 am. This service reminds us of the Resurrection of Jesus as the empty tomb is found by His followers.

Please join us for our service and stay after for Coffee and Hot Cross Buns. (Amusingly, for the writer at least, Hot Cross Buns originated long before Christianity). The bun, in pagan times, represented the moon and the cross divided it into its four 'quarters'. Christians modified the meaning to show the surface of the bun as a reminder of the crucifixion. We hope that you will stay and enjoy one !!

O God give us patience and faith and hope...teach us by the Cross that however ill the world may go, so loved are we that you spared not your only Son. (After Charles Kingsley... 1819-75)

Maurice Slattery

The Revd. Peter Taylor - Priest in charge
St. Mary the Virgin Church Burpham 1996-2004.



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Peter Taylor on 26th February 2015 aged 79. Our sympathy and kindest thoughts go to Sue and their family at this sad time.

Peter and Sue came to Burpham in the latter part of 1996 and Peter's Ministry in our Parish lasted until his retirement in 2004. Peter very soon proved to be most energetic and proactive not only in his duties as Spiritual leader but in the general life of the villages. During his early days here he managed to cope not only with his pastoral duties but also the demands of being Master of the Drapers Livery Company. It was

not long before Peter in conjunction with the P.C.C. decided to revise and create a new order of the Sunday service which has remained in use to the present day.

It was Pete's foresight and proactive thinking that brought about the creation of a new charity - The Friends of Burpham Church, which was set up to provide funding toward the costs of repairs and maintenance of the fabric of our ancient church. Under the guidance of its founder chairman David King and present chairman Bill Tustin this has been a most successful charitable trust. It has already made several contributions toward the cost of urgent repairs for which the P.C.C. has been so grateful.

Peter helped Sue establish "Sounds Sacred", a choir that gave performances in aid of charities. Peter would write an appropriate narrative for each production and introduce each recital accordingly. Sounds Sacred performed many times at Burpham, in aid of the church. They soon became well known and gave performances in aid of many charities over a very wide area.

Peter was interested in and very fond of poetry, and indeed wrote some very good and sometimes humorous verse himself. He was particularly helpful to others in helping them to understand and appreciate the glory of poetry.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him not only as a vicar but as a man of the world and a very loyal friend.

Dear Peter, may you rest in peace with our love and thanks for the time you spent in your Ministry with us here, and for the many happy memories you have left us with. **Mike Mills, Churchwarden**

Call My Bluff Wine Tasting - Burpham Village Hall, Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm. 'Call My Bluff' Wine Tasting Evening - join in a small team and test your wine tasting skills.

The wines are tasted 'blind' and the teams are assisted by a panel of 3 experts – we will ask you to nominate 3 willing volunteers to become our wine 'experts'. Each expert will be given full tasting notes for each wine – but only one of them will be telling the truth. The teams have to decide who is giving the correct wine description; they can also gain extra points by having a stab at the vintage and price.

Prize for the winning team and a raffle - and please let us know asap how many tickets you require so that we have enough wine for all. Tickets are £10 (*to cover cost of wine*) from **Heather Birch 01903 882839**

Road Works - Wepham Lodge. Due to damaged foundations we will be replacing our block wall with a flint one. The work will take place in April and will unfortunately impinge on the road. May we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. **Ian & Liz Robson**

Burpham Stoolball Club. Just a reminder that the club are holding their Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th April at 2.00pm. If you have Jumble please bring on the morning or we can collect 883053/885895. If you can come in the afternoon, we will also have a Cake Stall and Raffle. Thank you, **Julie Tester B.S.C.**

Village Companions. Our next trips are as follows and as usual are open to anyone in the village – just let me know if you would like tickets.

Arundel Jailhouse Friday 1st May. Murder Mystery Evening = Murder and intrigue and a 3 course buffet supper! Price £25 Starts 8.00pm.

Chichester Festival Theatre Monday 11th May – Way Upstream by Alan Ayckbourn. Four friends, one cruising boat and two weeks off work! What could go wrong? For this production the Festival Theatre will be transformed into a river with life-sized boat!! Tickets are £25 – this is a group booking rate – tickets are normally £35 - £39. Starts 7.30pm.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20th April at 7.30 pm at Bob & Gill Baynes, Court Leet Cottage, Wepham – Tel: 883667. Please let me or Gill know if you are coming along. All welcome. **Liz White 882654**

Decorating the Church for Easter. Saturday 4th April at 10.30pm. We will be decorating the Church for Easter. Please join us with your secateurs and any greenery. Refreshments provided. **Gill Baynes 883667**

Village Fete. See enclosed flyer - please support it if you can!

Forthcoming Events

Mon 30 Mar	7.00pm	Fete Planning Meeting	Village hall
Fri 3 Apr	12.00 noon	Good Friday Contemplative Service	St Mary's
Sat 4 Apr	10.30am	Decorating the Church	St Mary's
Sun 5 Apr	10.30am	Easter Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Sun 12 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 14 Apr	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 15 Apr	7.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	St Mary's
Sun 19 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 20 Apr	7.30pm	Village Companions' Meeting	Court Leet
Sat 25 Apr	10.30am	Fete Meeting & Coffee Morning	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Call my Bluff Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Sun 26 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Fri 1 May	8.00pm	Murder Mystery Evening	Jailhouse

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 2015. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes